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ANEW ARTIST ALLIANCE RETURNS TO AOY ART CENTER

AOY Art Center is delighted to present the second annual group show of the ANEW Artists' Alliance to be held March 10-12 and 17-19. The Gallery is open to the public from 12-5 PM and all art will be for sale. Members of the ANEW Artist Alliance and AOY gallery volunteers and will be your hosts.

"This exuberant outpouring of talent and vision contains work that is profound, playful, vibrant, skillful, and endlessly surprising. Each of these unique works shows a true artist's vision of the world as it is and as it could be.

Derrick Branch falls in love with his art, and has felt at times that art is his only friend. Nour Galil says, "I feel the beauty around me – color, shadow, people and light. From the beauty, I get ideas for my art...Art is something I cannot live without. If I couldn't do art, I feel I would die. Art is my life." John Hayes feels like he's escaping when he makes art, "I lock myself into whatever picture I'm drawing. The house could be burning down, and I'd still be drawing." For John Hendryx art is like praying, and for Warcheerah Kilima art is like therapy. He says that "If all the people in the world did art, a lot of the problems would be solved..." When people admire Carol Johnson's artwork it's an overwhelming feeling of being loved, and when Shorty Rose is doing art he feels "perfect."

Though the members of the ANEW Artists' Alliance are varied in background, style, and media, they are universally inspiring in their passion for creating art and their generosity in sharing it with others."

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The Story of ANEW Artist Alliance:

In 2001, five self-taught visual artists who used the services of the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) and had participated for several years in the Extra Helpings art program at TASK, met with Extra Helpings volunteer Susan Darley to discuss the possibility of forming an artist

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cooperative. The nascent idea was to offer all TASK patrons, who possessed artistic interests and talents but did not have the personal resources to pursue their creative activities, a collegial environment in which to hone their creative abilities and ultimately sell their artwork and reap the benefits of their efforts. From the outset, the artists made all the decisions about how the group was run and what projects it undertook. Membership in the group also provided an opportunity for the artists to learn entrepreneurial skills.

Over the past 20 years this talented group of artists have participated in hundreds of shows at diverse venues, including museums, galleries, corporate offices, governmental departments, and non-profit organizations.

In the spring of 2021, the group initiated a new venture of their own, renaming themselves "ANEW Artist Alliance." The new home studio which they are now running themselves with support from a small group of volunteer mentors, is located in donated display space in Princeton, New Jersey. The artists' goal is to learn all the skills required to establish artistic careers of their own. These skills include showing and selling their art at their display space, seeking additional venues, framing their artwork and hanging exhibits; meeting with buyers, curators and gallery owners; arranging publicity; and managing finances.

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