



Joanne Kant  
EAC President

FROM THE  
PRESIDENT'S DESK

I was searching for a fitting quotation for this year's message and found one from the photographer Paul Strand: "*The artist's world is limitless. It can be found anywhere, far from where he lives or a few feet away. It is always on his doorstep.*" We here in Easton are blessed with a most beautiful town and countryside. But as Anne Tucker said, "*All art requires courage,*" so we of the Easton Arts Council want to facilitate that relationship with art. If you are an artist, we want to provide a venue for you to exhibit your work, and if you enjoy art, then it is not very far away to the Easton Library for you to come and observe your neighbors' endeavors.

This past year, we have continued with our agenda to enhance the arts in Easton and to provide a forum for artists to meet and interact. Our 2011 Annual Member Art Show and *Winter Celebration of the Arts* reception in January was a big success with the largest number of artists ever exhibiting. *Art in the Country*, our Juried Regional Art Show in May was moved to the Easton Library in order to accommodate more artists and to help raise money for the Library as well as the Arts Council. We continue to recognize the beauty of our town with the Annual Juried Photography Exhibit, the winners of which have their photographs on permanent display in the Easton Town Hall.

We encourage our youth with the Annual Youth Art and Talent Show every March. This year, we also had a very successful Youth Writing Competition, and the winners were invited to read their works at the reception. We also gave out annual monetary awards of recognition in the performing and visual arts to students at Joel Barlow High School and Helen Keller Middle School. The Lions Club of Easton has again assisted us in our Youth Art Workshop at the ECC.

At the annual Readers Theater presentation, our performing members presented *Mr. Williams and Miss Wood* in honor of the one-hundredth anniversary of Tennessee Williams' birth. *A Little Travelling Music* was presented by *The Two of Us Plus One*, which took us on a musical tour around this great country of ours.

Our new *Plein Air* group of artists invites all to join them outdoors to enjoy painting our beautiful countryside in the spring/summer .

So please don't be afraid to create, perform or enjoy art. The Easton Arts Council is here for you! Join us today and help to promote the arts in Easton.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanne Kant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2012...

- Jan. 10 to Feb. 25** **Annual Adult Members' Art Show**  
Receiving artwork on January 7 from 11am to 1pm.  
Pickup is on February 25 between 10am and 1pm.
- Jan.21 7 - 10 pm** **Winter Celebration of the Arts**  
Reception for the *Annual Adult Members' Art Show*.
- Feb. 4 1 - 2:30 pm** **Youth Art Workshop...paint and frame your artwork!**  
In the **Easton Community Center**.  
For details, call Kathy Davidson at 203-261-7351.
- Feb. 12** **Young Writers Competition**  
Open to grades 3 to 12. Feb. 12 deadline.  
For more details, email: [DKDfilm@aol.com](mailto:DKDfilm@aol.com).
- March 1 to March 31** **Annual Youth Art Show**  
Open to pre-K through 12 in the Easton Library.  
Receiving artwork on February 25 from 1 to 3pm. All art must be framed and wired for hanging. Pickup is on Sunday, April 1st.  
For details, call Kathy Davidson at 203-261-7351.
- March 4 2 pm** **Youth Talent Show Audition**  
In the Library Community Room. Pre-registration required. Forms will be at schools, the Easton library and EAC website: [www.eastonartscouncil.org](http://www.eastonartscouncil.org).  
For details, call 261-9160.
- March 10 2 pm** **Youth Talent Show Dress Rehearsal**  
In the Library Community Room.
- March 13 2 & 3 pm** **Youth Talent Show & Youth Art Show Reception**  
Reception in the Library Community Room following the Youth Talent Show.
- March 31 8 pm** **Readers Theater**  
*Production to be announced.*
- May 7 to June 2** **Juried Regional Fine Art Show & Reception**  
*Art in the Country* - four weeks at the Easton Library.  
Drop off accepted artwork on May 5 from 10am to 1pm.  
Reception will be Saturday evening, May 12.
- Sept. 23 3 pm** **Taste of Opera**  
Performance to be announced.
- Nov/Dec** **Annual Photography Show**  
Dates & details to come.

## 2011 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

At Helen Keller Middle School, the *Nancy White Memorial Scholarship Awards* went to **Jenna Christiani** in the visual arts and **Dana Ceva** in instrumental music.

The *Nancy White Memorial Scholarship Awards* at Joel Barlow High School went to **Frank Traggianese** in visual arts and **Noah Sanderson** in the performing arts.



*Congratulations to our talented students!*

2012 "Scenes of Easton" Calendars  
are on sale throughout the town  
or email: [calendar@eastonartscouncil.org](mailto:calendar@eastonartscouncil.org)  
to purchase your copy!

## EAC MEMBERS IN THE NEWS...

### Howard Aaron

[www.aaron-art.com](http://www.aaron-art.com)

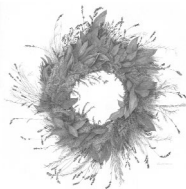
In August 2011, Howard's entry was awarded honorable mention by juror/judge Laurel Stern Boeck at the Lockwood Mathews Mansion Museum Juried Show in Norwalk, CT.

### Kristina Lynch

[www.kristinalynchfineart.com](http://www.kristinalynchfineart.com)

Kris' watercolor, *Lavender & Bay*, was accepted into the 2011 North East Watercolor Society Juried Show.

*Lavender & Bay*



### Dolly Curtis

[www.backstagebuzz.org](http://www.backstagebuzz.org)

Dolly and Leo Meyer presented Robert Osborne, host of Turner Classic Movies, and Lucie Arnaz, star of stage and film from an internationally-known family on Backstage Buzz WPKN 89.5FM. Dolly is on WICC 600AM radio every Friday 6pm during the commuting hour, with events for everyone: *Dolly's Quick Take on the Weekend*.

### Jill Nichols [www.jillnichols.com](http://www.jillnichols.com)

Jill's oil on canvas, *At the Mark*, was on tour with the American Society of Marine Artists regional show. She is Design Director for their 15th Annual national Exhibit. Her *Cloud Study at Night's Edge* was accepted into the juried Ct. Plein Air Painters Society show at the Nylen Gallery, Westport.

Jill is also working on a mural for the Meriden Library and was just accepted into CT Women Artists Inc.



*Cloud Study at Night's Edge*

### Christine Marsh Rizssenbeek

[marshrijssenbeek@yahoo.com](mailto:marshrijssenbeek@yahoo.com)

Aside from creating dynamic pastels while living a few months of the year in Europe with her husband, Christine also offers landscape consultation and design in Connecticut.



*Jura Mountains*

### Susan Striker [www.susanstriker.com](http://www.susanstriker.com)

Sue is working on a book called *Alphabet of Art* with each letter representing an art concept. Since a picture is worth a thousand words, she is using masterpieces from all the world's greatest museums to define concepts like "Abstract, Balance, Cubism", etc. You can join Sue on [Kickstarter.com](http://Kickstarter.com) to support this exciting project.



## ANNUAL EAC ADULT 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: [eastonartscouncil.org](http://eastonartscouncil.org) and click on *Upcoming Events* for an entry form and details. Receiving/drop-off date is Saturday, January 7, from 10am to 1pm. Entries should be recent works not previously shown in any EAC show. The show runs from January 10 through February 25.



## WINTER CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

Please reserve Saturday evening, January 21, 2012 from 7pm to 10pm. Open to the entire community, this event celebrates our *Annual Adult 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 is always a well-attended and interesting affair. We will have tables set up that evening for artists to display samples of their work. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Howard or Diane at 203-374-0705.



## YOUTH ART EXHIBIT & WORKSHOP

March is *National Youth Art Month*. Calling all school-age artists to participate in the *Annual Youth Art Exhibit*. Receiving date is February 25th from noon to 2 pm. Artwork must be framed, wired and ready to hang; sculpture is also accepted. The Reception will take place following the Talent Show on March 11. Look for applications online, in local schools and libraries, or contact Kathy Davidson at 203-261-2793; email: [katdavidson@optonline.net](mailto:katdavidson@optonline.net).



2011 youth participants

THE ANNUAL YOUTH ART WORKSHOP will be at *The Easton Community Center* on Feb. 4 from 1 to 2:30 pm. Young artists will be able to paint a picture and then learn how to frame it for the EAC *Youth Art Exhibit* in March. All the materials will be provided free of charge thanks to the Easton Lions Club.



artist



## YOUTH TALENT SHOW

The *Youth Talent Show* is open to all school-age actors, dancers and musicians. An audition will be held on Sunday, March 4 at 2pm and the dress rehearsal is on March 10 at 2pm, both in the Easton Library Community Room. Pre-registration is required. The Talent Show will take place on Sunday March 11 at 2pm followed immediately by the Youth Art Show Reception. For more information, contact Joanne Kant at 261-9160.



pianist



violinist



## YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION

Open to all students, grades 3 to 12, residing in Easton and neighboring towns. Prose, poetry, play or screenplay: Your most memorable *Hometown Experience*, real or imagined. Submission deadline is February 10, typed manuscripts, maximum of five pages. Submit to: [ywc@eastonartscouncil.org](mailto:ywc@eastonartscouncil.org). For more info, contact Karen Thorsen at 203-261-4747; email: [DKDfilm@aol.com](mailto:DKDfilm@aol.com).

Check out the artwork on our members' websites at [www.eastonartscouncil.org/members](http://www.eastonartscouncil.org/members)



## READERS THEATER

Expect the unexpected on Saturday, March 31, 2012  
at 8 pm in the Easton Library Community Room!



Curtain call at last year's successful production, Mr. Williams & Miss Wood.

We are considering several intriguing possibilities for this year's production.

Join us for a stimulating evening of theatrical flair and a post show reception featuring above-average refreshments.

## TASTE OF OPERA

This year's Taste of Opera took *The Two of Us Plus One* – Joanne Kant, soprano, Wanda Grochowski, mezzo soprano, and their new accompanist, Justine Macurdy of Stamford, on a musical journey around the USA with songs, skits and a sing-a-long about our great country.



*The Two of Us Plus One*  
Wanda, Joanne and Justine

Save the date, Sunday, Sept. 23 at 3 pm in the Easton Library Community Room for the next installment of this popular series: *An Afternoon with Irving Berlin*. For further information, contact Joanne Kant at 203-261-9160 or check our website: [www.eastonartscouncil.org](http://www.eastonartscouncil.org).



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## JURIED REGIONAL FINE ART SHOW

Our fifth successful juried regional fine art show, *Art in the Country*, was held in May 2011 in the Easton Library Community Room. The judge, Nancy P. Gladwell, MFA, awarded the following prizes: First Place to **Laura Wilk**, *Curly Dahlias*; Second Place to **Richard Capasse**, *Pansies*; Hon.Men. to **Helen Roman**, *Figure in Red Cloth*; four Merit Awards: Denise Susalka, *Fiesta*; JoAnn Davidson, *Back Yard*; Elaine Finsilver, *Still Waters*; Howard Aaron, *Fresh From the Farm*.



*Curly Dahlias*  
Laura Wilk

We are looking forward to another exciting show on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at the Easton Public Library.

## JURIED PHOTO EXHIBIT

Our 2011 *Juried Photography Show* was another great success! Juror Diana Mille, Ph.D, chose winners in the adult and student divisions:



Tom Herrmann,  
First Selectman,  
presents awards.

*1st: Dom Mastrianno, Mill River, Fall and Aliza Schaffer, The Feeding; 2nd: Charlie Peterson, White Lady and Kati Csizmadia, Green Grapes; and Honorable Mentions: Lisa Colberg, Tranquility, Bill McMenamy, Fall Again and Emily Katz, Silverman's Goats.*



*White Lady*  
Charlie Peterson

Visit the Easton Town Hall to view past winners!

## PLEIN AIR PAINTING IN EASTON

Under the direction of member Jill Nichols, artists from Easton and surrounding towns met again this past summer on the Bradley-Hubbell House grounds for a day of outdoor painting. They picked their spots and set up their easels and enjoyed the wonderful weather while creating their impressions of the scenic beauty of Easton. Please come and join us in 2012 — dates to be announced.

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Join the EAC today!

Your membership supports:

Awards of Recognition to  
Helen Keller & Joel Barlow Students

Adult Members' Art Show

Winter Celebration of the Arts

Youth Art & Talent Show

Youth Art Workshop

Creative Writing Competition

Readers Theater

Taste of Opera

Juried Regional Fine Art Show

Juried Photography Exhibition

Plein Air in Easton

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Areas of Interest \_\_\_\_\_



Your membership/contribution:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Family

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