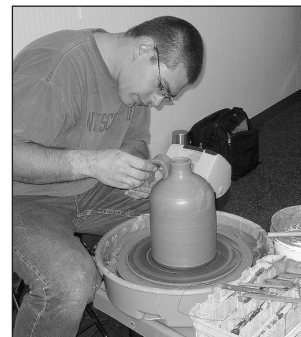




FROM THE
PRESIDENT'S DESK

It is with great pride that I write to you with news of the Easton Arts Council activities because this year we were able to sponsor some brand new events.

In October, we held the first-ever *Autumn Ceramic Show* at the Easton Library. New member and Easton resident, Michelle Sandone, who is studying ceramics and is already an accomplished potter, came to us with the proposal of a ceramic show. We thought it was a great idea and with our support she was able to organize the event. Along with exhibiting artists, Michelle's teacher Greg Cochenet demonstrated on the potter's wheel and there were free ceramic figures for children to paint. It was a great afternoon!



Greg Cochenet demonstrating
at the Autumn Ceramics Show

Also new this year was a *Youth Film Festival* under the direction of Karen Thorsen, award-winning filmmaker and Arts Council member. The festival was held in March in conjunction with the *Annual Youth Art & Talent Show*. Karen also has plans for a Creative Writing Competition, in collaboration with award-winning Easton authors, Elise Broach and Patricia Hubbell. The winning works will be read at the Youth Art & Talent Reception in March 2010.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Easton Lions Club, we will be holding a *Youth Art Workshop* in March 2010 with all painting and framing materials provided for those attending.

In addition to these new events, we had our usual successful art shows, including the *Member Art Show* in January/February, the *Youth Art & Talent Show* in March, and the *Annual Juried Art in the House Show* in May at the Bradley-Hubbell House, a joint fundraiser for the Easton Arts Council and the Historical Society of Easton. The reception for the Member Show, our *Winter Celebration of the Arts*, brought in a large crowd as we listened to the Collegium Musicum, young local musicians under the direction of Easton's Alice Caldwell. *Taste of Opera* once again performed to a standing room only audience as the "Two of Us Plus One" went to "Hollywood" on the eve of the Academy Awards event. *Reader's Theater* returned to its original "one act play" format with a delightful presentation last March under the able direction of Kit Briner.

We also continue to encourage and support our young artists at Joel Barlow High School and Helen Keller Middle School with monetary awards of recognition.

So, this year bore witness to the fact that we are alive and well and continuing to grow and adapt to changing times and ideas. Please, if you have any projects you would like to organize or just work on, let us know. We look forward to working together with you to support the arts in Easton. Feel free to contact me at kanjwl@aol.com.


President

UPCOMING EVENTS 2010...

- Jan. 15 **Annual Members Art Show**
to
Feb. 27 Receiving artwork on January 10 from 10am to 1pm.
Artwork must be framed and wired, ready to hang.
Pickup is on February 28 between 10am and 1pm.
- Jan.23 **Winter Celebration of the Arts**
7-10 pm Reception for the *Annual Members Art Show*.
- New!* Feb 12 **Student Creative Writing Competition for Easton/Redding**
Open to grades 3 to 12. Feb. 12 deadline. For more details,
email: DKDfilm@aol.com.
- Feb. 28 **Youth Talent Show Audition**
2 pm In the Library Community Room. Pre-registration is required.
Forms will be at schools, the Easton library and EAC web-
site: www.eastonartscouncil.org. For details, call 261-9160.
- March/
April **Annual Youth Art Show**
Open to pre-K through 12 in the Library Community Room.
- New!* March 6 **Youth Art Workshop...paint and frame your artwork!**
10-am to 1:30pm In the Easton Library Community Room.
All materials will be supplied.
- March 6 **Receiving for Youth Art Show**
noon-2pm All art must be framed and wired for hanging.
- March 13 **Youth Talent Show Dress Rehearsal**
2 pm In the Library Community Room.
- March 14 **Talent Show & Youth Art Reception**
2 & 3pm Reception in the Library Community Room at 3pm after
the 2pm Talent Show.
- March 27 **Readers Theater**
7 pm *Bagatelle* in the Library Community Room.
- April 25 **Taste of Opera**
3 pm *From Broadway to Hollywood* at the Easton Library.
- May 8-9 **Juried Fine Art Show & Reception**
& 15-16 *Art in the House* - two weekends at the Bradley-Hubbell
House. Receiving artwork on May 2nd. Reception will be
Friday evening, May 7.
- October **Autumn Ceramics Show**
In the Library Community Room. Details to come.
- Nov/Dec **Annual Photography Show**
Details to come.

2010 "Scenes of Easton" Calendars

are on sale throughout the town

or email: photocontest@eastonartscouncil.org

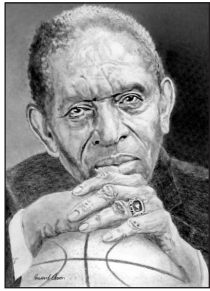
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*And remember... check our website: www.eastonartscouncil.org.
and the Easton Courier for details on our
upcoming events and monthly meetings!*

EAC MEMBERS IN THE NEWS...

Howard Aaron

www.howard@aaron-art.com



"Earl Lloyd"

Howard's work was accepted into five Juried Art Shows, including the CT Society of Portrait Artists in Old Lyme. He received an Honorable Mention at the *Art in the House* Juried Show in the Hubbell House, and held a solo show at the Easton Library in September 2009.

Dolly Curtis

www.dollycurtisinterviews.com



Leo Meyer and Dolly interview Broadway Producer Jane Bergere

Dolly is now on WICC 600AM radio every Friday at 6pm with Jim Buchanan: *Dolly's Quick Take on the Weekend*, bringing you the best choice of events to plan for the weekend. Also, don't miss Dolly's radio show, *Back-stage Buzz*, co-hosted with Leo Meyer, on

Sundays at 10pm on WPKN 89.5FM.

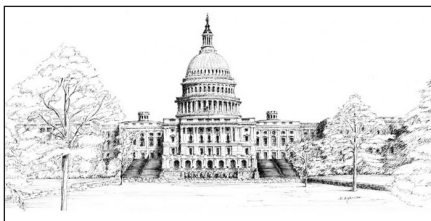
All previous interviews are archived on the website: www.backstagebuzz.org.

Kris Lynch

kal36912@sbcglobal.net

Kris was asked to create a series of pen & ink drawings for a gallery in Alexandria, Virginia.

She was also accepted into the Northeast Watercolor Society's Annual International Juried Exhibition in Kent, CT and the New Pond Farm Invitational Art Show in Redding, CT.



"The Capitol in Washington, DC"

Susan Striker

susanstriker@optonline.net

Susan, a Cos Cob art teacher, has combined math and art in an interdisciplinary teaching project that she has dubbed *Art-Rithmetic™* with a new art display in the school's hallway — prints of favorite artwork alongside banners that hail the mathematical concept that each illustrates. In addition to exposing students to great works of art, the exhibit is intended to help illuminate basic mathematical concepts.



FIRST ANNUAL AUTUMN CERAMICS SHOW

Our first Ceramics Show was held in October at the Easton Public Library's Community Room. We featured ceramics for sale by local artisans along with live demonstrations on the pottery wheel by Greg Cochenet, a ceramic artisan and educator at Southern Connecticut State University. Free ceramic painting was offered for children to experience hands-on the creativity and fun of ceramics.

This first Ceramics Show was an overall success — keep an eye out for the next show upcoming in October 2010. Come and be amazed by the creativity and beauty of ceramics and enjoy the fun!



Michelle Sandone, chairman of the ceramics show, displayed her wares.



EAC member Kristine Mackey and Ronan Quinn, enjoyed ceramic painting

New!

YOUTH ART EXHIBIT, TALENT SHOW & WORKSHOP



March is *National Youth Art Month*. Calling all school-age artists in Easton and Redding to participate in the *Annual Art Exhibit and Talent Show*. Artwork must be framed, wired and ready to hang -- sculpture is also accepted.

This year, we will be holding an **ART WORKSHOP** on March 6 at the Easton Library Community Room. All attending will be able to paint a picture and then learn how to frame it for the youth art exhibit. We will provide all the materials needed. Look for applications online, in local schools and libraries, or contact Kathy Davidson at 261-2793; email: katdavidson@optonline.net.

The *Talent Show* audition will be held on February 28 at 2pm and the dress rehearsal on March 13 at 2pm in the Library Community Room. For more information call Joanne Kant at 261-9160.



STUDENT CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION *New!*

Open to all students, grades 3 to 12, residing in Easton and Redding...prose, poetry, play or screenplay: *your most memorable Hometown Experience*, real or imagined. Submission deadline is February 12, typed manuscripts, minimum of five pages. Submit to: EAC, PO Box 142, Easton CT 06612. For more information, contact Karen Thorsen at 203-261-4497; email: DKDfilm@aol.com.



TASTE OF OPERA

SAVE THE DATE! The popular *Taste of Opera* will return this year at 3pm Sunday, April 25 in the Easton Public Library Community Room. Continuing in the theme of last year, soprano Joanne Kant, mezzo-soprano Wanda Grochowski and pianist Marcia Slater will perform "From Broadway to Hollywood", a one-hour show of hit songs that started in Broadway shows that later became movies.



Joanne Kant, soprano



Wanda Grochowski, mezzo-soprano

Last year's show performed to a standing-room-only audience and a good time was had by all. Called "The Two of Us Plus One", this group has been performing extensively in the Fairfield/Westchester County area. For more information, contact Joanne at 203-261-9160 or go to the EAC website: eastonartscouncil.org.



ANNUAL EAC MEMBERS ART SHOW

Our Members Show is open to all artists, artisans and sculptors. The entry fee is also your membership in the EAC. If you wish to exhibit, call Kris Lynch at 261-0175, or log onto our website: www.eastonartscouncil.org and click on *Upcoming Events* for an entry form and details. Receiving date is Sunday, January 10, from 10am to 1pm. Entries should be recent works not previously shown in any EAC show. The show runs from January 15 through February 27.



WINTER CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

Please reserve Saturday evening, January 23, 2010 from 7pm to 10pm. Open to the entire community, this event celebrates our *Annual Members Art Show*. We're planning a great evening for Easton artists and supporters of the arts to meet each other in a warm and friendly setting. This has always been an enjoyable and relaxed occasion. We will have tables set up that evening for artists to display samples of their work. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 203-374-0705.



ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

Our November 2009 *Juried Photography Show* was a great success with a record number of photographers and images of Easton! Robert Taylor, CPP, Master Photographer and owner of *Robert Taylor Photography* in Stratford, CT, who said he was very favorably impressed with the show, chose the following winners in both the adult and 18 & under categories : *1st: Jon Wason & Kelly Frye; 2nd: John Hill & Greg Convertito; and Honorable Mention: Michael Cavaliere, John Rogowski, Maddy Beem & Michaela Fraser.* First Prize photos will join the permanent display in the Easton Town Hall.



Everett Road in Early May
Jon Wason,
1st prize
adult
category.



Town Hall
Kelly Frye,
1st prize
18 & under
category.



READERS THEATER

Over the span of fourteen years, Readers Theater has developed a reputation for presenting offbeat, literate material, and razor-sharp satire. On Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 7pm *Bagatelle*, a program of one-act plays, music and dance will be presented. Artistic Director Kit Briner suggests that fans of Readers Theater will not be disappointed. The audience is invited to stay after the show for a reception featuring above-average refreshments.

Cast of the 2009 performance,
In The Arms of Angels:
standing...Bill O'Neill,
John Traggianese, Stephen St.Raymond,
Dennis Jackson, Kit Briner.
sitting...Geri Gould, Claire Wilkes,
Alexandra Lobo.



JURIED FINE ART SHOW

Art in the House, our fourth successful juried fine art show was held in May 2009 at the Historical Society's Bradley-Hubbell House on Black Rock Turnpike in Easton. The show featured 43 works of art. Our judge was Diane Afton Aeschliman. Prizes awarded were: First Place went to **Joseph Keogan**, for his painting: *Books, Bottles & Box*; Second Place to **Caroline Hajjar** for her watercolor : *Dingle Farmhouse*; and Honorable Mention to **Howard Aaron** for his watercolor: *Mushroom Magic*.

As well as an excellent fundraiser, this fine art show is fast becoming a much anticipated, well-attended annual event. We are looking forward to another exciting show in May of 2010.

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