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Works by Karl Volk Featured for September In Downing Park Visitors Center



"TWO-WAY RIVER"

The September exhibit at the Visitors Center in Downing Park will feature the work of Poughkeepsie artist Karl Volk, and will include recent watercolors as well as some prints and collages. Volk's work reflects his imaginative personal approach to his art; innovative, fresh and thought-provoking.

A prolific artist, Volk says of his work, "Watercolor is my main medium, but I do other media as well, and each seems to call for a different part of me. In my watercolors, I try to be realistic but never totally so...collages might start with something I found on the street, or they might start with a theater sketch and I fill in the spaces with colored paper, crayons, watercolors or other media. Sometimes news events start me going."

Volk earned a B.A. from Brooklyn College when Mark Rothko, Bergoyn Diller, and Ad Reinhardt were on the faculty, and he studied painting and printmaking with Kurt Seligman. He attended NYU for his M.A., and then began a long career as an art teacher in the Poughkeepsie school system. During those years, Volk continued to study painting

and printmaking in workshops throughout the world.

Over the years, Volk's work has been exhibited widely in the northeast and in venues as far ranging as Taos, NM, Bethesda, MD, Washington, Texas, Wisconsin, and Slovenia.

The Visitors Center Gallery is located in the Shelter House in Downing Park, at Carpenter Avenue and Third Street in Newburgh. It is open daily from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The exhibit will run September 1 -30. The public is invited to meet the artist at an opening reception on Saturday, September 8, from 3 - 5 p.m. Call (845) 565-5559 for more information.