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## **The Visual Arts Center Launches Inaugural Members Art Show & Collectors Weekend**

**Summit, NJ (August 22, 2017)**—The weekend of September 8 - 10, the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey will host its inaugural **Members Art Show & Collectors Weekend**. This three-day event, celebrating the Center's members and their artwork, will be open for public viewing on Friday, September 8, from 10:00am - 8:30pm and Saturday September 9 and Sunday September 10 from 11am to 4pm. The exhibition's official opening will take place on Friday, from 6:00 - 8:30pm, and will include an awards presentation at 7:30pm. The closing toast and art pickup will occur on September 10, at 3:30pm.

All current Art Center members are welcome to hang one original work of art, on a first-come, first-served basis. No advance signup is necessary. Members can bring their work to the Art Center's main floor gallery on Wednesday, September 6, from 12:00 – 8:00pm or Thursday, September 7, from 10:00am – 3:00pm. A \$20 entry fee is required and all artwork submitted must be smaller than 40" x 40" for 2-D work and 24" x 24" x 36" for 3-D work. Submitting member must be an adult.

Jurying the Friday night event will be photographer, artist, and teacher Nany Ori. Nancy has been respected for more than four decades as a corporate photographer, fine art exhibitor and caring teacher. She holds classes and workshops throughout the United States and internationally and taught for eight seasons at the Ansel Adams Workshop, in California, after being taught by Ansel Adams himself. She holds a B.A. in Fine Arts and an M.S. in Visual Communications from Pratt Institute. Along with her workshops, she is currently teaching at several local museums in New Jersey and continues to shoot on assignment.

The weekend will also feature an open house event on September 10, from 11:00am-3:00pm. Both members and the public alike can watch Art Center instructors demonstrate some of the things they'll be teaching during the Studio School's fall session, which begins on September 17. Highlights include a Raku firing demonstration by Peter Syak and Lisette Bedoya, a quilting demonstration with Sue Erdreich, and a drawing demonstration with Stephen Yavorski. Rebecca Roman will also be offering art projects for children. For more information, visit [www.artcenternj.org/member-events](http://www.artcenternj.org/member-events).

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey is located at 68 Elm Street in Summit, New Jersey. Visit [www.artcenternj.org](http://www.artcenternj.org) for more information. Adult and children's group tours are available throughout the year. Visit [www.artcenternj.org](http://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.