

**The Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center to exhibit husband and wife art works
during the 3rd Annual Vassar Street Brew Fest.**

Richard Talcott and wife, Carol Swierzowski, are both talented artists living in Saugerties, NY. They will be on hand at the Arts Center September 24th while the 3rd Annual Vassar Street Brew Fest is going on under the big tent from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. They have often shown their works together, but have independent points of view and artistic expression, each approaching their art differently and their creative processes are reflected in their final products. Richard talks about the paint in this particular exhibit, “The juxtaposition of color, value and shape. I don’t set out to paint “things”...trees, buildings, roads, etc. Hopefully these elements develop out of the placement of the paint. I’ve essentially been painting “Nothing” for many years. There are no intended subjects in these works, they just evolve, unfold, and go where they go. They resolve into landscapes along the way.” Carol, on the other hand, describes her displays as “two diverse applications of creative exploration. The non-objective works represent an examination of balanced composition focusing on pure components that make up each work through color, shape, texture, and design. “ Richard Talcott was educated at the University of South Florida in Tampa, the Brooklyn Museum Art School in Brooklyn, NY and the Art Students League in NYC. He produces paintings, collages, assemblages, boxes, and sculptural works and has had showings of his creative endeavors in New York City and the Hudson Valley area. He describes his box art, which is displayed in the hall gallery at 9 Vassar Street, as deriving from much the same energy as his landscapes. According to Talcott, “They tend to formulate themselves and develop organically. Internal objects seem to end up where they want to be.”

Carol Swierzowski was educated at the Fashion Institute of Technology in NYC, Hunter College in NYC, School of Visual Arts in NYC and The Art Students League in NYC. Swierzowski says of her landscape-tree paintings, “[they] seek to achieve the same unifying organization, although realizing this by use of recognizable imagery. By observing nature from various seasons, weather conditions, and viewed angles, an integrated whole is achieved.”

These artists’ works can be viewed in the galleries of the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and by appointment now until October 14th. Richard Talcott will also be erecting one of his sculptures on the grounds of the Arts Center across from the theater building in October. For more information, call the Center’s Executive Director at 845 486-4571.