The MAC Showcases “Young At Art”

Join us to view an amazing kaleidoscope of sculpture, painting, drawing and mixed media, including art from local classrooms across the region, as well as individual entries. “Young At Art” showcases the creative work of nearly 600 young people from New London County and Westerly, Rhode Island.

“Young At Art” gives children and teens the opportunity to hang their artwork in a professional gallery setting among the work of their peers. The exhibition is sponsored by Dominion, Steamboat Inn and the family of Lil Maxwell.

February 25 - March 24
Opening reception: Saturday, February 25, 1pm – 3pm

SELF - IMAGE

Traditional and Non-Traditional Self-Portrait   April 5 – May 19, 2012

Self-image has fascinated humans since they first gazed at their own reflection in a pool of water. What do artists find when they look into the mirror? Since self-image is transformative and continually changing, conceptualizing a version of the self and expressing it through art is an exercise that places numerous demands on the artist.

The exhibition “Self-Image: Traditional and Non-Traditional Self-Portrait” allows for endless possibilities as both artists and viewers engage in the exploration of personal identity with art as the departure point. Artists use various media and techniques to express self-image by delving into memory, consciousness, culture, gender and other influences.

For information on how to submit your work, visit our website at www.mysticarts.org or flip to the back of the newsletter. Photography will not be included in the show.

Opening reception: Thursday, April 5, 5:30pm – 7pm
Dear Members,

Here it is, 2012, and the Mystic Arts Center is in its 99th year — and, to think next year, 2013, the MAC will be in the midst of its Centennial celebration! It’s an amazing milestone for the community, which has supported our organization through the years.

The MAC has evolved into a highly regarded arts center open year round seven days a week, except between shows. The art classes, once held in the galleries, are now held in the Katherine Tod Johnstone education wing, a space solely dedicated to teaching and creating art. There is much to celebrate. We will be setting the stage for the Centennial at this year’s summer fundraiser, Friday, July 27. You can expect the same great event as always but with things changed up a bit to highlight the MAC’s 99th year. So, save the date!

We are grateful to the Connecticut Humanities Council for providing a grant that will help us begin planning for the Centennial Exhibition. Our Centennial Curator, Noelle King, has been busy researching and contacting other art institutions for our theme, “Mystic as Muse.”

You can begin to participate in the celebration now by purchasing a personalized brick for the Centennial Brick Walkway. Call or visit our website for more information.

This spring, the ever popular “Young At Art” returns on February 25 with its annual display of hundreds of incredible pieces of art from children from all over the region. In April, our annual open juried show has an interesting theme: “Self-Image.” Maureen McCabe, a renowned artist and art professor at Connecticut College for 40 years, will be the juror.

This spring, the MAC continues its popular “Art After Dark” series as well as new classes and programs listed in this issue for you to explore.

We also begin the new year with two new employees; Barbara Lipsche has been hired as the new Marketing Coordinator and Andrea Frickman as the new Development Manager. As sorry as we are to see Athena Yannitsas go in pursuit of a new opportunity, we are thrilled to have Barbara and Andrea on board. So, please stop by, introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

And think spring!

Karen Barthelson
Executive Director
Welcome, New Staff Members!

At the end of 2011, Director of Development & Public Relations, Athena Yannitsas, accepted a new position at a wine software company in Westerly, Rhode Island. We wish Athena success in her new endeavor and are pleased to announce the addition of two new part-time members to our staff in 2012.

Andrea Frickman, Development Manager, was Assistant Director of Development for A Different September Foundation at Boston University and the former Grants Administrator for Chelsea Public Schools. Andrea oversees individual, corporate and foundation giving, as well as grants and other fundraising initiatives.

Barbara Lipsche, Marketing Coordinator, has held marketing-related roles at Connecticut Landmarks and most recently New London Main Street. Barbara is responsible for advertising, media relations, website content, social media networking, newsletters and other communications initiatives.

Are You the Next Greeter or Photographer for the MAC?

Volunteers are needed to staff our main entry and to take photos of events at the MAC. Receptionists work a weekly three hour weekday shift. For those who relish learning more about the MAC, meeting new people, and are comfortable as the “front line” for the organization, this position could be perfect.

If you have experience in photography, consider our on-call photographer position. An individual with some experience in shooting “people pictures” is sought for occasional day and nighttime programs and events. Fill out a volunteer application, available on our web site, or call Dawn at 860.536.7601 x209.

Make Your Mark at the MAC

The Mystic Arts Center invites you to become a permanent, visible part of its history and landscape. To celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2013, the Mystic Arts Center is selling customized bricks to raise funds for a paved, 1,000 square-foot riverfront walkway as a permanent monument to mark the historic occasion.

With a tax-deductible donation of only $100 per brick, individuals and businesses can purchase a personalized, all-clay, brick inscribed with three lines of text, with up to sixteen letters per line. Order your tax-deductible brick online through our secure website, www.mysticarts.org (go to Brick Fundraiser section), or by visiting the Mystic Arts Center and filling out an order form.

Within two weeks of purchasing a brick, your personalized brick inscription will be posted on our website until the walkway is constructed in 2013. Engraved bricks will be installed on a first come-first serve basis, based on the date of your original order. Once the walkway is completed in 2013, the Mystic Arts Center will hold a dedication ceremony celebrating the walkway’s inauguration.

Parking Lot Is Now Fully Automated

Effective January 10, 2012, the Mystic Arts Center converted its parking lot to a fully automated system whereby the patron swipes a credit, debit, or access card when entering and exiting the lot.

For the first five months of this conversion, the MAC has kept the attendants on site from 9:30am – 10pm to provide assistance to the community while transitioning to the new system. The attendants will still be on site to help with parking for special events.

Each entrance and exit lane has a customer service button to call for assistance or in the case of emergencies. Calls will be transferred to an answering service when the MAC is closed.

Revenues from the parking lot go toward maintaining the parking lot. The MAC portion of the revenues help to support the arts in our community by subsidizing MAC education classes, exhibitions and public programs.

For more information, please contact Andrea Frickman, Development Manager, at 860.536.7601 x203 or email at development@mysticarts.org.
Annual Members Exhibition Awards

**Overall Excellence**
Randie Kahr, *Generations*, Oil
Marilyn McShane Levine, *Deep Silence*, Photography (Above)

**Stonington Frame Shop Award**
Roger Beers, *The Meeting*, Oil

**Honorable Mention**
Gregory Bowerman, *Gracie Lou in the Tour d’France*, Oil
Craig Masten, *Birds Migrating*, Watercolor

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### 2012 Exhibition Calendar

#### January 13 – February 18
- Annual Members Exhibition
- Solo Sculpture Exhibition with Gil Boro
- Selections from the Permanent Collection

#### February 25 – March 24
- Young At Art
  - Opening Reception: Saturday, February 25 1pm – 3pm

#### April 5 – May 19
- Self Image: Traditional and Non-Traditional Self-Portrait
- The Elected Artists
- Selections from the Permanent Collection
  - Opening Reception: Thursday, April 5 5:30pm – 7pm

#### May 25 – July 14
- Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts 101st Annual Juried Show
- Selections from the Permanent Collection
  - Opening Reception: Thursday, June 7 6pm – 8pm

#### August 2 – September 22
- The 56th Regional Juried Exhibition
- William Butcher Solo Exhibition
  - Opening Reception: Thursday, August 9 5:30pm – 7pm

#### September 28 – November 10
- Selections from the Permanent Collection
- Rosenfeld Collection from Mystic Seaport
- Photo Show 34
  - Opening Reception: Thursday, October 4 5:30pm – 7pm

#### November 16 – December 29
- Holiday Art Show & Artisan Gift Salon
- Winter Art Gala: Friday, November 16 6pm – 8pm
**Art After Dark Returns in Spring**

Stave off the last of that winter chill at this popular family event, combining live music with live art. Rock out on the patio of the MAC while local musicians entertain and featured artists create new pieces. Enjoy pizza, beer and other refreshments.

**Tuesday, April 17, 6pm – 8:30pm**
Music by Green Tea and live art (artist TBA)

**Tuesday, May 15, 6pm – 8:30pm**
Music by John Fries and live art by Chris Fiftal

**Tuesday, June 19, 6pm – 8:30pm**
Music by Eric Ducoff Band and live art (artist TBA)

*Tickets at the door: Members $10/Public $12
Children 5 & under free/ Children 6 –12 $2
Season passes: all six events for just $55
Call 860.536.7601 x205 for more information*

**Hidden Treasures Film Screening**

Discussion & Reception with Director, Alexandra Isles

Every year, millions of people visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art, but how many are able to find the secrets and powers hidden in the works of art? Museum staff, who spend their days restoring, guarding, moving, cleaning and teaching about the art, reveal some of the magic they have discovered. The fourteen interviews include personal stories about Rembrandt’s *Self-Portrait*, Ingres’s *Princess de Broglie*, illuminated Medieval manuscripts, and more.

**Thursday, March 22, 6:15pm – 8:30pm**
Members $5 / Public $7 / Students with ID Free

**Bus Trip to The Cloisters and Metropolitan Museum of Art**

Join fellow art trekkers from the MAC and Lyman Allyn Art Museum to explore two New York City gems: The Cloisters and Metropolitan Museum of Art. Take a guided tour of The Cloisters museum and gardens then explore the Metropolitan with an introduction by Thayer Tolles, Associate Curator of American Sculpture, and Clinton Standart, Egyptian Specialist in the Education Department. Lunch on your own in the Met’s café or nearby restaurants. We’ll leave the afternoon free for self-guided tours of the expansive galleries. The bus boards promptly at 4pm.

To reserve your space, call 860.536.7601 x209 by March 19. Bus departs from and returns to the parking lot of Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams Street, New London.

**Wednesday, April 4, 7:45am – 7pm**
$75 Lyman Allyn and MAC Members/$90 Public (includes bus travel, museum admission and tour)

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**Mystic Art in the Evening**

Each month, enjoy new art in a lively local gallery scene at MAC and throughout downtown Mystic.

*“Young At Art” Exhibition*
**Thursday, March 1, 6pm – 8pm**

*“Self-Image: Traditional and Non-Traditional Self-Portrait” and “The Elected Artists.” Local cosmetologists will be on hand to beautify you.*

*Opening Reception: Thursday, April 5, 6pm – 8pm*

Meet and talk with the artists of “Self-Image” and “The Elected Artists.”
**Thursday, May 3, 6pm – 8pm**

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**Save the Date for MAC Annual Meeting**

Food and wine will be served. Speaker to be announced.
**Wednesday, April 25, 5:30pm**
Tickets: $15. RSVP to 860.536.7601 x205 by April 22
The Mystic Arts Center recently honored the life of longtime member, artist and friend Pamela J. Nelson, who passed away November 1, 2011. During “A Celebration of Life,” held for Pam at the MAC, friends, relatives and fellow artists remembered the life and work of a woman who was kind, giving and exceptionally talented.

Pam’s roles as artist, friend, mother, wife and teacher made her a beloved asset to the community. Her aspirations as an artist began at an early age and led to her incessant desire to hone her craft, first, at the University of Connecticut, and, later, at several workshops and classes studying with notable instructors like Lou Bonamarte, Charles Reid, Betty Lou Schlemm and Barbara Nechis, among others.

Pam taught watercolor classes for over fifteen years at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum in New London and provided private art instruction at her studio in Gales Ferry. Her artistic inspiration came from some of her favorite painters, such as, Georgia O’Keefe, Edward Hopper and Winslow Homer. She shared her passion for art with her family and friends, showing a collection of her work with art done by her family in 2005 at the Hoxie Gallery in the Westerly Public Library.

The exhibit, titled “Related Arts,” displayed a variety of mediums from handcrafted furniture made by her son, stained glass and photography by her sister, to paintings and poetry by her daughter and grandchildren.

Pam was an elected artist of the MAC since 1984 and her artwork was shown in several venues, including the Mystic Arts Center, Lyman Allyn Art Museum, Vangarde Gallery and Essex Art Association. It was also featured in regional publications, such as the Mystic River Press, The Day, and the Norwich Bulletin. Her work lives on in commercial and private collections and will also be added to the MAC permanent collection.

Pam leaves a lasting imprint on the MAC. Not only was Pam a dedicated and talented artist, but she was also one of the nicest people you’d ever meet. She always had a smile on her face and was more interested in hearing about you than in talking about herself. She was a ray of sunshine that will be greatly missed. When it came to art and life itself, Pam’s close friend and fellow artist, Janice DiBattista, described her best saying, “There’s nothing she couldn’t do.” And we agree.

Those interested in contributing to the Pam Nelson Memorial Fund may send a check to the Mystic Arts Center at 9 Water Street, Mystic, CT, 06355.
A New Face in Education

Do you think you know the MAC? Not if you haven’t been to a class in a few months. Over our December break, the education staff, along with three dedicated volunteers, refreshed the KTJ studios and lobby with new coats of colorful paint. Thanks go to Chloe Beal, Phil Clark and Charles Reyburn for their help. In addition to our new look, we’re happy to introduce new faculty and guest teachers this spring:

Sheila Barbone earned her BFA at Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts. She is inspired by the landscapes of coastal Connecticut and urban areas and paints in a representational abstraction style. This spring she will teach Urban Landscape.

Frank Federico is a member of prestigious organizations, such as the Pastel Society of America, the New England Watercolor Society and the National Watercolor Society. Frank will be teaching his Painterly Pastels Masters Workshop this spring.

Brenda De Los Santos graduated from Boston University with a major in Photojournalism and has worked with daily newspapers including the Norwich Bulletin, The Day and The New Britain Herald. This spring, she will teach Digital Photography for the College Art Prep Program, as well as Digital Photography I.

Matthew Ferrer is a recent graduate of the School of Visual Arts in New York. He has been teaching in the studio and galleries at Florence Griswold Museum since 2009, in addition to exhibiting his own work regionally. At the MAC, he is teaching Outreach Programs.

Kelli Folsom is a graduate of the Lyme Academy and has taught at the Lyme Art Association. Her work has won awards, including recently a “Best in Show” at Lyme Art Association. Look for her Art Sampler class, Still Life in Oil, and her series, Mastering the Dramatic Still Life, this spring.

Rachel LaMarco is also a graduate of the Lyme Academy and she also holds an MS in Elementary Education. During the school year, she teaches in Groton Public Schools, but during summers, she enjoys teaching in regional summer camps. Rachel brings her talents to our summer art camps this year.

Gideon Lowenstein has run his own design business in addition to teaching for many years. He earned his Masters in Design from the University of Connecticut and has taught at the University of Rhode Island, F.I.T., Marymount College, RISD, and UMass Amherst. Check out his Art Sampler, Interior Design, this spring, as well as his class, Interior Design: Home Solutions.

Katie Ziskind is our new teacher for the unique program, Yoga and Art. Katie is certified through Yoga Alliance, teaches at Yoga Shala and teaches children’s yoga at various regional organizations. Look for her classes this spring at the MAC.

Planning a Social or Corporate Event?

Make your next event a masterpiece at the Mystic Arts Center, a unique venue for weddings, parties, cocktail receptions and corporate meetings.

- Over 3,000 square feet of sky-lit gallery space
- 2,200 square feet of outdoor terraces with full electrical capabilities for music and catering
- On-site parking (up to 60 reserved spaces)
- Air conditioning, handicapped accessibility and a full kitchen

Facility rental is also available to nonprofit, educational and community groups.

To create an affair to remember at the Mystic Arts Center contact Gretchen Higgins at 860.536.7601 x205 or e-mail events@mysticarts.org.
To register call 860.536.7601 x213

**STUDIO ART SAMPLERS**

Experiment with variety of media and new techniques to find out what really inspires you. Materials fee is included in tuition. Mondays, 6:30pm – 9pm
$30 per session

**Still Life in Oil**  
**Kelli Folsom – New Faculty!**  
Learn practical tips, basic design, and color theory for painting small still lifes.  
Monday, April 9

**Interior Design**  
**Gideon Loewenstein, ASID – New Faculty!**  
Gain knowledge of basic interior design principles and analyze room layouts. Class includes a slide lecture with hands-on activity.  
Monday, April 16

**Fearless Sketch Journaling**  
**Laura Gaffke**  
Have a creative block? Haven’t touched paint or drawn since kindergarten? Learn how to express yourself creatively with a sketch journal, even without prior drawing experience.  
Monday, April 16

**Responding to Nature with Clay**  
**Sally Motycka**  
Explore space, form and texture in reference to natural objects through hand-building, stamping and various impression techniques.  
Monday, April 30

**SERIES CLASSES**

**Open Studios**  
Bring your materials and enjoy working in a relaxed studio environment.  
Mondays, ongoing, 1pm – 4pm.  
No Open Studio 5/28  
Free

**Figure Drawing or Painting**  
**Monitored**  
Join our informal group to practice drawing or painting from a live model at your own individual pace. Please bring your own materials. No registration required.  
Tuesdays, ongoing, 6:30pm – 9:30pm  
Please note our new fee: $12 per session

**Interior Design: Home Solutions**  
**Gideon Loewenstein, ASID - New Faculty!**  
This course is intended for anyone interested in interior design. Learn how to take existing conditions and to draw a design plan to scale. Review furniture styles and color theory to hone in on your own personal preferences. Participants may pick any room from their own home living spaces for their design projects and will leave this class with a finished plan for that room. In addition to classes, enjoy a weekend trip to the RISD Museum to view their world-renowned design collections and installations. Museum admission is at your own expense.  
Mondays, 6:15pm – 8:45pm  
April 16 – May 21  
Member $190 / Public $215

**Encaustics (Hot Wax) Painting**  
**Alex Trachishin**  
Explore the ancient medium using beeswax and wax pigment to create paintings with texture and depth.  
Tuesdays, 1pm – 4pm  
April 3 – May 1  
Members $150 / Public $180

**Digital Photography**  
**Brenda De Los Santos**  
Learn the basics of digital photography including composition, exposure, white balance, and depth of field to take better pictures with your digital SLR or point and shoot camera. Specific topics covered will include nature, portrait, and action photography, as well as the use of flash and digital workflow.  
Tuesdays, 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
April 3 – May 1  
Members $100 / Public $120

**Urban Landscapes**  
**Sheila Barbone**  
Create abstract compositions from photographic images of cityscapes. Focus on how to express the qualities of urban space and life in your paintings through shape and colors with a blend of impressionism and realism. Previous painting experience is recommended.  
Wednesdays, 1pm – 4pm  
Session I: April 4 – May 2  
Session II: May 9 – June 6  
Members $150 / Public $180

**Photo to Canvas**  
**Sarah Stifler Lucas**  
Bring your favorite photograph and learn how to create a work of art in acrylics and oils. Instructor’s demonstrations focus on design, composition, and value. Previous painting experience recommended.  
Wednesdays, 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
April 4 – May 2  
May 9 – June 6  
Members $100 / Public $120

**Mastering the Dramatic Still Life**  
**Kelli Folsom – New Faculty!**  
Learn to create rich, luminous and atmospheric paintings through the use of “alla prima”, painting wet into wet. Focus on value, quality of paint, composition, and brush handling.  
Wednesdays, 9:30am – 12:30pm  
April 5 – May 3  
May 10 – June 7  
Members $150 / Public $180

**Basic Oil Painting**  
**Jack Montmeat**  
Learn the fundamentals of the medium, including equipment, color-mixing, and value. Focus on developing a strong composition with an area of interest, and on drawing your under painting before applying paint.  
Thursdays, 1pm – 4pm  
April 5 – May 3  
Members $150 / Public $180

**Pastel Painting**  
**Jacqueline Phillips**  
Improve your drawing skills while working with pastels. New still life compositions and techniques will be introduced to challenge beginners and returning pastel painters.  
Thursdays, 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
April 5 – May 3  
Members $100 / Public $120

**TEENAGERS**

Teenagers are welcome in adult classes. Unless otherwise specified, classes are designed for beginning and intermediate levels.
Creative Flow
Laura Gaffke
Develop a creative project you have in mind, or re-energize a series you wish to complete. Work in your choice of oil, acrylic, watercolor, graphite, collage or mixed media on the surface of your choice. Abstract or representational styles are welcome.
Tuesdays, 1pm – 4pm
May 8 – June 5
Members $150 / Public $180

Alternative Acrylics
Gretchen Lally
Learn how to apply new, alternative techniques of acrylic paint manipulation in order to create a variety of textures, forms and shapes in your artwork.
Thursdays, 1pm – 4pm
May 10 – June 6
Members $150 / Public $180

Learning to See
Jacqueline Phillips
Improve your drawing skills and strengthen your ability to draw realistically, accurately, and correctly. Learn how to “see” and to draw form and space.
Thursdays, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
May 10 – June 7
Members $100 / Public $120

Private Instruction
MAC Faculty
MAC now offers private lessons for beginning and intermediate artists seeking individual guidance in a variety of media.
Please contact the Education Department at 860.536.7601 x213 for information and scheduling.

Windsor Newton Demo
Joe McCarthy
Join artist Joe McCarthy in this free demonstration of Windsor Newton paints, mediums, and tools.
Thursday, April 26, 6pm – 8pm
Free

Studio Showcase
View instructor and student work during the opening of “Self-Image” & “The Elected Artists” exhibitions. Those who have participated in MAC studio programs are welcome to submit up to two pieces by noon on Thursday, April 5.
Thursday, April 5, 5:30pm – 7pm

CRAFTERNOONS – NEW!
Whether you consider yourself crafty or not, these sessions are designed for you to play with a technique. A fellow crafter will offer demonstrations, should you need some guidance or inspiration. Adults and teens welcome. Drop-ins welcome too.

Paper Quilling
Sue Palmer
Bring your own quilling tools if available.
Saturday, April 14, 1pm – 3pm
$10 Members / $15 General Public

Decoupage
Carol Dunn
Bring your own item (box, frame) to decoupage.
Saturday, May 12, 1pm – 3pm
$10 Members / $15 General Public

WORKSHOPS

Master Workshop: Painterly Pastels
Frank Federico
Capture the poetic beauty of the Mystic landscape in pastel en plein air. Learn the technique of applying texture and a watercolor base to paper before applying pastels to create richly layered and painterly pastels. Painting will be outdoors on second day, weather permitting.
Saturday & Sunday, May 19–May 20, 9am–4pm
Members $235 / Public $265

Collage
Carol Dunn
Bring some of your own materials and use the instructor’s as well. Create a unique piece of art by combining various materials on a stiff foam core backing. Leave with three pieces of art, one of them matted.
Friday, April 13, 10am – 4pm
Members $60 / Public $70
Materials Fee: $25

Matting and Framing
Carol Dunn
Learn how to measure and prepare your artwork for framing. Conservation matting and framing methods will be stressed and discussed.
Saturday, May 5 & 19, 10:30am – 2:30pm
Members $115 / Public $130 (plus wholesale cost of frame)

Colorful Containers
Anne Gaffke
Create an artistic container that can be used to present a gift or use as a vase.
Tonight’s martini: The Spring Fling
Thursday 5:30pm – 7:30pm

New: Artini Late Night!
Can’t make Artini Hour at 5:30? We’ve added a later evening version of the program, just for you.
Thursdays 7pm – 9pm
March 29: Wire Whimsy
May 10: Fabric Beads
Explore art through fun, educational projects in drawing, painting, and media that stimulate imagination and creativity. Learn fundamental art concepts, art history, and art vocabulary. Study different topics each week.

Members $14 / Public $16
Series I or II (5 sessions):
Members $60 / Public $75
Series I and II (10 sessions):
Members $115 / Public $135

**Mini Monet Pastels**
Gretchen Lally
Explore pastels, a favored medium of Impressionist artists.
Monday, April 2, 4:15pm - 5:45pm

**Painting the Blues**
Christen Pratt
Combine painting and music to show emotions and moods—especially the Blues.
Monday, April 9, 4:15pm–5:45pm

**Stained Glass Paintings**
Alex Trachishin
Create transparent paintings with imagery that resembles beautiful patterns of stained glass windows.
Monday, April 16, 4:15pm – 5:45pm

**Painting and Drawing**
Laura Gaffke
Let literature inspire you. Create your own personal vision in paint based on Owl Moon by Jane Yolen.
Monday, April 23, 4:15pm - 5:45pm

**Surrealist Animals**
Jamie Jackson
Create your own abstract animal while exploring the Surrealist technique of collage.
Monday, April 30, 4:15pm – 5:45pm

**Magnumient Moving Art**
Gretchen Lally
Explore the work of Alexander Calder and create your own kinetic sculpture.
Monday, May 7, 4:15pm – 5:45pm

**Recycled Forrest**
Christen Pratt
Use recycled materials to create trees of different shapes and sizes.
Monday, May 14, 4:15pm – 5:45pm

**Mask Making**
Alex Trachishin
Learn about the history of decorative masks and make your own.
Monday, May 21, 4:15pm – 5:45pm

**Scratch and Sketch**
Laura Gaffke
Scratch away the black coating on each page to reveal patterns, swirls, and holographic colors to make images appear like magic!
Monday, June 4, 4:15pm – 5:45pm

**Graffiti Fun**
Jamie Jackson
Use art as a form of communication to design a personalized “tag” for your name or nickname.
Monday, June 11, 4:15pm – 5:45pm

**Fine Art Fundamentals**
Jamie Jackson
Create artworks that are three-dimensional, abstract, imaginary and realistic using drawing, collage, watercolor, and tempera.
Learn composition, design, and color theory.
Thursdays, 4:15pm – 5:45pm
Session I: April 5 – May 3
Session II: May 10 – June 7
Members $60 / Public $75
**FAMILY OPEN STUDIOS**

No reservations necessary, and no instruction — just you and your family’s creativity. We provide the space and basic materials.
Tuesdays, April – June, 3pm – 4:30pm
$3 per person / Free for members with their own supplies.

**ART START (AGES 2 – 3)**

Have an artful adventure of stories, hands-on activities, and playful discovery with your toddler in our galleries and studios.

**Jamie Jackson**

Wednesdays, 9:15am – 10am
Session I: April 11, 18, 25, May 2
Session II: May 9, 16, 30, June 6
Per Session: Members $35 / Public $45

**Christen Pratt**

Saturdays, 10:30am – 11:15am
March 24, April 7, 14, 21
Series: Members: $35 / Public $45
Single: Members $9 / Public $12

Advance registration required: call 860.536.7601 x209

**HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM (AGES 6 – 10)**

MAC provides homeschool educational experiences through a combination of discussion and studio work in our galleries and studios. All programs focus on the elements of art and design, teach art vocabulary, and utilize critical thinking skills.

**Masterful Marks**

Anne Gaffey

See your world as an artist does! Study and work like Master artists and the artists in MAC’s current exhibitions.

Tuesdays, 1pm – 3 pm

Marc Chagall, Dream Series
March 13

Amedeo Modigliani, The Self-Portrait
April 10

Vincent van Gogh, Inside Spaces
May 8

Single Program:
$10 MAC Members / $15 General Public
Advance registration required: call 860.536.7601 x209

**WAYS TO SAVE!**

- **Early Bird Discount**
  Members may request $5 off any class over $50 when registering three weeks before start date.

- **Refer A Friend**
  Members may refer a (new!) friend to any class and both will receive $15 off registration fees of $75 or higher. Both parties must register before discount is applied, both must be registering for classes running during the same session, and friend must be a newcomer to the MAC classes. Only one discount may be applied and must be requested at the time of registration.

**ART START (AGES 4 – 10)**

Katie Ziskind
Connect two creative practices: help children channel their energy in positive ways and engage their senses while allowing creative expression. Young yogis will practice animal poses and breathing techniques to strengthen their muscles and bones. They will also learn the meaning of mantras and chants including “OM”. Each day includes instruction in traditional yoga poses and related art-making in our studios. Children should dress in comfortable clothing for movement; mats are provided but you are welcome to bring your own.

Ages 4 – 7
Tuesdays, 4:30pm – 5:30pm
Session I: April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1
Session II: May 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5
Session Fee: $50 Member / $60 Public

Ages 8 – 10
Mondays, 4:30pm – 5:45pm
Session I: April 2, 16, 23, 30, May 7
Session II: May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11
Session Fee: $65 Member / $75 Public
Advance registration required: call 860.536.7601 x209

**YOGA AND ART (AGES 6 – 10)**

Christen Pratt

Saturdays, 10:30am – 11:15am
March 24, April 7, 14, 21
Series: Members: $35 / Public $45
Single: Members $9 / Public $12

Advance registration required: call 860.536.7601 x209

**WAYS TO SAVE!**

- **Art for All Scholarships**
  A limited number of partial scholarships are available for most classes. Contact the Education Department or visit our web site for an application.

Art for All is made possible by Alison C. Ives, Carol Lemlein and Eric Natwig.
To register call 860.536.7601 x213

ART EXPLORERS CAMPS

Stimulate the imagination and creativity of your child with week-long art camps. Explore art through fun, educational projects in drawing, painting, sculpture, and mixed media. Learn fundamental art concepts, art history, and art vocabulary.

Ages 4 – 8
Session I: June 25 – 29
Session II: July 23 – 27
Session III: Aug 13 – 17

Ages 7 – 11
Session I: July 9 – 13
Session II: July 30 – Aug 3
Session III: Aug 20 – 24

Half day (am only) 9am – 12pm
Members $150 / Public $180
Full day 9am – 4pm
Members $275 / Public $300

SPECIALTY CAMPS

Nature Art Camp
DPNC and Laura Gaffke
Join instructors and campers at the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center for three days perusing woods, ponds, and meadows — and for two days at the MAC studios to bring the wonders of the wild to canvas.

Ages 7 – 10
July 9 – 13, 9am – 11:45am
Members $140 / Public $165
Call the Nature Center at 860.536.1216 to register or visit www.dpnc.org for more information.

Fairies, Princesses, and Magical Creatures
Christen Pratt
Explore the world of enchanting and mystical characters through art, storybooks, and song. Create wands, potions, and fairy wings.

Ages 4 – 7
July 16 – 20, 1pm – 4pm
Members $150 / Public $180

Summer Shoot
Kid Filmmakers
Gain experience on a working movie production unit. Run the cameras, direct, act and write scripts in this hands-on camp.

Ages 10 – 15
July 16 – 20, 9am – 4pm
Members $295 / Public $325
Call Kid Filmmakers at 1.800.459.4922 or register online at www.kidfilmmakers.com.

Graffiti
Jamie Jackson
Learn about graffiti art and create your own (legal) graffiti! Explore techniques using giant stencils, posters, and spray paint. View examples of graffiti from around the world and come up with your own provoking visuals.

Ages 10 – 15
July 2 – 6 (No class on July 4), 1pm – 4pm
Members $110 / Public $130

Screen Stealers
Kid Filmmakers
So you think you’ve got what it takes to become a movie star? Don’t pack your bags for Hollywood just yet! Prepare yourself by learning acting techniques and terminology for film and television. Participants perform film scenes and television commercials which are videotaped for critique.

Ages 10 – 15
July 2 – 6, 9am – 4pm
Members $295 / Public $325
Call Kid Filmmakers at 1.800.459.4922 or register online at www.kidfilmmakers.com.

Portrait of Mystic
Caryn Davis
Become a photojournalist as we take you “on assignment” through our unique town. Capture the culture, architecture, waterfront, and street life that define Mystic in the summer. Students must have their own digital camera and the ability to print their pictures for a collage project on the last day.

Ages 10 – 15
August 6 – 10, 3:30pm – 5pm
Members $100 / Public $120

CLASS POLICIES

Students may be sent with a snack for half-day camps, and must be sent with a bagged lunch for full-day camps; all food must be nut-free. Please see our website for a full list of policies.
DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Alison C. Ives
Charles Davis Society Member

For almost 30 years, MAC member and Elected Artist Alison C. Ives has volunteered in different capacities: as a member of the Board, the Exhibitions Committee, the Long Range Planning Committee, and as an instructor. Alison has been involved in the arts since childhood. She earned a BA in Fine Arts from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and a Master of Fine Arts from Pratt Institute in New York City.

Most recently, Alison was entered into the Charles Davis Society for designating the Mystic Arts Center as a beneficiary in her will. She has made a bequest to support acquisitions for the Permanent Collection, to endow $15,000 to support Art For All educational scholarships and to create the Alison C. Ives Exhibition Award. Through her generosity to the Mystic Arts Center, Alison will enrich the lives of current and future generations of artists and art enthusiasts. “I believe in this place,” says Alison. “My commitment to the Mystic Arts Center has been continual throughout the years and will be ongoing.”

Contribute to the MAC’s Future

A planned gift to the MAC is a way you can help guarantee the long-term future of our arts, events and educational programs. The Charles Davis Society, named for the MAC’s founder, honors individuals who have made a planned gift arrangement in the form of money, stock or property to the MAC. Donating to the MAC in your estate plan provides you with a way to support arts and art education, while also getting a break on your taxes.

The MAC gives special recognition to Charles Davis Society members: members are published in the quarterly newsletter, annual report and on our website. They are also invited to select private events. We invite you to learn more about the Charles Davis Society by contacting Andrea Frickman, our Development Manager at 860.536.7601 x203.

The Mystic Arts Center extends its appreciation to Alison C. Ives for her generous contributions over the years.

Charles Davis Society Members
Vera Acker
Judith Ackerman
Mildred H. Burns †
Harvey Fuller
Gloria Gavert †
Graham Gavert
Alison C. Ives
Anthony P. Halsey †
Gretchen Higgins
Katherine Tod Johnstone †
Wil Langdon
Norman C. Smith †
Maturin (Maje) Waldo
Paul Lowell White †
† Deceased

Top: Painting by Anabel Parshall Above: Photo by George E. Tingley
The MAC would like to extend its gratitude to the nearly 200 volunteers who gave us close to 3,000 hours of their time in 2011! (Apologies to anyone we may have missed in our list below.) It is because of people like you that we are able to extend our programs and offerings to the community. Many thanks for your time, service and dedication.

Volunteering at the MAC can help you too! If you’re looking for the opportunity to meet new people and have fun while learning about the arts then we encourage you to apply as a volunteer at the MAC. Complete the volunteer application available on our website and return it to Dawn Salerno at the MAC or email it to education@mysticarts.org.

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THE ELECTED ARTISTS

Open to all Mystic Arts Center Elected Artist Members.
All mediums welcome.

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APRIL 5 – MAY 19, 2012

OPENING RECEPTION
THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 5:30PM – 7PM

Awards: (2) $200 cash “Award for Excellence”

RECEIVING
Sunday, April 1, 11am – 5pm
Monday, April 2, 11am – 5pm

PICK UP ACCEPTED WORK
Sunday, May 20, 11am – 5pm
Monday, May 21, 11am – 5pm

Entry Fee: $15 with current membership

Requirements: Elected Artists of the Mystic Arts Center (MAC) may enter one piece. Work to be hung must not exceed 48 inches in either direction including frame. All work should be original in concept and execution. All artwork must have been completed solely by the artist with no guidance from an instructor and may not have been worked on in class. All work must be current. No works previously shown at the MAC will be accepted. All work must be suitably framed with wires and ready for hanging; no clips or saw tooth hangers. Metal frames must have hangers and wire. Sculpture must be easily transportable, no more than 40 pounds. The MAC reserves the right to rent the gallery for outside events and to move work, when necessary, for these events. No work may be removed for the duration of the show. While the utmost care will be taken in handling all works, the MAC, its directors, and agents assume no liability for damage, loss or theft of submitted work. All artists are responsible for insuring their own work. The MAC reserves the right not to include any piece submitted for entry. The MAC retains 30% on all sales. A penalty of $10 will be charged for each work not picked up at the specified time. Unclaimed work will be disposed of at the discretion of the MAC. The submission of works to the exhibition constitutes an agreement on the part of the artist or artist’s agent to these conditions.

SELF-IMAGE

A TRADITIONAL OR NON-TRADITIONAL SELF-PORTRAIT
A JURIED EXHIBITION WITH A THEME

APRIL 5 – MAY 19, 2012

JUROR: MAUREEN McCabe,
ARTIST AND EDUCATOR

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AWARDS
Rudy Grunwald Award for “Best in Show”: $500
Second Prize: $350   Third Prize: $250
Four Honorable Mentions: $100 each

RECEIVING
Sunday, April 1 and Monday, April 2, 11am – 5pm

PICK UP UNACCEPTED WORK
Friday, April 6 and Saturday, April 7, 11am – 5pm

PICK UP ACCEPTED WORK
Sunday, May 20 and Monday, May 21, 11am – 5pm

ENTRY FEE
Members: $15 first entry, $10 second entry
Non-members: $20 first entry, $15 second entry

Co-Chairs: Del-Bourree Bach and Dennis Sirrine

Requirements: All artists and media accepted with the exception of photography. Two works may be submitted. All entries must comply with the theme. All work should be original in concept and execution. All artwork must have been completed solely by the artist with no guidance from an instructor and not worked on in class. All work must be current. No works previously shown at the MAC will be accepted. All work must be suitably framed with wires and ready for hanging; no clips or saw tooth hangers. Metal frames must have hangers and wire. Work to be hung must not exceed 72 inches in either direction. Sculpture must be easily transportable, no more than 50 pounds. No work may be removed for the duration of the show. While the utmost care will be taken in handling all works, the MAC, its director, and agents assume no liability for damage, loss or theft of submitted work. All artists are responsible for insuring their own work. The MAC reserves the right not to include any piece submitted for entry. retains 30% on all sales. A penalty of $10 will be charged for each work not picked up at the specified time. Unclaimed work will be disposed of at the discretion of the MAC. The submission of works to the exhibition constitutes an agreement on the part of the artist or artist’s agent to these conditions.
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