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Nigra Arts Center unveils 2018 Fiber, Textile Art and Quilt Show

Gloversville – The Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts is proud to announce the opening of its first-ever 2018 Fiber, Textile Art and Quilt Show. This celebration of fiber arts features a variety of works, including quilts, tapestries, felted wool sculptures, hooked rugs, textile installations, hand-woven fabrics, dyed silks, knitted clothing and more, from both contemporary artists and artists from previous generations. In addition to local craftspeople, this show features artists living in Rhode Island and Costa Rica.

More than 22 artists are exhibiting more than 50 pieces in this show. The featured artists include Susan Albanese, Liz Argotsinger, Cheryl Bielli, Doug Countryman, Judith Craddock, Deja Donde, Brenda Dwyer, Daniel V. Ehle, Eleanor Ehle, Katherine L. Ehle, Mary Jane Harford, Carol M. Hesselink, Alice Hudson, Janelle Krause, Kate Park, Kathie Raneri, Helen V. Riddle, Coty Rulison, Diane K. Seney, Lita Setchfield, Laurie Snell, Cecelia Tkaczyk, Toni Turner, Mikyle Woodward and Eileen Wrightsman. In addition, the show featured many more antique and handmade pieces loaned by local private collections.

This show will hang until January 9, 2019. Through the generous support of donors, the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts was able to offer awards and prizes to outstanding submissions in this show. Award winners were at the Meet the Artists Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony on Thursday, October 11. The first place “Best in Show” winner was “Lost and Being Found,” a wall hanging made of wool, mohair, cotton and industrial felt by Kate Park. The second place winner was “We Are the Dreamers,” a handwoven textile by Lita Setchfield. The third place winner was “Flowers Throughout the Seasons,” a hand-stitched quilt by Judith Craddock.

The public is welcome to view the artwork in the Nigra Arts Center’s Community Gallery throughout its run. The gallery is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 9

a.m. to noon. The admission fee for the gallery is \$5 per person. Members of the Nigra Arts Center, children under the age of 18 and artists who have work in the current show are exempt from the admission fee. The Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts is located at 2736 State Highway 30, Gloversville. For more information, please call (518) 661-9932 or visit www.pncreativeartscenter.org.

About the Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts:

The Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts is a beautiful, year-round arts center open to the community. It houses premium art venues, hosts fun family events and provides educational opportunities for persons of all ages and levels of ability. The Nigra Arts Center was founded in 2015 by Lexington, a chapter of the Arc New York, an accredited, award-winning provider of disability services, whose employees work tirelessly to support people with disabilities and believe that every person can achieve success and fulfillment.

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