

promoting the arts in easton...

"The Arts are neither an indulgence nor a distraction. They are fundamental, not just to the economy, but to the moral health of a country." ... Jesse Green

From the President...



*Joanne Kant
EAC President*

The Easton Arts Council was founded over 25 years ago by a group of civic-minded citizens with our Mission Statement:

To foster and encourage the Arts in all forms in our town and to increase the impact of the Arts in community life.

Our goals include but are not limited to:

- * Showcasing community artists;
- * Fostering communication between the local schools and the Arts community;
- * Developing cooperation among local community organizations and the Arts community;
- * Recognizing and supporting your artists in the community.

To this end, we have created several annual community and regional events which are always well-attended and highly anticipated (details inside.)

Besides our own events, we enjoy working on individual projects with town organizations such as the Easton Library, Historical Society of Easton, Easton Lions Club, Easton Town Cemetery Committee, Planning & Zoning, and Park & Rec.

This ambitious agenda requires help from the community, and we welcome your support. Please consider joining the Easton Arts Council with a membership. We are also looking for new members who have ideas that they would like us to consider. You need not be an artist; just a lover of the arts is enough to make a difference in our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joanne Kant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the "K".

For further information on EAC events and to friend us on Facebook, please check our website:
www.eastonartscouncil.org

*Thank you
for helping to support
the Arts in Easton!*

SUPPORTERS

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Kit Briner	Peter & Martha Small
Robert & Patricia Brennan	Henley & Michelle Smith
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Easton Lions Club	Sport Hill Farm, Patti Popp
Steven & Joanne Kant	Richard & Sheila Weaver
John Meyer	Nathaniel & Mary Yordon

WINTER CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

Our *Winter Celebration of the Arts Show* is a very popular and well-attended January/February exhibit of area artists displaying their pastels, pencils, photography, pen & inks, sculpture, watercolors, collages, and oils.

This is an excellent opportunity to view the creative talents of all the participating artists.

WINTER/SPRING FILM SERIES

Classic movies specially selected by Jon Sonneborn, our EAC Film Curator.

A great night out for our film viewing and discussion!

READERS THEATER

Readers Theater, founded in Spring 1997 by Kit Briner and the late Geri Gould, was created to bring quality live theater to Easton without the demands of full-scale productions. Over the years, it has gained a reputation for presenting literate, humorous, thought-provoking, and offbeat material. In addition to full-length plays, productions often include themed collections of one-act plays, featuring poetry, music, and dance.

Currently, plans are underway to expand Readers Theater to two productions a year, ensuring audiences will keep coming back for more.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Each year, we congratulate our talented Easton students with monetary awards in the Performing and Visual Arts. The *Diane Esther Aaron Memorial Scholarship Award* goes to two Helen Keller Middle School students, and the *Nancy White Memorial Award* goes to two Joel Barlow High School students.

ART IN THE COUNTRY EXHIBITION

This successful Juried Regional Fine Art Show takes place each spring and is judged by a renowned Jurist who awards talented artists with insightful critiques and cash prizes.

Always an exciting show of superb works of art!

JURIED PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Our November exhibition has two categories:

Local (photos of Easton) and

General (photos taken anywhere.)

Cash awards are given to First Place in each category.

The Easton First Place is put on display permanently in the Easton Town Hall next to all the other winning photos taken over the years.

TASTE OF OPERA

The flamboyant *Hot to Trot Trio*, Joanne Kant, Olga Kalinina, and Tom Zimmerman, is well known for its "meet and greet" cabaret style.

They annually set Easton ablaze with their flashy, funny repartee, and *smoking smorgasbord* of great American Songbook solos, duets, and rhapsodic piano repertoire ranging from Broadway to Opera.

SOLO EXHIBITS

Each year, EAC members curator Dolly Curtis along with Sheila Weaver produce ten exciting solo exhibits showcasing area artists who display their works in the Easton Library Small Gallery and glass display case.

YOUNG ARTISTS

The EAC supports various opportunities during the year for young students from grades K through 12 to create and display their artwork.



JOIN THE EAC TODAY!

Your membership supports:

Winter Celebration of the Arts

Film Series

Art in the Country

Readers Theater

Taste of Opera

Young Artists

Photography Contest

Student Scholarship Awards to:

Helen Keller & Joel Barlow Students

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

email _____

areas of interest _____

Easton Arts Council yearly membership/contribution:

____ \$10 Youth ____ \$20 Individual ____ \$30 Family

____ \$50 Supporter ____ \$100+ Patron

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