
Saranac Lake artist to give gallery talk

SARANAC LAKE – Saranac Lake artist Tim Fortune will present “Evolving as an Artist,” a short talk about his artwork and techniques on the deck at the Abstract Adirondack art gallery, 391 Park Ave. in Saranac Lake, at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Known for his lively, interactive discussions, Fortune will review the stages of his evolution - the prompts, transitions, twists and turns. His reflections will span a four-decade career and include a Q&A session. Several of his rarely shown pieces will be on display.

“This talk will be a little different, yet relevant to the attendees,” he predicted.

Fortune is a Saranac Lake native and long-time community fixture. In the early 1970s, his artistic training and early career took him through Philadelphia, Rome, West Palm Beach, New York City and Venice. Then, a decade and a half later, Fortune returned to the area

to grow upon his local foundations. In the early 1990s, he was an art instructor at nearby colleges while establishing his Studio/Gallery on Main Street. Since then, Tim is usually seen painting at his easel in the downtown studio’s front window.

“The Adirondack mountains in upstate New York inspire me as an artist to produce work that creates an immediate and powerful impact on the viewer just as when I experienced it in nature,” Fortune explains on his website.

His work has been shown in many galleries, including the American Embassy in Guatemala, and is part of several collections. Tim has won numerous awards and is represented in the permanent collection of the Adirondack Experience Museum on Blue Mountain Lake. An exhibition of Tim’s work currently is on display at the View Arts Center in Old Forge.

In addition to his artwork, For-

tune is known for being an untiring promoter of the Arts in the area and was instrumental in the founding and early years of the Adirondack Artists’ Guild and the monthly ArtWalks.

Running through Sept. 16, 2021, Abstract Adirondack is a weekly pop-up art gallery hosted in the gardens and on the porches of the Historic McClellan Cure Cottage in Saranac Lake, the home of painter / printmaker Deborah Geurtze and theatrical designer Michael Friedman. The exhibitions are held Thursday afternoons from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

On display are works by established and emerging artists: paintings and prints by Geurtze, sculptures by Sarah May of Walden and Joshua Ruder of Greenfield, Mass., abstract constructions and paintings by Fortune, paintings, prints and jewelry by Peter Bird of Saranac Lake, assemblage by William Evans of Jay and paintings and prints by George Dirolf of Loudonville, among others.
