

Laurie Sucharda artist in residence at CCC

Cedarburg — Port Washington artist Laurie Sucharda will be the artist in residence at the Cedarburg Cultural Center this month. Sucharda, a longtime member of the Cedarburg Artists Guild, studied studio art and psychology at Ripon College and received a Masters of Science in art therapy from Mount Mary College,

Sucharda creates mixed media pieces, paintings and incredible "altarpieces."

Sucharda said a lifelong desire of how to make things provided her with experience using a variety of media that she incorporates as needed to paint her pieces.

"As an artist I often use the words 'I paint,' but, I would perhaps be better served by turning art into a verb and saying 'I art' when describing how I work and the materials I use," she said.

"During the past few years, in addition to my paintings, I have been making mixed media works which I refer to as altarpieces. Part painting and part sculpture, I use the altarpiece as a form to teach, tell stories and elevate my subject matter, reveal its importance."



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She said her recent altarpieces have focused on ecological themes.

"Issues with the environment, and exploring humans' affect on nature and vice versa," she said.

Sucharda has exhibited in numerous venues throughout the state and has won a number of awards, including "Best of Show, First Place Sculpture" in Beyond the Canvas, held by the Milwaukee Artists Resource Network in 2010.

Sucharda will demonstrate her work at the CCC on the following dates:

- Today, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Nov. 10: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Nov. 17: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Nov. 23: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

There is no charge to come watch, meet the artist, and learn about her techniques.

Sucharda will also hold a special workshop, "Capture a Memory" from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 19. The workshop guides students in creating and assembling a small altarpiece using memory as inspiration. Cost of the workshop is \$33 for CCC members and \$36 for non-members. Most supplies are included.