

the nostalgia as he told us about the different members of the community depicted on the mural. What an interesting and full day we had. The sensibility of the community to the arts is apparent throughout the city. It seems to be an excellent place for creativity to flourish.

Meanwhile, I came back East to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Studio for YOHO Artists Studios located in Yonkers in the former Alexander Smith Carpet Mill and now for many years studio space for some 55 + artists and art related professionals. George Huang is the owner/manager of what he hopes will become a Center for the Arts. When I asked George if he was an artist he smiled and said, "This (as he waved his hand to include the entire space) is my art." For the past number of years George and a group of "tenants" have been working to this end. I have visited several times and each time there is something new. Recently they opened a Community

I could hardly believe the number of gorgeous pianos spread over several rooms of **Craftsman Piano**, a full-service piano restoration facility that specializes in Steinway, Mason, and Hamlin pianos. Owner **Joe Hanerfeld** treated me to a brief concert on a Rosewood Steinway D, 1886. It is one of the most beautiful pianos I have seen and has a hand rubbed satin finish and a price tag of \$120,000.00. I video-taped quite a bit of my tour and will make a short movie and post it on our website and YouTube in the next few weeks.

I was pleased to get to see **Alex Kveton's** prints and **Jeffrey Milstein's** photographs at **Oriole 9** in **Woodstock, NY**. Alex, a well-known and highly accomplished sculptor, has recently explored printmaking. **Raymond J. Steiner** has written an introduction to Alex's soon-to-be-published monograph. Jeffrey Milstein's photographs are quite extraordinary and a recent monograph entitled *Cuba* has just been released. It is a



George Huang, manager (forefront) outside YOHO Artists studios housed in the former Alexander Smith Carpet Mill, Yonkers, NY



Outside the Bell Mattress Factory, Ventura, CA.

**Gallery Space** where tenants can have exhibitions. Every other month there is a **Gallery Night** with discussions and classes offered. I wandered throughout the several floors and sections talking with many of the artists who heartily expressed how much they enjoy working in the space. "It is like camp," one artist told me. Tenants are respectful of each other's privacy and at the same time available for socializing and helping one another.

beautiful little book with exquisite photographs "portraits" of Cuba.

Several new galleries have come to my attention in the last few months. **A.R.T.S (ARTISTS READY TO SELL)** is a gallery and marketplace in **Croton Falls, NY** whose focus is to exhibit and sell an extensive range of original works of art. It was founded by artists **Dyan Rosenberg, Carol Carpentieri, Phyllis Smith, Alex Tureaud, Marjie Kern and Suzanne Ashley**, all local residents of

**Croton Falls. The gallery will feature paintings, sculpture, pottery, photography, fiber art, jewelry, artist made/ designed clothing and furniture. A.R.T.S. operates through renting display and sale space to vetted artists and artisans. Dyan Rosenberg said: "My hope is that the gallery becomes a 'clubhouse' for artists and patrons alike and provides a space for the exchange of ideas. We hope the public will join us for wine and cheese between 3-6 pm on the first Saturday of every month." Artists interested in joining this venture should call 914 276-2209 or take a look at; www.arts6gallery.com**

**Karen Whitman and Richard Pantell** have opened their own gallery, **Bearsville Graphics Studio Gallery**, at 68 Tinker Street, in **Woodstock, NY**. In addition to showing their own prints and paintings, they will be exhibiting the works of prominent printmakers **William Behnken, Michael Di Cerbo, Steven Hazard, Bill Murphy, Carol Wax**, and ceramic artist **Randi Martin Kish**. Periodic theme exhibitions, lectures, demonstrations, and concerts will be announced.

The **Martin Lerner Gallery** was founded in the spring of 2010 in **Roxbury, New York** in the Catskill Mountains with the mission "of promoting, collecting, and preserving great works of art that recognize and reflect diversity and the many different forms of expression and viewpoints

in our contemporary world. The Gallery will reach out to its audiences through innovative exhibitions and shows in the spirit of conveying a sense of and encouraging participation, appreciation and understanding of art on all levels through different artistic mediums and styles." The **Grand Opening** will be Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> with celebration from noon till 8pm. Take a look at their site at [www.martinlernergallery.com](http://www.martinlernergallery.com) where you will find additional information not only about the gallery but the inns, restaurants and resorts in and around Roxbury, NY.

In my April online **Culturally Speaking Column** I posted several videos: **The Concert at Kaatsbaan International Dance Center, Tivoli, NY** and the **Chili Bowl Fiesta**, a fundraiser for the **Women's Studio Workshop** in **Rosendale, NY**. Take a look. They give a flavor of the events and Hollywood filmmakers should have no fear of competition. Take a look at our ever-evolving website [www.arttimesjournal.com](http://www.arttimesjournal.com) and while you're online become a facebook fan of **ART TIMES**. Use this page to let us know about the things you're doing. Soon to come (when I learn how to do it) is a blog form our Editor **Raymond J. Steiner**. Here you can read his **Peeks and Piques!** and other thoughts he has.

See you out and about and be sure to say hello.



(L) Alex Kveton, printmaker & sculptor, with Rick Pantell, master printmaker, (R) Jeffrey Millstein, photographer, with Lenny Kislin, curator at their exhibits at Oriole 9, Woodstock, NY