

Wallkill River School Mission Statement

To cultivate art and creativity in individuals of all ages and to use art to strengthen our community and attract cultural tourism. This mission is accomplished by providing classes, exhibits, cultural forums, plein air painting opportunities on farms, open spaces, historic sites, and creative place-making projects throughout the region. Also to support artists by offering opportunities to teach, exhibit, mentor, and work with nationally-established artists.

We run a gallery representing 40 Orange County based artists featured in monthly exhibits, with an art leasing program, and apprenticeship program to encourage the next generation of emerging artists. We run an art school that offers fine art instruction for adults and children in painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, clay, and offers many regional artists the opportunity to teach their skill. We have been called "Orange County's first homegrown arts movement" by Hudson Valley Magazine and the Times Herald Record.