

PRESS RELEASE

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WHO: Six regional artists represented by
West End Gallery in Corning, NY
Becky Congdon: Corning, NY
Trish Coonrod: Ithaca, NY
Rebecca Finch: Horseheads, NY
James Ramsdell: Greene, NY
Valorie Rohver: Horseheads, NY
Wynn Yarrow: Elmira, NY

WHAT: New exhibit, **"In the Spotlight"**
featuring six artists working in a
variety of mediums - oil, acrylic
gouache, and flameworked glass.

WHEN: OCTOBER 21 – NOVEMBER 18
Opening Reception, Friday
October 21st from 5:00-7:30 p.m.
Music Performed by Matrix
Flute & Guitar Duo



WHERE: **WEST END GALLERY, 12 West Market Street, Corning, NY 14830**

www.westendgallery.net All events at West End Gallery are **FREE** and open to the public.

West End Gallery is excited to announce the opening of a new exhibit, **"In the Spotlight"**! The exhibit features new work by **6 very talented regional artists** working in a variety of mediums. **These artists are on the rise!** This show allows them to showcase their talents in the "spotlight". We are pleased to present **2016's Spotlight Artists:**

Artists Statements:

Becky Congdon of Corning, NY *"Working with glass gives me immediate satisfaction and training in patience. It is both technical and artistic, which satisfies both the left and right side of my brain. Glass is an adventure!"*

Trish Coonrod of Ithaca, NY *"I am a still life painter and my subject matter is usually fruit, but I sometimes include other objects to bring additional color and shape to the composition. I like painting fruit because it is a colorful natural form, and each piece of fruit is unique and can imply gesture and personality. Also, fruit is slowly but surely decomposing, making each painting a race against time in which I'm attempting to make a lasting record of something temporary."*

Rebecca Finch of Horseheads, NY *"I cannot successfully paint what does not touch me emotionally or inspire me visually. I am compelled to paint objects rich in sentimentality and aesthetic form."*

James Ramsdell of Greene, NY *"I love being a painter, a landscape painter. I get to go out and stand there and look at my world, at nature, and at man's relationship to it. I get to study its patterns, its objects, its colors, and try to translate them into paint."*

Valorie Rohver of Horseheads, NY *"Going forward every day, trying to take even a small slice of something memorable and incorporating it into my paintings is my objective. I paint in a Realist style, influenced by Vermeer, Claesz, Heda, and others. Dramatic light, texture and color depth are what I strive for, bringing the subject matter to life on the canvas."*

Wynn Yarrow of Elmira, NY *"Honesty is my deepest calling as an artist. I rely heavily on intuition and grace. My landscapes become metaphors for my emotional life. My paintings teach me and heal me. They reveal hope, joy, and vitality that may otherwise become overshadowed."*

There will be an **Opening Reception on Friday, October 21 from 5:00-7:30 p.m.** with music performed by **Matrix Flute & Guitar Duo**. The event is **FREE** and open to the public. Families are encouraged to visit. The main exhibit is wheelchair accessible. The second floor Upstairs Gallery features a variety of work by more than 30 additional artists represented by West End Gallery.

Gallery hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10-5:30, Fri. 10-8, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 2-5 Located at 12 WEST MARKET STREET Corning, NY (607) 936-2011
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