

Finger Lakes Artwork is *Going to the Dogs!*

Call for Artist Submissions: Exhibit & Silent Auction to Benefit Canandaigua's Future Dog Park

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CANANDAIGUA, NY – Friends of Canandaigua Canine Campus (CCC) and Hope In Art Studio have partnered to present *Going to the Dogs*, a juried animal-themed art exhibit and silent auction to benefit the City of Canandaigua's future dog park. The Call for Artist Submissions, circulating throughout the local arts community, invites Finger Lakes artists to submit up to two animal-themed 2 and 3D artworks or fine craft media by February 16, 2018. Fine artist Pat Tribastone, owner of P. Tribastone Gallery in Canandaigua, will jury the exhibit. *Going to the Dogs* will feature up to 50 high-quality works at Hope in Art Studio, 144 Mill Street, Canandaigua, from April 1-28.

Monies will be raised through the sales of the artwork: participating artists will donate a portion of their final bid price to the dog park.

Special events planned around the exhibit include a private and public preview, an animal-themed raffle of smaller works and handcrafted treasures, special art classes plus an appearance by Wildlife Rockstars, a Bridges for Brain Injury education outreach program featuring live native and exotic animals. A detailed calendar of events and activities will be released on March 1st.

"This exhibit, auction and associated events are a win-win for animal *and* art lovers," says Nancy McCarthy, a regional art writer who also founded CCC, a group of local dog owners who are fundraising to support the city's effort to build a membership dog park in the City of Canandaigua.

To request a Call for Artists Submission Form for *Going to the Dogs* contact Lesley Shakespeare-Brogan, owner of Hope in Art Studio, at lsbrogan@rochester.rr.com or call Lesley at 585-727-4574.

About Friends of Canandaigua Canine Campus (CCC): CCC is a volunteer group comprised of local dog lovers. Its mission is to help establish and support a membership dog park in the City of Canandaigua where dogs may safely play and exercise off-leash. The group, founded by Canandaigua resident Nancy McCarthy in 2013, has provided well-researched input into dog park design and operation, is fundraising for park construction and amenities and advocates for responsible dog ownership. Find out more at www.canandaiguacaninecampus.com or contact Nancy at canandaiguacaninecampus@gmail.com.

About Hope In Art Studio: Hope In Art is owned and operated by artist and animal lover Lesley Shakespeare-Brogan. Lesley leads a myriad of art and craft classes, "paint n sip" parties and sells her own artwork through her retail gallery and studio at 144 Mill Street, Canandaigua. Lesley's preferred mediums are acrylic paints and colored pencil. She is the President of the Rochester Area Colored Pencil Club. Find out more at www.hopeinartstudio.com or call Lesley at 585-727-4574.

About the dog park: The City of Canandaigua has acquired a parcel on Buffalo Street for the express purpose of building a membership dog park. The park will be owned, operated and maintained by the city. The ability to build and open the park in 2018 is based largely on funding and CCC is currently fundraising for construction costs and amenities. For more park information, contact John Goodwin, Canandaigua City Manager: John.Goodwin@CanandaiguaNewYork.gov or 585 337-2174

About Pat Tribastone: Fine artist Pat Tribastone will jury the *Going to the Dogs* exhibit. Pat, who paints finely detailed, representational-style still lifes, florals and portraits, owns P. Tribastone Gallery in Canandaigua. She has juried and judged several local and national art exhibits. View Pat's work at www.patriciatribastoneart.com.

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