

## Albany Center Gallery and Lark Street Mercantile present: The Mercantile at ACG

A collaboration to continue supporting local artists through extended creative opportunities

**Starting December 2021**, a selection of local artisan's creations are on display for sale in the front windows of Albany Center Gallery's Downtown location. Albany Center Gallery is excited to announce the collaboration with Lark Street Mercantile to create **The Mercantile at ACG**. The shop features a selection of finely crafted goods from local artists and makers available for purchase during their visit to the Gallery. The goal of this partnership is to further strengthen the creative economy through collaboration, as well as support local artists via extended opportunities. The hope is to also connect the Downtown Albany and Lark Street neighborhoods through art, giving the community as a whole... "more art everywhere!" Come visit the Gallery after the start of December to see (and shop!) at The Mercantile at ACG.

"Albany Center Gallery is thrilled that Tamara from Lark Street Mercantile was on board with reimagining the store at ACG in a way that is a mutual partnership for each of us, as well as for the local artists through providing opportunities. ACG's mission as a non-profit is to support and promote local artists through whatever creative means possible. We were worried we would have to close ACG's retail store element due to the pandemic and our lack of bandwidth. The collaboration with Lark Street Mercantile is a way for us to keep the opportunity going and combine our innovative minds to continue supporting the local creative economy in all the ways we are capable. We are excited to see the rotating display of art that will soon fill The Mercantile at ACG and hope others are excited too!" said Karina Wojnar, Membership & Development Manager at Albany Center Gallery.

Tamara, Owner of Lark Street Mercantile and Artist Jovilla White, shared "I was excited and honored when Karina asked me about collaborating to help facilitate their store at the gallery. Albany Center Gallery is such an important organization in our community, continually growing their reach in promoting and supporting our artists. This partnership makes so much sense and will enable us to expand beyond our walls to additional artists, makers, and community members in the area."

In true definition of collaboration, Lark Street Mercantile is also offering customers the option to donate to ACG at check-out, as well as selling Albany Center Gallery branded merchandise at their Lark Street location.

If artists are interested in being future vendors at either the ACG or Lark St location, they can visit [www.larkstmercantile.com/store/vendor-opportunities](http://www.larkstmercantile.com/store/vendor-opportunities)

The Mercantile at ACG is looking for a corporate sponsor to cover needed development expansion and marketing expenses. If you or your business is interested in hearing more and joining the collaboration, please contact Karina at [kwojnar@albanycentergallery.org](mailto:kwojnar@albanycentergallery.org) or call 518-462-4775.



## ALBANY CENTER GALLERY + LARK STREET MERCANTILE

### **Albany Center Gallery**

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### **Lark Street Mercantile**

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Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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