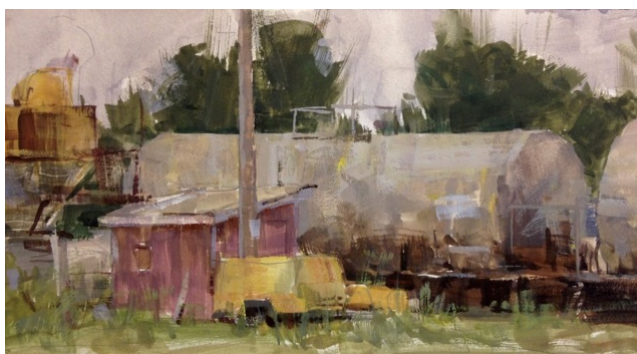




Meet Our Newest Artist, Tad Retz



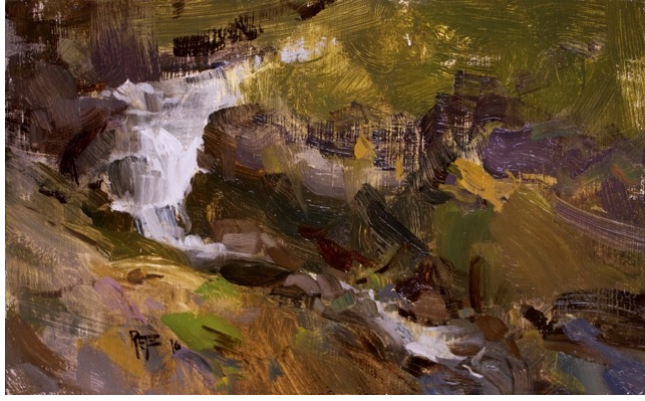
Cazenovia Artisans is thrilled to present the works of Taddeus Retz to our community. At twenty years old, he has developed a painting style that is identifiably his own. Providing a gallery setting for this young man is an honor for us. We have no doubt that he will soon be expanding his horizons.

Tad is a 2015 graduate of Fayetteville-Manlius High School. He has been painting for two years. Before that he was a sculptor, receiving the prestigious National Gold Key award for which he was invited to Carnegie Hall in New York City to accept. His training has involved studying with accomplished artists, attending classes at the college level, and intense independent study. "My studying takes the form of painting everyday, continuing my study of master's paintings, reading books by established artists, learning about their ideas and techniques. I feel that painting every day is the best schooling."

Tad began painting digitally while in high school. He spent much of his time studying old master's paintings, learning about color values, compositions, the bare bones of their paintings. He then started experimenting with oil and acrylic and found he was drawn to the surface texture he can achieve with paint. He developed an appreciation for the physical nature of traditional paintings. "I love how when I go to a museum, I can see what an artist created in his or her lifetime, and how it ages over time, how it appreciates over time". He is very drawn to old things. Tad at times still uses digital painting to edit and layer his traditional paintings. He now paints mainly in oil, acrylic, and watercolor.

Tad paints mostly "en plein air" (painting outdoors starting and finishing on location). "There are laws of nature I try to adhere to. I go into every painting with a set of 'rules' that pertain to color, values, composition. I try to create a painting that follows these rules. Painting every day is essential for me."

Cazenovia Artisans invites everyone to come in and see these original paintings by one of the new generation of fine artists. We strongly believe in this inspiring young man and are proud to include his work in our gallery.



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