



SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER – August 2025

The new PAG Calendar year is about to begin! President Margie, the Board, and several wonderful volunteers have been working diligently to prepare for the new season. This year there will be wonderful speakers, social events like the picnic, displays and art shows at the Friendly Home and Barnes & Noble, and because it is the anniversary year for the Erie Canal there will be some Erie Canal themed events as well.

We will list some of them here – but watch your email for updates and details.

This is also a year of transition. A few of our members are facing various personal and family-related challenges that is making it difficult for them to contribute at their usual high level. So, what does this mean for the Group? Simply put, it means there are lots of opportunities for you to get involved! There is no better way to make friends than to participate and get involved with a Group like PAG. Our hope is that you will take this coming year as ***your*** opportunity to get more involved!

Important Notice about our Meeting Room

We will continue to have our room at the Spiegel Community Center, but despite our best efforts and early registration, a class has taken over our space for 3 of the 4 Fall 2025 dates. We'll be in room 19 on 10/2/2025, but the other days we'll be in room 206.

We'll try to have one of us arrive early each night and put a sign on the door of the old room to redirect you in case you forget. We'll also identify the room in the email announcing the meeting. As a last resort, if you can't find us, check with the front desk!

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS

Several speakers have been scheduled. We will provide more information about each ahead of their respective meetings, but here is the list so far:

September 4th, 2025

Amy Wheeler

Oils

<https://amywheelerartist.com/>



October 2nd, 2025

Colette Savage

Pastels



November 6th, 2025

Larry Keefe

Watercolor

www.fingerlakeswatercolor.com



February 5th, 2026

Mark Stash

Oils and Acrylic



March 5th, 2026

Brenda Cretney

Watercolor



UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Printed Tee-Shirts

Did you know that Debi Bloom and her daughter Rebecca have a screen printing and embroidery business. PAG member Ron Boehner has several tee shirts with his art on them already available on their company web site! Debi has offered to have her daughter Rebecca drop by in the spring to talk about the process and bring in a heat press to produce some tee shirts! To learn more about printed tee shirts you can contact Debi directly at her email address.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Friendly Home – Fall Show

Watch for Details

UPCOMING EVENTS

Village of Pittsford's Erie Canal Bicentennial Celebration

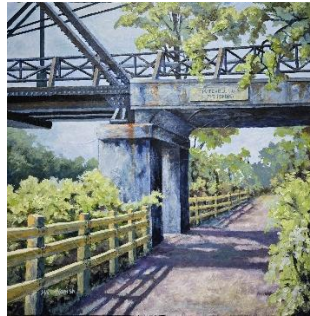
Saturday and Sunday September 27/28th from 12-5pm

We will have exhibit space at 3 Schoen Place. Paintings of Pittsford and the Erie Canal Can be Submitted

We will also be asked to staff the space.

Start painting Now and watch your email for details!

An example from Mike: Mitchell Road Overpass from Canal Trail



Historic Pittsford's "The Art of Preservation"

Gala event on September 20

Historic Pittsford has accepted paintings and will have an Art Auction that night as a fund raiser

PAG will provide display racks and several PAG members have contributed paintings.

Watch your email for details!

An example from Mike: Pittsford Historic Society



Volunteer Opportunities

Director of Communications

Joe has been managing communications “forever” and even though we’ve been trying for a long time to find a replacement, we haven’t found one yet and Joe has been gracious enough to keep helping in that way. But it’s time ... please let one of the Board members know if you are ready to volunteer to help with this important role.

Secretary

Like with Joe, Carolyn has been taking meeting notes diligently for a long time. Can someone volunteer – even if it’s only for some of the meetings – to help with this important function for maintaining our Group status and for our historical records?

Assistant to the Historian

Though not an official position, Margie has been acting as group Historian and has shared several documents with the Board about the history of the Group, early logos, speakers and shows and more. For any of you that like genealogy or writing or scrapbooking – helping Margie create a Group history would be a fun project using the same sorts of skills that you like – and we can publish it in the newsletter. Please reach out to Margie or Mike if you are interested.

Library Liaison

Do you like working with libraries? The group could use your help coordinating donations of Art books to local libraries. Please check with Margi for details.

Sales Updates

Be sure to let Mike know when you sell a painting and send a photo so we can include it in the newsletter. This summer I am sure several of you had sales so send in your name and a photo of your work for inclusion in the September newsletter!