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the artists at the Barryville Arts in the Park showcase were, from the left, Annette Fedorka of Reflected Fire of Port Jervis, Anthony Biancovisco of The Studios, Barryville, Barbara Consentino of Barryville and Kim Lust of Pottery of Glen Spey.

Barryville artists show their wares

BY SUE LEBAR

BARRYVILLE — On May 30, the Barryville Area Arts Association held its annual Arts in the Park at the Springhouse Community Center in Barryville, with over 20 artists showing off their crafts and wares.

A local art show displayed a variety of jewelry and hand made items. There was a wide selection for people to choose from.

About this art show together with other local artists could show off their talents and, as you can see, there is a lot of talent here today," said Kim Lust, one of the event's organizers. "We are having another art show these events in July and August. Looking forward to having more artists from Sullivan County Potters here and they are remarkable. It is great that we can put a show like this to show the public how much local talent is

right here in our hometown."

Vendors are currently being sought for the July event and anyone interested in participating can do so by e-mailing Kim Lust at kim@kimlustpottery.com

CAS presents Summer Members Show

LIVINGSTON MANOR — The Catskill Art Society (CAS) Arts Center presents the first ever Summer Members Show, running from June 26-July 18. The opening reception will be held on Saturday, June 26 from 5-7 p.m. Following the reception, the gallery will be open its usual hours, Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

CAS Arts Center is located at 48 Main Street in Livingston Manor and is wheelchair accessible. For info call 436-4227 or visit catskillartsociety.org

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June 18 —Happy birthday to Jenna Berman and Revi Haviv both celebrating on 6/19.

Continuing with the family history of Sonia Pressman Fuentes. After joining their son Hermann in Antwerp, Mr. Pressman considered several businesses in various countries, but nothing panned out. One day when reading a Yiddish newspaper Mr. Pressman saw an ad about ships sailing to America. Their passports were Polish, since Poland was their country of origin, they met the quota and were able to immigrate in 1934.

The Pressman family started in The Bronx and in 1935 took a vacation to the Catskills and moved to Woodridge where they operated a *kokhaleyn* (rooming house) for five years. They first rented rooms at The Welcome Inn owned by the Gorelikoff family which was located on Broadway. The Pressman's *kokhaleyn* was also on Broadway across from Krieger's Garage. Sonia vividly recalls going across the street to the Yonkers' farm, container in hand, to get milk so fresh that she could still see the bubbles that formed on top.

Some of Sonia's friends were Jeanne Becker, Shirley Prager and Lottie Proyect. Mrs. Elliott was her third grade teacher, she was the teacher's pet and was allowed to sit with Mrs. Elliott while she graded papers. Sonia remembers the principal, Mr. McKiernan, who was nice to her. He invited Mrs. Pressman to speak at the school to talk about the family's immigration to the United States.

In 1941 they purchased 50 acres of land on Route 42 in Monticello from the Gusars. There they built a bungalow colony with 25 bungalows, the family home, a handball court, swimming pool and general

store. They named it Pine Tree Bungalow Colony. After Sonia graduated MHS in 1946, the Pressmans sold the colony for \$125,000.

Sonia helped her parents with the operation of the *kokhaleyn* and the bungalow colony by drafting the rental contracts for the rooms and bungalows. She was an avid reader; wrote the Prophecy for the 1946 Monti, the Monticello High Yearbook; had a leading role in the senior play, "The Whole Town's Talking"; was a member of the Legio Romana, a social club for those studying Latin; was a member of the National Junior Honor Society and was on the Broadcasting Squad, which made announcements over the school public address system.

After Sonia's first year of law school, the summer of '55, she went to Ellenville to work as a secretary at the law office of Ethel and Joe Kooperman in The Wayside Inn. The Koopermans were family friends since 1936 as well as the family's attorneys.

Sonia has been back to this area several times over the years, for her 50th class reunion, the 100th anniversary of MHS and at the second conference of the Catskills Institute. She has never lost her good feelings for the community and it was good to hear Sonia state that her time here was a significant part of her life.

For more information you can read her book, "Eat First-You Don't Know What They'll Give You, The Adventures of an Immigrant Family and Their Feminist Daughter." You can also check her website www.erraticimpact.com/fuentes, see excerpts of her work on www.themuseumoffamilyhistory.com, or google Sonia Pressman Fuentes.

