

## Town of Ossining Mural

Westchester Arts Council Municipal Challenge Grant  
Commissioned by The Town of Ossining,  
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“This project started as a commission for a Hudson River painting. I wanted to create a work which would have deep meaning for the residents of the Town, and met with members of the Town Board to discuss how I could better serve the Town with this project.

The work is a triptych: each panel represents one of the three parts of the Town. It is meant to be a ‘visual’ of what the Town of Ossining is, the three parts.

Rather than emphasizing the past, the focus became what we have now: *this is your Town*. The parks became the theme. The Town of Ossining has 134 acres of parkland. They are an “oasis” for everyone regardless of income, social standing, or background. I endeavored to portray the beautiful vistas of the parks, or residents enjoying their parks.

The arch motif alludes to the Aqueduct and double arch in the Village of Ossining. I am also using the arch as a symbol of strength, linking the three parts of the Town, as the arch is a strong architectural engineering element. The faux stone represents Ossining granite, again, another reference to strength.”

Anne Johann

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