



Member Spotlight: Trudi Roth

Trudi Roth is a powerhouse.

In 1980, she and her partner, Larry Salzman, bought a piece of land in Canaan that met Trudi's aesthetic requirements for "a view and a stream." What was lacking was a house, so she and Larry lived in a 12x12 foot tent every weekend, commuting back and forth from New York while she worked on a design for their future residence. In 1995, they left the city for good and settled into their dream home in the country.



Best-known to many in Columbia County as an artist, Trudi had taken some art courses at the City College of New York while she worked as a designer and antiques

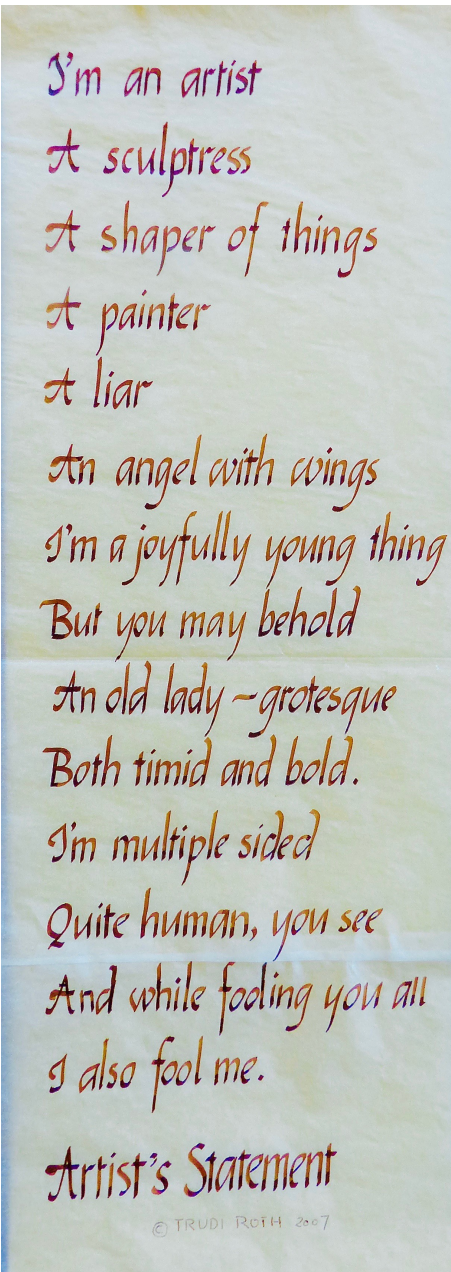
dealer. Once up here full time, she completed her studies at Empire State College, earning a BA in art and art history in 1999, at age 70.

“Art has always been in me,” she explains. “I always loved it, but I didn’t start painting till I moved up here.” She jokes that the drawers and walls of the studio on the Canaan property are filled with her work. “I paint all over the place.”

Admitting that she is not self-motivated, Trudi credits instructor Judy Warren for providing much-needed stimulus over the years. She has also taken courses at the Art School of Columbia County and Columbia-Greene Community College.

When asked what medium and subjects she prefers to work in, Trudi’s response is as wide-ranging as her life experiences. “I use all media,” she says, “depending on what’s accessible. “I paint close-ups of flowers, still life, abstracts, landscapes and animals. I’m afraid of portraits, though,” she admits. “They’re so difficult.”

Over the past few years, Trudi has begun using another medium—photography—to capture images from which she later paints. “I can’t carry an easel into the fields,” she explains, adding that when she and Larry take their annual three-month trip to Tybee Island, off the coast of Savannah, Georgia each winter the camera is infinitely easier to bring.



Trudi has exhibited widely throughout the area, and you may have seen her work at Columbia-Greene Community College, the Spencertown Academy, the Old Chatham Country Store, Chatham Bookstore, Hudson Library, Ghent Playhouse, and in store windows throughout the Village of Chatham.

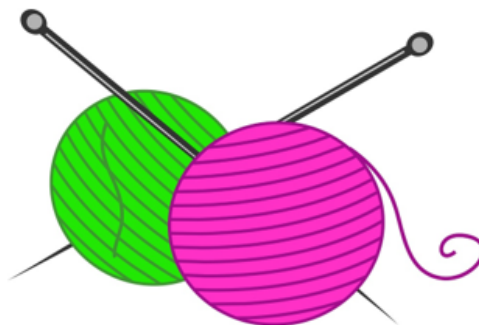
When she's not painting, Trudi's favorite pastime is gardening. "I love it," she exclaims. "I can forget about anything and everything, and even though I have lots of allergies, gardening makes me stronger and gives me

more energy."

If any NNCC members would like to do a painting workshop with Trudi, she would enjoy leading one. Please let us know if you are interested so we can work out the details with the very talented, very versatile Trudi Roth. We can be reached at: 518-392-0191 or by email at nncc1info@gmail.com.

Hands On

Calling all knitters and crocheters! Starting on Wednesday July 8th, a group will meet from 10:00-11:30 at the Maranatha Christian Church just outside the Village of Chatham. The address is 1965 Route 203, and all skill levels are welcome.



This will be an actual live class, held outdoors when possible, and complete with appropriate social distancing. If the weather requires that we meet inside the church, similar protocols will be followed. Please wear a mask and bring your own chair. We will supply hand sanitizer, but feel free to bring your own, as well. All cleaning protocols will be followed so that everyone can feel safe, and we look forward to being in one another's company again for conversation and creativity!

For more information, please call the NNCC phone, 518-392-0191 or email us at nncc1info@gmail.com.

NNCC Membership Renewal



Because the pandemic caused so much disruption to our everyday lives this year, resulting in an inability to either provide services or socially gather, the NNCC

board of directors is extending your annual membership through the end of this calendar year. We will send out a renewal reminder notice in December for 2021 dues.

In the meantime, stay safe and active in body, mind and spirit. We will get through this!

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