

Join the Celebration!!

...art work...new & used books...music...quotes...kid's shoes...

The Member's Art Exhibit!

...Watercolors and Wordsmiths, Our Artistic Expressions, A Member's Share...

The first Member's Art Show was highlighted at the 25th Annual Conference and we thought it appropriate to highlight it once again at our 50th.

The NYSOEA membership has a proud history of producing art. These varied works have contributed a richness to both our community and our profession. As multifaceted as their creators, the works represent a diversity of styles and mediums. This excellence and diversity is a symbolic representation of the outdoor educators that have taught, continue to teach, and will teach into the future here in New York.

Join us experiencing the talent within. Authors will also be on hand to share their writings. Join the artists and the rest of the association in celebrating these deeply moving personal expressions.

Request

The Member's Art Exhibit is seeking Works of Art and Writing.

We are seeking art works by members, past or present, to be displayed at NYSOEA's 50th Anniversary Conference – September 20-23, 2018 at the Greenkill Y Outdoor Education & Retreat Center in Huguenot NY. The exhibit precedes the annual banquet on Saturday September 22, 2018.

If interested in having your art displayed, please email Drew Hopkins for details/applications at: drew_hopkins@yahoo.com. Application deadline is August 24, 2018

Book Talks & Swaps - Join NYSOEA members Danny Kriesberg, Nancy Reichert, Sally McCracken and June Lee in several informal 'book talks' ... featuring both old favorites and newer books. **And** bring a 'bag' of books you would not mind giving up or swapping for another 'bag' of books. Whatever is left over will be donated to the 'Book Fairy'.

...visit www.nysoea.org/2018-conference/ea.org for additional information

Send us your favorite quote and/or song that reflects, reinvents, and recreates your connection to and love for the outdoors. We will try our best to use them all somehow, someway or somewhere during the Conference.

...email your favorites to: conferencecommittee2018@nysoea.org; Subject: My favorites

Children's new shoes drive in Port Jervis, New York



NYSOEA and its members often support outreach programs in and around the communities in which we hosts events and activities. The 2018 50th Anniversary Conference will be held at the Greenkill YMCA Outdoor Education & Retreat Center in Huguenot, NY just a few short miles from Port Jervis, NY. Many of you will drive through 'Port' on your way to/from Greenkill.

We are asking our Conference participants to donate a new pair of children's shoes or sneakers while supporting a very worthwhile and worthy cause ...

'New soles in honor of a 'special soul' ...Mr. Josef Kucher'

Josef Kucher was always kind and loving to others, generous to strangers, forgiving, honorable, hardworking, talented, community minded and immensely cherished by his family and our community. His generosity to children lives on through the annual '**Kucher's Kids Shoe Drive**'. He owned and operated Kucher Shoe Repair for more than 40 years repairing and creating shoes with old-world style master craftsmanship in his Front Street shop. He lost his life when he was killed in his shop on November 8, 2014.

The 2017 inaugural shoe drive collected 1,017 new pairs of shoes and sneakers for children in the community. The second '**Kucher's Kids Shoe Drive**' will be held in November 2018. We promise to bring all our donated shoes and sneakers to Port Jervis at that time.