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**Arts Center Announces
Series of Member Exhibitions**

Summit, NJ (June 13, 2017)—Beginning in September, the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey will launch a new series of exhibitions featuring artwork from members and students. Submissions were received through an open call process available to the more than 800 current members of the center. Those submitting were required to present a formal proposal, with exhibiting artists chosen by the Art Center's Membership Committee. The resulting exhibitions will run consecutively from September 2017 through June 2018 in the Art Center's community spaces on the second floor.

"It's exciting to be able to offer artists the chance to exhibit," says Melanie Cohn, Executive Director. "The Art Center is known for nurturing New Jersey's creative community, and this new program—led by a dedicated group of our members—is our newest way of giving talented local artists a well-deserved opportunity while also helping them hone their professional skills."

The artists who have been selected to exhibit their work are:

- Jill Crouch (Scotch Plains, NJ)
- Chris Ernst (New Brunswick, NJ)
- Lesya Hanenko (Roselle Park, NJ)
- The Students of Anne Kullaf
- Carol Nussbaum (Short Hills, NJ)
- Heidi Sussman (West Orange, NJ)
- Alan White (Berkeley Heights, NJ)

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey is located at 68 Elm Street in Summit, New Jersey. Visit www.artcenternj.org for more information about these exhibitions. Adult and children's group tours are available throughout the year. Visit www.artcenternj.org for more information. Gallery Hours: Monday to Wednesday and Friday: 10 AM to 5 PM; Thursday 10 AM to 8 PM; and Saturday & Sunday 11 AM to 4 PM. Please call 908-273-9121 to confirm holiday hours.

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About the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey

For more than 80 years, the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey has been exclusively dedicated to viewing, making, and learning about contemporary art. Recognized as a leading non-profit arts organization, the Art Center's renowned studio school, acclaimed exhibitions, and educational outreach initiatives serve thousands of youth, families, seniors, and people with special needs every year.



Photo: Students of Art Center teaching artist Anne Kulaff (above) will be featured in one of the member exhibitions on display in the Art Center's community galleries.