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SUBJECT: The Owego Art Walk

DATE OF EVENT: August 4th from 5 to 10 p.m.

LOCATION: Downtown Owego, New York

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August is upon us and The First Friday Owego Art Walk kicks off the official last month of Summer with a variety of demonstrations, music and art! The Owego Art Walk uniquely showcases what our community is all about as merchants share what "Art" means to them!

Participants are encouraged to visit all of our participating locations throughout this **FREE** community event. Pick up an Art Walk Passport listing details of each location, collect stamps and enter to win prizes at the Art Walk Party.

First Friday Art Walk will be on August 4th from 5-8 P.M. The Art Walk Party picks up at 8:00 P.M., with prize drawing at 8:30 P.M., and live music until 10 P.M. Highlights for the August Art Walk include:

- **Outside on "The Deck" (200 Front Street)**
 - **Featured Deck Artist** – Tim Jackson from *Tim's Junk Art* will be bringing his very popular art to "The Deck". Working with upcycled tools, farm equipment and scrap metal Tim's work is whimsical and full of character! Tim will also be donating our GRAND PRIZE this month!
 - **LIVE MUSIC** – Bringing a touch of New Orleans style street jazz to Owego is the *Basin Street Jazz Band*, this 7 piece group is sure to fire up the crowds! Pull up a chair and listen, or don't be afraid to try your best dance moves! Basin Street Jazz Band is fun for the entire family!
- **Black Cat Gallery (190 Front Street)** - Presenting both Art and Live Music, Black Cat Gallery is a staple of the Owego Art Walk. Join local favorite Jim Overhiser and Friends as they entertain you along with featured textile artist, Donna Townsend.
- **Creative Joy (211 Main Street)** – This local favorite "make and take" shop will present the demonstration "Sea Shell Soy Candles". Michele Barnes will demonstrate how to make your own soy wax candles in a variety of containers including sea shells! A great way to make use of those seaside treasures you pick up on vacation!
- **Taste (186 Front Street)** – When one door closes, another opens! Taste will be shuttering its doors soon and transitioning to an online format! Before that happens, come have one last Taste during Art Walk, stock up on your favorites, and sample what we are cooking up for the future!
- **Tioga Arts Council (179 Front Street)** – "Midway upon the journey of our life / I found myself within a forest dark, / For the straightforward pathway had been lost." Thus begins, arguably, the greatest poem in Western literature, *The Divine Comedy*, by Dante Alighieri. Much like Dante, this month's artist at the Tioga Arts Council, Andrew N. Fitzsimmons, invites visitors to journey through his exhibit, *Dante's Vessels & Other Clay Works*, inspired by Part One of *The Divine Comedy: Inferno*.

- **Carol's Coffee and Art Bar (177 Front Street)** – Laura Monforte will be featured at Carol's this Art walk. After an early retirement, Laura has been drawn back to her art. With a renewal of her passion, she now finds herself lured by the fluidity of watercolors, and recently experimenting with colored pencils.
- **Art Palate (59 North Avenue)** – Artist and Proprietor Maren Michaels will be demonstrating the art of the "Quote Cuff Bracelet". Watch Maren demonstrate how to choose a quote, a word that inspires you or your favorite mantra and turn that into wearable art!
- **Gallery Forty-One (41 Lake Street)** – Arbitrary Collecting: 40 Years of Joy: The Conti-Cook Family Collection. Well known Owego residents Ellen Conti and Jack Cook have been avid art collectors for more than 40 years. The time has come to offer part of this eclectic collection to the public. Also on display is work from Gallery Forty-One featured member Judy Bjorkman. This local artist is self-taught, working with multimetal jewelry for over 30 years.
- **Original's Bar and Lounge (25 Lake Street)** – Turn your passports in HERE! ELIXIR returns to entertain at the Art Walk party! Live Music begins at 6pm with a prize drawing at 8:30pm. Marv Williams brings his ensemble back to Original's, playing a variety of classic blues tunes and original music from Marv! On the walls will be a return showing of work from artist Bess Greenberg.
- **Early Owego Antique Center (43-45 Lake Street)** - Vintage Fashions will take center stage on the second floor Mezzanine of the Early Owego Antique Center on Friday evening. This first ever fashion production by the Center will feature live models and narrated descriptions. Participating Dealers include Look Again Antiques, Bonnie Mae, Vintage Jewels and Second Chances, Liz H. and Forest Hill Antiques.
- **The Owego Kitchen (13 Lake Street)** – Musical duo Rob Weinberger and John Manfredi will be making a return appearance at the Owego Kitchen. As two of the areas most proficient musicians they play a variety of music sure to keep you entertained. Artist Stacey Burke will be displaying works of art from her popular classes "The Party Brush Experience."
- **Riverow Bookshop (187 Front Street)** – Introducing the third book of his most recent trilogy, "Reaping the Aurora", author Joshua Palmatier will be on hand to greet fans and sign copies of his most recent book. Palmatier, a prolific author, began writing science fiction, fantasy novels and short stories in the 8th grade. He is fast at work on his next trilogy.

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