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EXHIBITION PROGRAM



Veterans Project Exhibition

MAIN GALLERY

OPENING RECEPTION:
NOVEMBER 11, 2015
 5:30PM - 7:30PM

SHOW ON VIEW:
NOVEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 4

MOUNTAIN LAKE PBS FILM:
 "ON HOME GROUND"
 SCREENING @ 7:30PM



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER YOURSELF?

Membership allows us to build and maintain a strong, vibrant arts center with diverse programming including: classes, exhibitions, performances and services for people of all ages in our community. Membership is the single most important aspect to sustaining The Strand Center for the Arts.

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The Veterans Project

The Strand Center for the Arts is proud to welcome you to “The Veterans Project.” This art exhibition features drawings, painted portraits, historic articles, and photographic images of returning, returned, and still engaged Veterans and military personnel. Curated by Christina Elliott, The Strand Center Gallery Coordinator, the show emphasizes the experiences of Veterans through their portraits. The community has responded by submitting over 80 photographs of family and friends for the show. Some of these images have been selected by area artists who have rendered the portrait in their chosen medium, whether they are beautifully articulated charcoal drawings or graceful watercolor paintings.

Much of the artwork comes from The Strand Center Portrait Drawing Group, which has dedicated its summer sessions to drawing 10 local Veterans from life over a period of 20 weeks. These models were booked by reaching out to people in the community to sit for portraits. Cynthia Root, the Portrait Group Coordinator points out, “The challenge and joy of doing portraits from life is to try to capture an essence in the immediate moment.” During these sessions Cynthia asked each person “if there was anything they’d like to share about being a Vet?” The resulting comments can be seen dispersed throughout the show anonymously and are also featured in a slide show in the gallery called “Voices of Service.” The Strand Center Watercolor Group also volunteered their talents to paint portraits from photographs. Outside submissions from local artists were also accepted.

The exhibit features over 150 images of Veterans and military personnel. This was made possible by community support, local business sponsors, the dedicated staff at The Strand Center and the kindness of inspired artists.

Scholarship Program | Donations

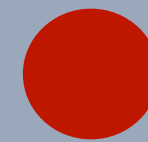
As part of “The Veterans Project” The Strand Center has initiated a scholarship program for local Veterans attending Clinton Community College and SUNY Plattsburgh. The first scholarship for a Veteran Student attending CCC has been fully funded by Bob Smith and the Ground Round Plattsburgh to provide \$200 towards educational needs. The second \$200 scholarship was funded by community members Leigh & Stevens Mundy, Denise Duprey, Michael Cashman and a raffle fundraiser with prizes donated by the Clinton County Historical Association, North Country CrossFit, Raymond Saint Pierre, Dave Hornell, Donald Trask and Denise Duprey. North Country CrossFit also held their own fun run and raised \$380 towards “The Veterans Project.” After funding the scholarships, all of the remaining donations will be split between the Clinton County Veterans Service Agency’s Veterans Assistance Fund and Homeward Bound Adirondacks. The Veterans Assistance Fund provides supplementary services to Veterans in the area, such as transport services to VA Medical Centers and Homeless Veterans Outreach programs. Homeward Bound Adirondacks provides therapeutic retreats and horse therapy for veterans with PTSD.

“On Home Ground” Film Screening

After the opening reception, a special screening of “On Home Ground” will be held at The Strand Theatre at 7:30 pm on November 11, 2015. “On Home Ground” is a documentary produced by Mountain Lake PBS about three veterans who are returning to the Adirondacks after serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. In the film each vet reflects on their homecoming, rebuilding relationships, grappling with physical and mental changes, and finding a unique, grounding camaraderie among fellow veterans. The Strand Center and Mountain Lake PBS are excited to announce that the film screening will be free for all Veterans in attendance and general admission will be only \$8 for the public.

Special Thanks

The curator would like to acknowledge those who made this exhibit possible. Special thanks goes out to the Ground Round Plattsburgh, North Country CrossFit, and Leigh and Stevens Mundy for their extremely generous donations to the project fundraising. To Stevens Mundy for replacing and hanging our flag outside. To those who volunteered their time assisting the curator; Denise Duprey, Randy Reese and April Blaise. To Bill Colgan at Mountain Lake PBS for making the film collaboration happen. To Cynthia Root for her passion to the cause and dedicated hours painting and coordinating the Portrait Group. To Aran Baker for the graphic design on “Voices of Service.” To Kelly Frenyea from the CCVSA for advising on this project. To The Strand Center Staff, Director, and Board for their assistance. To the artists and community members for their amazing submissions and enthusiasm. And an extra special thanks goes out to Donald Trask for his quintessential support in all stages of development.



Are these works for sale? What does a red dot mean?

Artwork that has a price listed is for sale while artwork with “NFS” is “Not For Sale.” Many of the artists have generously listed a retail price and then a special discount for the veteran portrayed in the image and their family. A red dot means the work has been sold. All of the photographs in the show are copies and will be archived in The Strand Center Permanent Collection after the exhibition.

Art Layaway Program: Interested in buying art but on a budget? You can make payments towards an art purchase, simply put down a 20% non-refundable deposit and the Gallery Coordinator will create a payment schedule that works for you! For more information please see a staff member or contact our Gallery Coordinator by emailing galler@plattsburgharts.org.

PHOTOGRAPHY: *Wide angle photos of the entire show and wall panels are permitted, but please refrain from taking close up shots of the artwork. The creative content of the artwork is owned by the artist and reproductions are prohibited.*