

WURTSBORO ART ALLIANCE

Ellenville's Gallery Link was proud to host a New Year's exhibition of paintings, photographs and sculpture presented by the Wurtsboro Art Alliance. The third annual exhibit of works at Ellenville's Gallery Link by the Wurtsboro Art Alliance, the show was a multi-media display of beautiful work by their dedicated members, artists who are both professional and amateur.

The Wurtsboro Art Alliance first came into being as a not for profit organization at a meeting of seven people held at Valley Brook Cottages in Wurtsboro four years ago. Their first show was held at the Community Church Hall the summer of 2006. Currently, the WAA has grown to fifty members, and has its own gallery located in the former library building on Sullivan Street, which opened to the public in July of 2007. Their connection to libraries is a strong one, and their annual exhibit here has become a favorite of locals and neighbors alike.

This year's exhibit featured several artists already familiar to Ellenville art lovers, among them Roberta Rosenthal, Janet Campbell, and Cynthia Hall, who have had independent exhibits in The Gallery Link, in addition to participating in the collective show by WAA. Local artist Pearl Lau, who will have her own show here in March, 2010, also had a piece on exhibit. Painter David Munford also has works on display, notable an image of our own Shadowland Theatre, as does former WAA president John Nielson. Melissa Arnott and Linda Wilkinson have their outstanding photographs in the show, as do Alan Neilsen and Harry Goldman, who's bridges span the distance from New York to Wallkill.

While landscapes predominated in this year's exhibit, the show was flavored with deeply moving portraits, as well as abstracts and some surprising images of animals. All the works demonstrated a deep appreciation of what the artist sees, and wishes to share with the viewer. Each piece conveyed a sense of commitment to the subject, and the show was especially powerful in its diversity and clarity.