

PRESS RELEASE

Exhibition: *A Place Called Home: Scenes from Central PA*

Featuring artists: Virginia Belser, Suzanne DeSarbo, Susan Nicholas Gephart, Anne Kenyon, Laurence Liu, Jeanne McKinney, Barb Pennypacker, Lena Thynell

Opening reception: Friday, April 7, 2017, 7 – 9 pm
Art Alliance Gallery Downtown, 123 S Fraser St. State College, PA 16801

On view: April 7 – April 29, 2017

As its residents know, Centre County Pennsylvania is made up of aesthetically unique sights, sounds, tastes and culture. Comprised of vast plains, historic structures and big skies that change with the seasons, there is a wealth of beauty to be found in the community and within our natural surroundings.



Left to right: Lena Thynnell, *A Rainy Day*, Watercolor, 18x22 inches, Courtesy the Artist; Virginia Belser, *Dreams*, Soft pastel, 18x23 inches, Courtesy the Artist; Denise Wagner, *Thompson Run*, Soft Pastel, 9x12 inches, Courtesy the Artist.

In *A Place Called Home: Scenes from Central PA*, eight Centre Country artists dedicate their practice to capturing the effervescent spirit of this magnificent landscape. Through varying processes and with unique perspectives, they share with us the essence of what it means to call Centre County “home”.

With the opening of our new location in Downtown State College, the Art Alliance of Central PA is excited to bring together the work of Centre County artists in order to respond to the themes, ideas, and aesthetics of our time. For more information on our new gallery, please visit our

website at <http://www.artalliancegallerydowntown.org> and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @*artalliancegallerydowntown*.

About Art Alliance Gallery Downtown: Art Alliance Gallery Downtown is an expansion of the nonprofit organization Art Alliance of Central PA. Our mission is to serve the community through the exhibition and promotion of talented contemporary artists in Centre County and beyond.

About Art Alliance of Central PA: The Art Alliance of Central Pennsylvania is a nonprofit organization that exists to serve students, artists and the art-loving public in Pennsylvania's Centre County, the adjacent counties, and beyond. Our organization builds bridges between teachers and art students of all ages, as well as between artists and potential art patrons. The Art Alliance actively encourages community members to become involved in diverse and ever changing art experiences. At present the Art Alliance has approximately 350 members, all of whom are dedicated to recognizing, developing, and supporting visual arts.

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