

# ARTS LETTER

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## Writers Among Us

### LOCAL WRITERS AT THE ARTS CENTER

In February and March, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance hosts the winter literary series, **Writers Among Us**, featuring local authors reading from their works. Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m., bring a cup of coffee and a friend, and come by to hear some of the diverse voices of the Upper Delaware community at the Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg. The series is curated by Janet Noble, a playwright living in New York City and Narrowsburg.

On Sunday, February 24, Mary Greene of Beaver Brook will read new poems, as well as poems from her book *A Painting With You Running Through It*. She will also be joined by two members of the Upper Delaware Writers Collective to read from the newly published collection of poems called *PoeTree*.

Writer and editor Bruce Stutz reads on Sunday, March 2 from his book, *Natural Lives, Modern Times: People and Places of the Delaware River* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 1998), a now classic exploration of the natural and cultural history of the Delaware River Valley. He has been editor-in-chief of *Natural History* magazine and features editor of *Audubon*. His writings on nature, science, travel, and culture have appeared in many magazines including *Discover*, *Audubon*, *National Geographic*, *Condé Nast Traveler*, and *The New York Times Magazine*. He is a contributing editor to *OnEarth* and his most recent book, *Chasing*

*Spring: An American Journey Through a Changing Season*, was published in 2006 by Scribner.

The series is rounded out with a March 9 reading by local musician and an award-winning journalist, John Marchese, whose previous book *Renovations: A Father and Son Rebuild a House and Rediscover Each Other* chronicled his efforts to restore a house in Narrowsburg. His latest work of narrative nonfiction, *The Violin Maker*, tells the extraordinary story of how a simple piece of wood becomes a violin, illuminating an art that has barely changed since the Renaissance.

"We're blessed to have so many talented writers in the Upper Delaware River Valley," says Delaware Valley Arts Alliance Executive Director Elaine Giguere. "And the series provides a great opportunity to speak with the authors one-on-one."

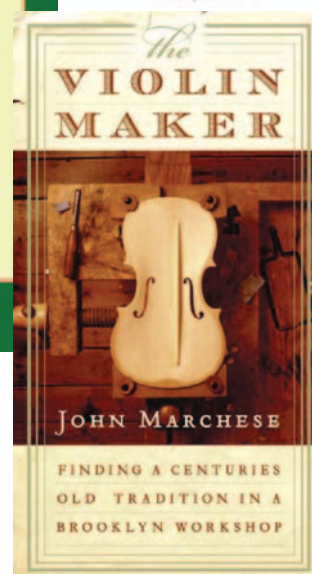
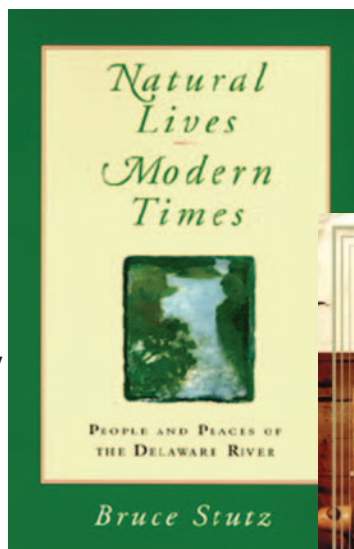
The suggested donation to Writers Among Us is \$3. A reception follows each reading. For more about the series, call (845) 252-7576 or visit [ArtsAllianceSite.org](http://ArtsAllianceSite.org).



Sundays beginning at 2 p.m.  
\$3 suggested donation

February 24 Mary Greene  
March 2 Bruce Stutz  
March 9 John Marchese

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Three local authors will read from their books in the Writers Among Us series at the Delaware Arts Center in Narrowsburg.

## DiGiorgio Reveals Native America

An exhibition of photographs titled "Native" by John DiGiorgio is on exhibit during EagleFest at the Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg on Saturday, January 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

An accomplished fine art and wildlife photographer, DiGiorgio has been capturing intimate images of American culture for nearly 40 years. For this exhibit, he collected a range of images to represent his view of native America: from Ellis Island where nearly 12 million immigrants arrived between 1892 and 1954 to the bald eagle as it makes its return to this country's landscape to American Indians living in the southwest. "The human element and the spiritual aspects of nature are what inspires my photographs," explains DiGiorgio. "Photographing in both black and white, and color has allowed me the versatility to pick my subjects out of my travel and life experiences."

What began as a love of nature and the adventure of exploring for both John and his wife, Yoke, has grown into a passion about the wilderness and wildlife. Together, they established Nature's Art LLC



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# Around the Area

## Save the Date(s) for these special 2008 events

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance promises great winter and spring season filled with theatre, music, visual arts, and literary and media events. Keep an eye out for our emails, and take a look at some of our upcoming special events.

### February and March

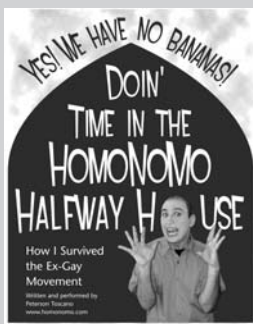
**Writers Among Us** literary series (see front cover )  
**Film series** and lectures led by Jack Hirschfeld about globalization (dates TBD, check [www.ArtsAllianceSite.org](http://www.ArtsAllianceSite.org))  
*Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main St, Narrowsburg, NY*

### Saturday, April 5

**"Twist and Shout for the Arts,"** a fundraising dance featuring music by The VanTwistics, led by Annie Hat. Great dance music, plus hors d'oeuvres and snacks by Jill's Kitchen. *Nutshell Arts Center, Lake Huntington, NY*

### Friday, April 25

**"Doin' Time in the HomoNoMo Halfway House,"** a one man show written and presented by theatrical performance activist Peterson Toscano.  
*Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge St, Narrowsburg, NY*



### Saturday, April 26

**"The Re-Education of George W. Bush,"** a one man show written and presented by theatrical performance activist Peterson Toscano.  
*Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge St, Narrowsburg, NY*

### Saturday, May 3

**Jay Unger and Molly Mason,** the Heart and Soul of Roots Music! *Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge St, Narrowsburg, NY*

### Sunday, May 18

**5K Run for the Arts**—bring the whole family to walk or run on behalf of the arts. Location to be determined.

### Friday, June 13 – Sunday, June 15

**DIGit Media Festival**  
Delaware Arts Center, Tusten Theatre, and other area locations.

## January Performer Training Retreat

North American Cultural Laboratory (NACL) presents their Performer Training Retreat, a week-long workshop and retreat that focuses on performer training and research from January 13 to 20.



The retreat is designed for those interested in ensemble theatre, solo work, devised performance, physical theatre adaptations, and experimental and original theatre creation. Participants live and eat at the NACL artists' residence and train intensively with NACL artists Brad Krumholz, Tannis Kowalchuk, Sarah Dey Hirshan, and Glenn Hall in the church-turned-theatre on scenic Highland Lake.

Drawing from a continuum of experimental techniques that includes the ensemble work of

Denmark's Odin Teatret, Canada's Primus Theatre, and the research of Jerzy Grotowski, the training builds upon these sources to develop a unique approach that awakens each artist's potential to maximize the expressive use of body, voice, imagination, experience, memory, and intellect to create compelling performance work.

Tuition is \$650 for workshop, housing, and food (an all-inclusive price for the full week). For more information, visit [www.nacl.org](http://www.nacl.org).

## NACL Salon Sessions



Salon Sessions is an eclectic monthly series that features artists and thinkers in our community held at the intimate lounge at NACL, 110 Highland Lake Rd, Highland Lake, NY. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$5, or become a member and see all Salon Sessions for free. Sponsored in part by Sullivan County Arts and Heritage Grant, administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

On Friday, January 25, Sullivan County's Dr. Mimi McGurl presents "A History of Cross-Dressing and Gender Bending," an entertaining lecture and slide presentation on the subject of gender play in the history of drama and theatre around the world. The evening will be rounded out by an amazing gender bending trapeze duo, Lolo Brigitta from Brooklyn. On Friday, February 15, Upper Delaware Writers Collective, back for a second year, gives a lively and charming reading of *Four Quartets* by TS Eliot. Learn more by visiting [www.nacl.org](http://www.nacl.org), or calling (845) 557-0694

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# Cultural Calendar

Area code for numbers below is (845) unless listed.

FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY AREA

## Through January 6

Sale: "Unwrapped Treasures," sponsored by Red Eft Gallery, Friday - Monday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., 159 Sullivan Street, Wurtsboro, NY. Information: 888-2519.

## Through January 29

Exhibit: "Capturing the Moment," Annual Winter Art Show, sponsored by The Hemlock Farms Cultural Arts Department & Chant Realtors, open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Gallery, 631 Rte. 739, Lords Valley, PA. Free. Information: (570) 775-6896.

## January 19

Exhibit: 7th Annual Eaglefest, photographs by John DiGiorgio, sponsored by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Alliance Gallery, Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main St., Narrowsburg, NY. Information: 252-7576.

## January 25

Lecture & Slide Presentation: "A history of cross-dressing and gender bending," by Dr. Mimi McGurl, sponsored by NACL, 7:30 p.m., NACL Theatre, 110 Highland Lake Rd., Highland Lake, NY. Admission: \$5, 557-0694 or www.nacl.org.

## January 26

Film Festival: "Smiles of a Winter's Night - Eight Decades of Cinematic Comedy," sponsored by Catskill Art Society & Dry Goods Arts Association, 7 p.m., CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. Information: 436-4227.

## January 26 - February 16

Exhibit: Mauro Giuffrida, paintings, sponsored by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, Alliance Gallery, Delaware Valley Arts Center, 37 Main St., Narrowsburg, NY. Gallery hours: Tues. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Information: 252-7576. Opening Reception: January 26, 2 - 4 p.m.

## January 27

Lecture: "Sculpting the Human Figure," Najim H. Checken, sponsored by Friends of Sunshine Hall Free Library, Inc., 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Sunshine Hall Free Library, 14 Proctor Road, Edred, NY. Admission Free. Information: 557-6258.

## February 7

Jazz: "Sir Roland's Buddies," 6:30 and 8:30 p.m., Albert's Liberty House, Triangle Road, 11 Old State Rte. 17, Liberty, NY. Cover charge: \$14. Information: 292-4510.

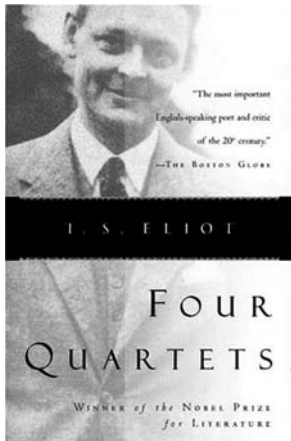
## February 15

Book Reading: *Four Quartets* by TS

Eliot, Upper Delaware Writers Collective, 7:30 p.m., NACL, 110 Highland Lake Rd., Highland Lake, NY. Admission: \$5, Information: 557-0694 or www.nacl.org.

## February 23 - March 22

Exhibit: Nancy Lew Lee, Sculpture, sponsored by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, Alliance Gallery, Delaware Valley Arts Center, 37 Main St., Narrowsburg, NY. Gallery hours: Tues. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Information: 252-7576. Opening reception: February 23, 2 - 4 p.m.



## February 24

Lecture: "Mixed Media," Daria Dorosh, sponsored by Friends of Sunshine Hall

Free Library, Inc., 2 - 4 p.m., Sunshine Hall Free Library, 14 Proctor Rd., Eldred, NY. Admission Free. Information: 557-6258.

## March 28 - April 19

Exhibit: Edith Gould, Photography, sponsored by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, Alliance Gallery, Delaware Valley Arts Center, 37 Main St., Narrowsburg, NY. Gallery hours: Tues. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Information: 252-7576. Opening Reception: March 28, 7 - 9 p.m.

## March 30

Lecture: "Bridging the Gap - Painting and Object," Kathleen Spicer, sponsored by Friends of Sunshine Hall Free Library, Inc., 2 - 4 p.m., Sunshine Hall Free Library, 14 Proctor Rd., Eldred, NY. Free. Information: 552-6258.

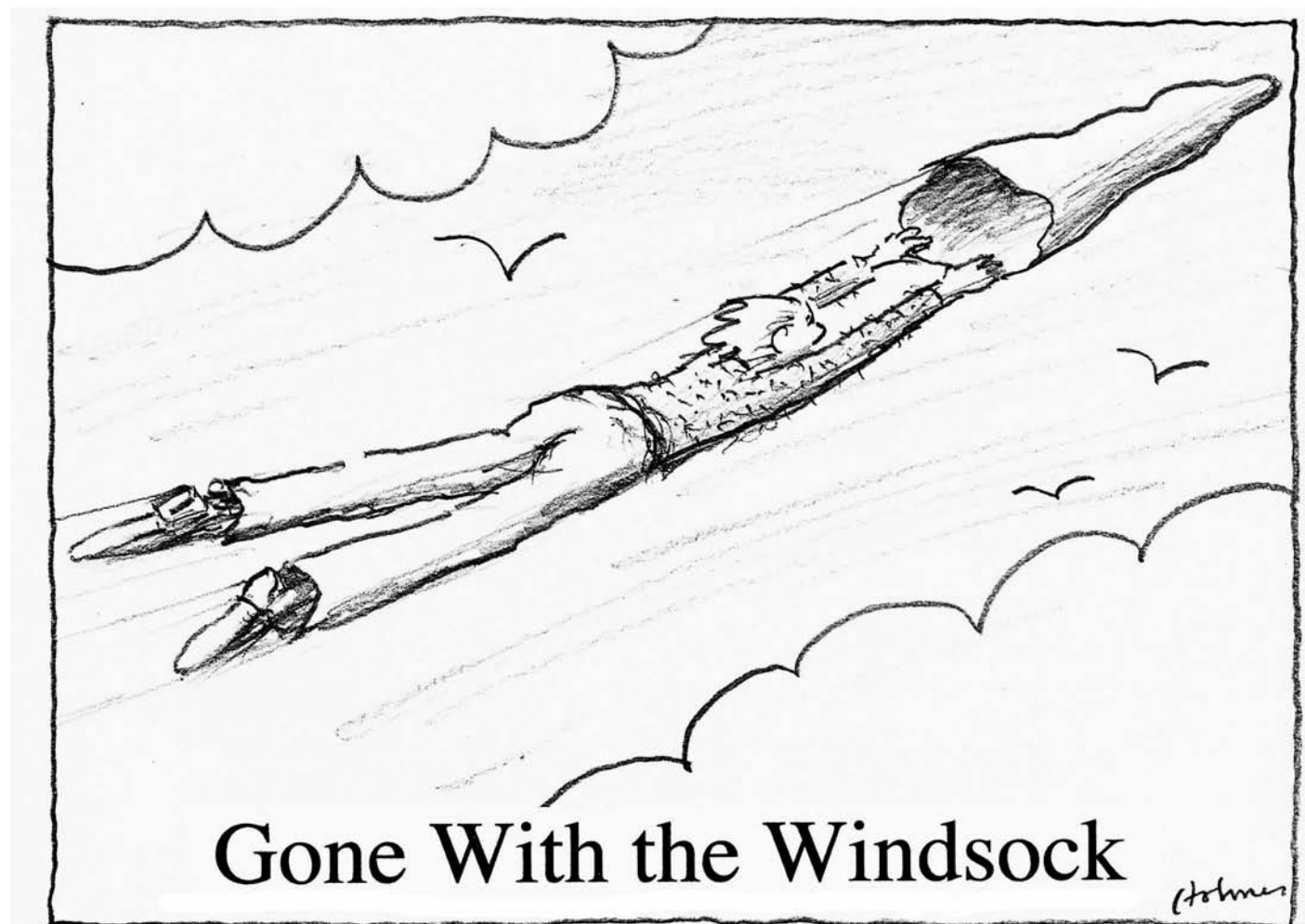
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- Charles Blanchard and Zoot for keeping our sidewalks clear during the December snow storms
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## Gone With the Windsock

*(John)*



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## Mauro Giuffrida Paintings

**On exhibition January 26 - February 16**

An exhibition of paintings by Mauro Giuffrida opens at the Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg on Saturday, January 26, with an artist's reception from 2 - 4 p.m. The exhibit will be on view through February 16.

Mauro Giuffrida was born in Brooklyn, NY. He moved to California where he attended high school and college, earning his BFA from California State University, Northridge in 1967. Then he returned to New York and received an MFA from Pratt Institute in 1969 in painting and printmaking.

While flying back and forth to California and New York in the sixties, his images were inspired by the aerial views of the Great Plains. Since then, they have evolved into a life of their own.

His paintings, done on paper as well as canvas, use torn paper collaged with acrylics, oil pastels, and pencil lines layered on top. He emphasizes the qualities of the line-using different materials to create different lines whether thick or thin, graphite, oil pastel. Giuffrida says that an essential element of his work is the inclusion of actions that happen while making marks, such as drips, splashes, etc. His focus is to play these off against each other, making them work together to create a finished whole that is much greater than the sum of its parts.

Giuffrida taught printmaking at Pratt Institute and owned his own Lithography studio, Dragonfly Press for several years. He is now Printing Consultant at the Brandywine Workshop in Philadelphia. He has been sharing his time between his studio in New York and his country home in Yulan, NY since 1978.

This exhibit, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY, and is made possible in part with funding from the Visual Arts Program of the New York State Council on the Arts.

Alliance Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the exhibit call 845-252-7576 or visit [www.ArtsAllianceSite.org](http://www.ArtsAllianceSite.org).



*Mauro Giuffrida's paintings #454 (above) and #451 (right) will be on exhibit January 26 - February 16 at Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg.*



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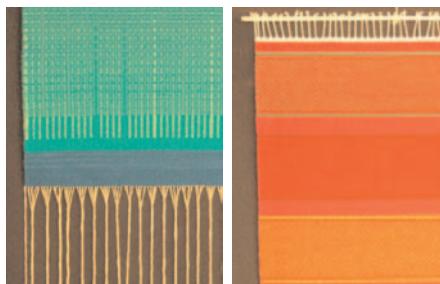


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# Nancy Lew Lee Sculpture

## February 23 - March 22



Nancy Lew Lee's *Seven Craters* (10" x 18" x 13", mortar)

A sculpture exhibition created by Nancy Lew Lee opens at the Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg on Saturday, February 23, with an artist's reception from 2 - 4 p.m. The exhibit will be on view through March 22.

"I love to travel, to see new places and things," says sculptor Nancy Lew Lee, who was born

in a small village in southern China before her family moved to Hong Kong and then settled in Brooklyn, NY. "Some of my inspiration comes from the canyon country of Utah, the mountains of Idaho, and the volcanoes of Ecuador and Hawaii."

But it is the place she calls home that has the biggest influ-

ence on Lee's contemporary sculptures, which are made with wood, bones, shredded bark, stone, and dried mud. "I live on top of a mountain on 60 acres in Western Sullivan County. Walking around here, I still find new things that make me wonder," she says. "Some of my recent work comes from seeing

anthropomorphic forms in the delicate growth of twigs. I view some of these works as figures leaning against and supporting each other. These family groups of twigs seem fragile, but are actually quite strong because the individual members are interlaced."

Lee earned a Master of Fine Arts Degree from Pratt Institute, specializing in sculpture, and went on to take classes at the Art Students League and the Brooklyn Museum Art School, where she studied with sculptor, Masami Kodama. She currently balances her time between teaching art at Fallsburg High School (where she is also Department Chair) and making art in her studio.

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**Alliance Gallery** in Narrowsburg is calling for submissions for solo exhibitions, as well as curated proposals for the loft gallery for the 2009 season. Artists are chosen by jury process. Submit work on slides or CDs by January 18, 2008. Visit [ArtsAllianceSite.org](http://ArtsAllianceSite.org) for full information and requirements.

**The Lake George Arts Project Gallery Committee** invites artists to submit exhibition proposals for the Courthouse Gallery 2009 exhibition season. Strong preference is given to work created within the past two years. Proposals for special exhibitions, installations, mixed media presentations, and performance art are welcome. The deadline for proposals is January 31. Information: [lakegeorgearts.org/annual-call.htm](http://lakegeorgearts.org/annual-call.htm), or Lake George Arts Project, Gallery Committee, 1 Amherst

Street, Lake George, NY 12845, (518) 668-2616, [mail@lakegeorgearts.org](mailto:mail@lakegeorgearts.org).

**Art Instruction classes** are being offered by Catskill Art Society in Portrait Painting, Clay Workshops, Holiday Clay Craft, Exploring Watercolor, Life Drawing. Registration deadline 5 days prior to class start date. For information: 436-4227 or email [Kathryn@catskillartsociety.org](mailto:Kathryn@catskillartsociety.org).

**The Constance Saltonstall Foundation for the Arts Call for Entries - 2008.** The Saltonstall Summer Fellowships and Individual Artists Grants invite artists and writers living in New York State to apply for month-long summer residencies in Ithaca, NY. Application deadline for both programs is January 15, 2008. Information: [www.saltonstall.org](http://www.saltonstall.org) or call (607) 539-3146.

**The Delaware Valley Eagle Alliance** is calling for Fine Artists & Artisans to participate in the second annual Nature and Wildlife Art Show, January 19, Narrowsburg School, Narrowsburg, NY. For more information: (845) 252-6509 or [jyd630@aol.com](mailto:jyd630@aol.com).

The Delaware Valley Eagle Alliance also needs individuals to contribute their time at the seventh annual EagleFest in Narrowsburg, NY., 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Information: 895-8849 or (570)729-0231.

## Catskill Hudson Bank Gives Back

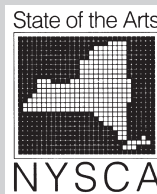
The grand opening ceremony for the Narrowsburg branch of Catskill Hudson Bank, located in the Peck's Markets building, was held on November 26th. DVAA Executive Director Elaine Giguere "wears" the Grand Opening ribbon made of real paper money and accepts a check for the ribbon's total of \$250 from branch manager Debra Reimer to help fund community events.



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*Into the Wild* (rated R) screens:  
Friday, January 11 – Monday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m.,  
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Admission is \$7.50. The CineArt film series is co-sponsored by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater. A percentage of the profits and \$1 per person from ticket sales benefit DVAA.

## Native Photographs

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with a mission to promote awareness and understanding of the beauty and heritage of our wildlife through photography, documentary films, and education.

They are the founders and organizers of the award winning EagleFest, now in its seventh year, which takes place throughout Narrowsburg, NY on Saturday, January 19.

This exhibit, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY, and is made possible in part with funding from the Visual Arts Program of the New York State Council on the Arts.

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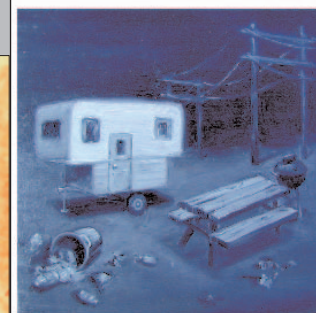
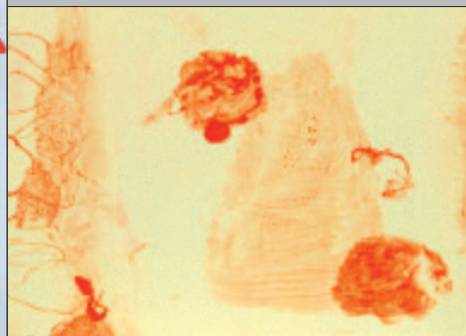
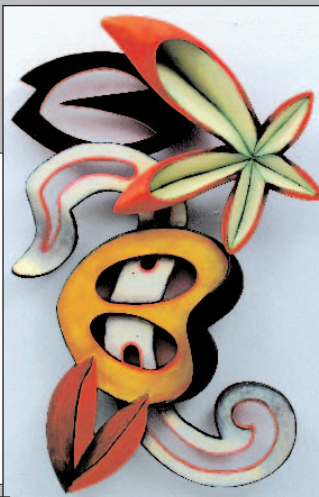
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