Move Over Tech Valley!

“The world is but a canvas to the imagination.” - Henry David Thoreau

Innovation and creativity are not restricted to technology. One could argue that you need to look through an artist’s eyes before you can ever imagine a tool of technology. Every thought that materializes into substance must have a form and function and it takes the eyes and minds of artists to visualize what can be from those synaptic responses to dreams and possibilities.

The Schenectady Art Attack is an attempt to bring hundreds of creative people together for a weekend to display their visions of what the world is and could be. We have invited painters, poets, musicians, wood workers, film makers, writers, photographers and others to attack the city with their collective artistic power to invigorate the city and its inhabitants.

Join us as we celebrate the combined artistic talent of the Capital District and beyond.

Music - Poetry - Writing - Film

City Hall’s Common Council Chambers and Proctor’s Robb Alley will feature many local musicians and poets performing throughout the event. Listings and times can be found at both sites. Visit local authors in the McChesney Room at the public library. View local films at Proctor’s, second floor gallery.

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Schenectady
ART ATTACK

March 20-21, 2010
Sat: 10-6; Sun 11-5

1000 ARTISTS

VIEW HUNDREDS OF WORKS BY ARTISTS OF THE CAPITAL DISTRICT AND BEYOND!

Free Event
Start At City Hall
Schenectady Art Attack!

1. CITY HALL, 105 Jay St.
   Built in 1929-1930 during the Great Depression, City Hall is a work of art all by itself. Classically designed by McKim, Mead, and White, it was the winning design from several submitted as a contest by the city. START the Art Attack here and explore all four floors. Pick up a brochure and guide to the rest of the venues.

SPECIAL SILENT AUCTION IN CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
Twenty local and national celebrities have painted and signed hand made vases made by Nancy Niefield from Two Spruce Pottery. The proceeds from this silent auction will go to Schenectady's City Mission for their programs with the homeless. Be sure to place your bid for vases made by Hollywood actress Thora Birch and local celebrities like Liz Bishop, Wanda Fischer (WAMC), Benita Zahn, Mayor Stratton and more.

The two day silent auction will run the entire length of the Art Attack.

2. PUBLIC LIBRARY, 99 Clinton St.
Libraries are for books and here you can meet several local authors who will be happy to discuss their work. There are also several artists displaying their works in the McChesney Room with the artists.

3. HELLENIC CENTER, 548 Liberty St.
   Everyone enjoys the annual Greek Fest and the Hellenic Center is a familiar venue for all Schenectadians. During Art Attack the hall will be filled with a variety of artists and their works. Hungry? St. George's Senior Fellowship will be offering hot dogs, coffee, and a variety of treats.

4. FIVE STAR FRAME AND ART, 126 Clinton St.
   One of the premier framing shops in the Capital District, Five Star has turned their gallery over to the Art Attack and several of our artists have their works on display here.

5. NY FOLKLORE SOCIETY, 153 Jay St.
   Founded in 1944, the Folklore Society aims “to plow back” into the community the folklore collected by scholars and lay people throughout the state. During the Art Attack stop in and see Textured Stories: The Works of Denise Allen. As a folk artist who predominately focuses on themes of African American colonial life and country living, Allen creates one-of-a-kind textured artwork employing various techniques, prints, dolls, and story cloths. Her work has been featured nationally and internationally, and in early February 2010, she will be unveiling her latest piece, a 9-11 story cloth that will be housed at the forthcoming 9-11 memorial in New York City. On display during her exhibition at the Gallery of New York Folk Art will be 30 of Allen’s pieces.

6. MAJESTIC BEAUTY SALON, 147 Jay St.
   Christine Del Gallo can certainly make you look good at her salon but she is also a huge supporter of the arts and is a frequent contributor of allowing her space to be used by artists. Here you will see many worldwide ethnic and non ethnic photographs.

7. JAY STREET STUDIOS, 163 Jay St.
   Member artists and live music all weekend.

8. TWO SPRUCE POTTERY, 175 Jay St.
   Nancy Niefield and Two Spruce Pottery has been an anchor on Jay Street for years. You can view many of Nancy’s pottery pieces as well as the art of Carol and Jim McCord. Nancy also is the contributor of 20 vases painted by local and national celebrities that she made for the silent auction that is taking place in City Hall, the proceeds to be donated to the City Mission.

9. TATTOO BLUES, 148 Jay St.
   You never get the blues when you get a tattoo here. Stop in and see a great variety of tattoo art. Look up when you enter.

10. KATZ KAFE, 160 Jay St.
   Certainly a great place to eat but during the Art Attack you can also see the paintings of artists Maureen Sausa, Debi Angilletta, and Tim Pendergast.

11. PROCTORS, 452 State St.
   The Premier Entertainment complex of the Northeast, Proctor’s has been entertaining since 1926. Led by Philip Morris, director extraordinaire, Proctor’s underwent extensive renovations and is now the only venue between NYC and Montreal that hosts Broadway plays. During the Art Attack many of the artists from Schenectady’s Art Night are exhibiting their works. In addition, music performances will take place on Robb Alley stage on Saturday and Sunday. Join the music and the sights and sounds of the Schenectady Greenmarket on Sunday.

At 3PM on Sunday The Schenectady Symphony Orchestra presents Music We Love, a concert that spotlights the talented youth of the Capital District. Parillo Piano Concert Competition Ryan Reilly will debut as a soloist performing the Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 5, C minor op. 37. The amazing voices of the Capital District Youth Chorale, directed by Diane Warner, will join the orchestra with a delightful selection of American folk songs from Aaron Copland. Adults $10, Students $6 and Children 7 and under FREE with paid adult. A special ticket discount is available for college students.

12. 440 STATE
   Artist Meghan Murphy has been providing a mix of local artists in the lobby of this art building during Schenectady’s Art Night. Art Attack will be no
different. She will have an excellent group of artists on display.

13. WORKING GALLERY/STUDIO 440 STATE
Stop in and see the works of artists Carol Caruso, Gerri Moore, Chris Averill-Green, Joan Oliver, Becky Jarczynski, Linda Van Alstyne, Marianne Vrobel, Catherine Wagner Minnery and pottery by Andrew Minnery

14. WINDOW AT 106 Jay St.
We do not know James Kenneally but this 56 year old artist with autism loves to paint buildings and faces. We really like his work and want you to see it currently in the window of 106 Jay Street.

15. CIVITELLO’S ITALIAN PASTRY SHOPPE, 42 North Jay St.
Hmm, you want real Italian pastries? Located in Schenectady’s Little Italy, Civitello’s has been serving up delicious pastries since 1921. So where else would you want to view six Italian paintings by Joyce Dannibale. Be sure to get some of the best Spumoni too!

16. JORGE LUIS ALVAREZ STUDIO, 224 UNION (USE LIBERTY STREET ENTRANCE).
Jorge has recently moved to Schenectady from NYC and set up his gallery at his home. Stop in to see his photographs and even a guest artist as well. You need to enter the gallery from the Liberty Street side behind Burger King.

17. MOON & RIVER CAFE, 115 S. Ferry St.
If you think coffee house and a place for musicians to express themselves, Richard Genest has been providing it for over 30 years. Richard has opened his cafe for the Art Attack and several artists are displaying their work at the cafe.

18. SOW’S EAR, 1597 Union.
Located in historic Upper Union, Sow’s Ear is a gallery hosting a myriad of artistic works. During the Art Attack artists Vin and Fran Giordano will be at the Sow’s Ear Studio where they will set up a camera, lights, backdrop and a printer. They will have GIANT novelty light bulbs, both incandescent and fluorescent. Visitors will get a free 4”x6” Photograph with whichever light bulb moves them.

There will be snacks too on both days of the Art Attack from 10:30 AM- 3 PM. The EAR is full of other art works too so be sure to browse.

19. HOT HARRY’S, 1625 Union.
Hungry for great Mexican food? Hot Harry’s has it all. Stop in and see Heroes of Troy by Jasmine Ceniceros along with Teri Wilson’s Southwest themed mural. Mention Art Attack and get 10% off your food purchases there (not on specials though).

20. CONGREGATION GATES OF HEAVEN, 852 Ashmore Ave.
Author Joan Nathan will be speaking at Congregation Gates of Heaven (corner of Ashmore & Eastern) at 2:00. She will be available for book signing from 12:00-4:00. Ms. Nathan is a resident of Washington DC. Her appearance in Schenectady is part of the Jewish Food Festival held on Sunday March 21 from 12:00-4:00. $15 festival admission ($9 for teens and children) admits you to unlimited food, children’s games, and Klezer Music with Kol Simcha Orchestra, giveaways & recipe book to each attendee.

21. 2010 MOHONASEN ART ALUMNI EXHIBITION, MOHONASEN HIGH SCHOOL, 2072 Curry Road.

22. SACC TV STUDIOS, PUBLIC ACCESS, 115 North Broadway.
Along with local artists exhibiting their works is an important exhibit called Visions of China, consisting of materials from the exhibitions in Kunming and the National Museum of China in Beijing. The large "posters" actually were hung in Tiananmen Square
These photographs by Dr. Clinton Millett (1910-1964)) are the oldest known color photographs of China. Dr. Millett, who was a doctor in the U.S. Army during World War II, created the images while stationed in Kunming, a city in southern China in 1945. His photographs are extremely rare because color photography was not introduced in Kunming until 1979. Dr. Millett fell in love with the landscape surrounding Kunming and photographed the scenery and everyday lives of the Chinese people who befriended him. His images offer a rare glimpse of life in China before Communism.

The people of Kunming did not know that Dr. Millett’s photographs existed until 2004 when his son Gregg, a Niskayuna resident, planned a visit there to retrace the places his father photographed during World War II. When the pictures were first displayed in China, hundreds of thousands visited the exhibit. Dr. Millett’s original photographs were donated to the National Museum of Chinese History in Beijing in August 2005, in recognition of their importance to the Chinese people.

23. HAMPTON INN, 450 State St.
Stop in after Noon time and see the beautiful photographs of Schenectady taken by local photographer Ralph Rosenthal. It is a hotel so please do not visit until the clock strikes twelve.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ART ATTACK
✓ Live Music and poetry reading in City Hall's Common Council Chambers and Proctor’s Robb Alley. Music covers classical to jazz.
✓ Original films produced by local filmmakers Mike Feurstein, Jeff Burns and Román R. Jáquez. Proctor’s Gallery on the second floor.
✓ More than 20 photographers showing works from around the world.
✓ Hundreds of paintings, sculptures, wood work, installation art and 3-D art.
✓ Live demonstration of chainsaw carving.
✓ Get your picture taken with a giant light bulb from the "Electric City."
✓ Meet several local authors and their writings in the McChesney Room at the Schenectady County Library.