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Art out of the woods and on main street

By **ROBIN CAUDELL** Press-Republican, **July 3, 2014**

AUSABLE FORKS — The Windows Gallery hosts a trio of unexpected "Pop-up Exhibits" curated by Karla Oehler at the Tahawus Center in AuSable Forks.

The first exhibit, "Glazed and Confused, The Adventures of Cobalt Blue," opens at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 10.

Tahawus Center owners Rebecca Kelly and Craig Brashear have known Oehler for a while. Oehler is now the proprietor of Tea Time Antiques in AuSable Forks.



"It's like a gallery and a museum," Kelly said. "It's something very special about Karla. She's a font of knowledge. She's interested in every item that passes through her door. She researches it. She has a goal and is working toward a collection for a future museum."

New Yorkers Brashear and Kelly are conversant with out-of-the-box usage of real estate. When paired with the creativity of a person like Oehler, well, splendid things pop up.

"This summer, we want to reveal what is happening inside the community, so they can enjoy it," Oehler said. "We want the art world and community to engage in these innovative projects."

In "Glazed and Confused," Oehler will present blue-themed items of interest from around the world.

"And across time shows trade routes," Kelly said. "East and West are joined. She finds that very fascinating. She had a somewhat international childhood. She loves to reveal how cultures affect each other."

One of the cobalt-blue dishes originated in Iran.

"She has a piece of ceramic from Japan that became very popular in England, and then became popular in Japan again when they learned more about a color system and design," Kelly said.

The second exhibit, "Terracotta, The Story of Baked Earth," opens July 17 and explores 40,000 years of red-clay firings from sacred objects to sewer pipes.

The last exhibit, "Prayer Beads, How Everyone Counts Their Blessings," opens July 31.

"Karla is going to be putting these things out on various tables," Kelly said. "They are not distanced by glass and frames and are to be learned hands-on. She has a wealth of information and loves pursuing and following where things are from and how they got here, and what they were doing with them versus what we are doing with them. It takes you on a geographical adventure in town."

Each exhibit has an ancillary program happening upstairs in the Cloudsplitter Studio.

On July 10, the Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) hosts the inaugural meeting of the Regional Arts Trail.

"We're all about innovative and new," Kelly said. "It's an opportunity for artists to come together."

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IF YOU GO WHAT: "Pop-up Exhibits" curated by Karla Oehler. WHEN: 5:30 to 8 p.m. July 10, 17 and 31. WHERE: The Windows Gallery, Tahawus Center, 14234 Main St., AuSable Forks. http://www.pressrepublican.com/0500_what_to_do/x1927837825/Art-out-of-the-woods-and-on-main-street