

## **"DISCOVERING THE ACTOR" INAUGURATES 2013 COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS AT ARTS ON THE LAKE**

Actor/teacher Lora Lee Ecobelli will inaugurate the 2013 Community Workshops at Arts on the Lake, 640 Route 52, Lake Carmel, with "Discovering the Actor Inside" on Sunday, January 13, 3-5 pm.

"These monthly workshops in the various arts are offered to the community at nominal charge (\$5 for the general public, free to students) to expand participation in all the arts," said Executive Director James Shearwood.

Open to all levels of experience, "Discovering the Actor" will include will include exercises, games, improvisations and made-up dialogues in an effort to achieve lively and truthful acting.

"The only requirement for the workshop is wear comfortable clothes and have a willingness to play," said Ecobelli.

An actress with wide experience off and on Broadway, Ms. Ecobelli is also co-writer and producer with brother Tom Ecobelli of the feature film "Chickadee," starring Oscar and Emmy winning actors Chris Cooper, Julie Kavner, Ellen Burstyn and International Italian star Raoul Bova.

With Peggity Price, Ms. Ecobelli is a co-director of the Blue Horse Repertory Company, which has been leading classes at the Arts Center for several years and plans a production of the works of Tennessee Williams in April.

With additional funding from the NYS Council on the Arts and the Putnam County Arts Fund, the Community Workshop Program offered "Calligraphy," "Drawing a Face," "Using a Digital Camera," "Writing the Publishable Story" and "Playing the Ukulele" at Arts on the Lake in 2012.

"Although 2013 is still in development," said Shearwood, "we have scheduled 'Making a Felted Bowl' for February 10 and 'Writing Memoir' for April 7."

Participants for Sunday's Acting Workshop should register at rsvp@artsonthelake.org or (845) 228-2685.

More information on all Arts on the Lake programs is available at <u>www.artsonthelake.org</u>.

###