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WAYNE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS **ANNUAL MEMBERS' ART SHOW** **July 17 – August 15, 2014**

Wayne County Council for the Arts is pleased to present the **2014 Annual Members' Art Show** in the Main Gallery. The exhibit will celebrate the talents of our local artists including oil, watercolor and pastel paintings, photography, woodworking, pottery and much more.

In the ***Chris Fayad Members' Gallery***, we are happy to present **Alois Mauser** (1922-2014). The late Alois spent his early school years in Brooklyn, New York where he was born. His teachers encouraged his interest in drawing. One teacher in particular gave him a drawing pad. Later, he and his sister, now orphans, moved with their foster parent, to a farm in upstate rural New York. Again teachers in middle and high school encouraged him, but he took no formal training at that time.

He worked in pen or pencil on sketches of local scenes or doing school related art work. He painted in oil on canvas and occasionally on glass. During those years he was also a regular participant in the farm chores of family neighbors.

After graduating from Fultonville High School during the depth of the Depression he attended the New Deal Youth Training Academy in Auburn in the Sheet Metal Working program. When Eleanor Roosevelt came to visit the Institute, he was chosen to act as her guide around the facility.

After graduating from that program he came to Rochester, New York and worked for years for a Sheet Metal Contractor (Flesch and Schmidt). After that job he worked for over three decades using his creativity in the field of engineering for a Rochester machine manufacturer. As chief engineer he designed automatic pallet nailers. He also married, bought a house, raised a family and continued many activities.

During that time he painted very little. After retirement he took formal art courses. He studied under Tom Insolaco at FLCC. He painted with the late John Peasley's art group which met regularly for years in Pittsford. He also opened the Alois Art Gallery in his home in Macedon, New York.

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He painted mainly land and seascapes from photos taken locally or on family overseas trips. He regularly showed in local gallery exhibits. He was a member of the Pittsford Art Group for years and a member and supporter of the Wayne County Council for the Arts.

These exhibits are on view from July 17 through August 15, 2014. An **opening reception** with the artists will be held Saturday, July 26 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. **Gap Mangione**, an American jazz pianist and songwriter from Rochester, New York, will perform during the reception and is free to the public (including children).

Wayne Art Gallery hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 12:00 to 3:00 pm and by appointment. Admission is free. Visit these exciting exhibits and stop by our great Gallery Gift Store. Gift certificates are available for classes and gift store items. Wayne County Council for the Arts is located at 108 W. Miller Street, Newark. For more information, call (315) 331-4593, email us at info@wayne-arts.com or check out our website at www.waynearts.wordpress.com



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