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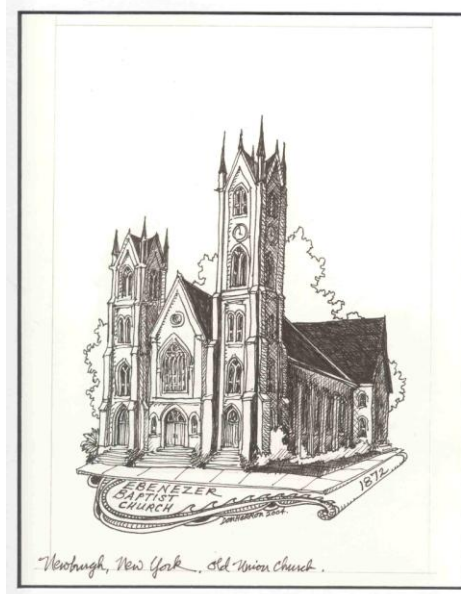
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Artwork by Local Artist Don Herron in City Hall through February

Through the month of February, visitors to City Hall at 83 Broadway can enjoy the architectural drawings of popular local artist and photographer Don Herron.

Don was born in Brenham, Texas, and studied at the University of Texas in Austin. After earning a Master of Fine Arts degree in painting in 1972, he moved to San Francisco where he became interested in the medieval custom of depicting saints in niches. Considering the bathtub a 20th century version of the niche (the daily ritual of self-cleansing), he started photographing people in their bathtubs. After concentrating primarily on fellow visual artists – painters, printmakers, and photographers - he eventually shifted his attention to photographing performing artists.



Largely self-taught as a photographer, his photographs have been shown in various galleries and museums in the United States and Europe. Herron moved to New York City in 1978. His paintings and photographs were part of New York City's East Village Art Movement of the late 1970's & 1980's and have been published in various magazines, including *The Village Voice*, *Flashart*, *Arts Magazine* (Germany & USA editions), *Art Forum*, *New York Magazine* & the *Drama Review*. His photographs were the subject of a featured article in the March 1995 French photography edition of *Art Therapy Magazine* (*Art Ed Therapie*).

Herron's work is included in the collections of the Chrysler Museum, NYNEX Corporate Collection, The Aldrich Museum, The Walter P. Chrysler Collection and the museums of the Universities of Texas, Louisiana, Toronto, and Bucknell. He has taught at the University of Texas, Castle Hill Art Center in Truro, Mass., and various other museums.

Herron appeared in the documentary film "Jackie Curtis" about the NYC playwright & performer. The film made its film debut in London at the National Film Theatre, then its U.S. debut at the Film Forum in NYC.

Participants in the annual Candlelight Tours sponsored by the Historical Society of Newburgh Bay and the Highlands have enjoyed Herron's sketches of local buildings in the tour brochures for many years. Many of these sketches are currently in the City Hall exhibit. Don has restored his own 1836 Newburgh townhouse on "Quality Row," one of the first American homes electrified by Thomas Edison himself.

In addition to his photography, artwork, and appearances on the silver screen, Don has written weekly columns from his unique perspective on the City of Newburgh and on life in general for local newspapers, and has produced a CD of his short stories.

The artwork by Don Herron in City Hall is available for sale as is his spoken word CD. For more information, please contact Mary McTamaney at The Newburgh Heritage Center, 569-8090 or newburghhistory@usa.com.