100 YEARS

MYSTIC AS MUSE: 100 YEARS OF INSPIRATION
CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION • JUNE 28 – SEPTEMBER 28

100 MORE

100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA
CELEBRATE WITH US ON JUNE 15, 6:00 – 11:00PM
Letter from the Executive Director

Dearest Members,

On Saturday, June 15, Mystic Arts Center will be celebrating our centennial with an all-out party like we’ve never done before. Guests will enjoy a sit down dinner beneath a tent erected on the south end of the property and served delicious food by the award winning catering company A Thyme to Cook and hors d’oeuvres from local favorite, Go Fish. DJ extraordinaire, Power Posse, will do the musical honors to get you dancing, as well as create cool lighting effects. And of course, there will be a host of awesome auction items to bid on and take home.

The objective of our centennial gala is two-fold. First, it is an occasion for us all to come together and celebrate this remarkable milestone. Secondly, it is an opportunity for the community to show its love and support to MAC and help sustain our future. Tickets for the gala event are $100; we are also offering discounted Desserts & Dancing tickets for just $25. Guests who purchase these tickets will be able to join us from 9 – 11pm. Read more about the event on pages 6 – 7 in this issue.

Our second major event of the season is on Saturday, July 13, which is the opening reception for our “Mystic As Muse: 100 Years of Inspiration” exhibition, from 6 – 10pm. The reception is free and open to the public. For the past 18 months, Centennial Curator Noelle King has been assembling this exhibition, which will take you on a journey of the art and artists that made their mark on Mystic Arts Center through the years.

I want to say a special thanks to the Chester Kitchings Family Foundation for their generous support, which made possible the centennial exhibition through the years. Warmest regards,

Karen Barthelson
Executive Director

Mystic As Muse: 100 Years of Inspiration

Special Centennial Exhibition Opens This Month at Mystic Arts Center

Honor the art and artists that started it all at Mystic Arts Center. Over 100 pieces of artwork will be on display, in addition to historical materials, by some of our well-known early artists such as: J. Alden Weir, Charles H. Davis, Henry Ward Ranger, Childe Hassam, and Guy Wiggins. Renowned 20th century artists such as George Albert Thompson, David Birdsey Waldey, Robert Brackman, Garrett Price and others will be among the many artists included in the exhibition.

Come and celebrate this special event with us on Saturday, July 13 from 6-10pm; free and open to the public with refreshments available.

June 28 – September 28, 2013
Opening Reception
Saturday, July 13, 6pm – 10pm
Free and open to the public

Guided Tours of Mystic As Muse Exhibition
Now available! Call Dawn Salmon, in the Education Office, to schedule your tour: 860.536.7601 x209.

Three weeks notice required; fee applies.

More Than Meets the Eye: Mystic As Muse Gallery Talk with Noelle King

Monday, August 19, 6:30pm

Join our centennial curator Noelle King for an informal walk around the exhibition “Mystic As Muse: 100 Years of Inspiration.” Learn about the artists featured in the exhibition, their community, practice and more. Free.
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Saturday and Sunday, August 10 & 11

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MAC Street Painting Parade  
Saturday, August 10 (Rain date: Sunday, August 11)
10am – 3pm

MAC is going technicolor as we convert our parking lot into a canvas for the day. Arrive early to watch artists working, or drop in later to see finished pieces and vote on a favorite.

Participants wanted! Register to create a square: 860.536.7601 x209. Registration fees include art supplies and refreshment: $20 per square. Registration required by July 26.

Art After Dark  
Tuesdays, July – October, 6pm – 8:30pm

Start your weekend on a Tuesday during our family friendly summer concert series at Mystic Arts Center!

July 16 Music: Rock N’ Soul Revue, Live Art by April Brunelle
August 20 Music: Mystic Horns, Live Art: TBA
September 17 Music: Happy & The Moonshine, Live Art: TBA
October 15 Music: Green Tea, Live Art: Into the Pink

Members $12 / Public $15 / Children 4 – 12 $3 / Children 3 and under Free / Season pass: Members $60 / Public $75.

Party moves inside in case of inclement weather. Call 860.536.7601 x205 for more info.

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**PRE-EVENT**

This year, we’re encouraging guests to dress in their best — with a creative twist! Creative cocktail attire is typically semi-formal clothing with fun variations on the classics (like a polka dot bowtie or a tiny top hat).

**LOOK UP!**

Check out the beautiful decorations handmade by local artists hanging from the ceiling in the Davis Gallery.

**PARKING**

Parking for the gala will be available at Union Baptist Church, 118 High St. Mystic (with shuttle) and St. Mark’s Church, 15 Pearl St. Mystic.

**GO FISH**

A local fave, Mystic Country’s most innovative seafood restaurant, Go Fish, won the 2012 Restaurant Award from winespectator.com.

**Auction**

Exclusive selection of items including:
- Virgin Gorda Getaway
- Jeffrey P’An Glass Blowing Demo & Reception
- 2 Nights @ New York Yacht Club with tickets to MOMA & MET (escorted by NYYC member)
- Brunch for Four at the Ocean House
- Champagne & Hors d’oeuvres party at Courtyard Gallery
- U.S. Open Tickets by USTA
- 1 Year Free Parking in Downtown Mystic
- Timex Watches
- And more...

**6PM**

Begin the evening in our Davis Gallery for some cocktails and delicious hors d’oeuvres by Go Fish while you peruse silent auction items.

**7:30PM**

Guests will be escorted outside to enjoy a three-course dinner by A Thyme to Cook under an illuminated tent overlooking the Mystic River, followed by an exciting live auction.

**A THYME TO COOK**

awarded 2012 Caterer of the Year by the Connecticut Restaurant Association

**9:00PM**

Desserts & Dancing

**Power Posse Productions**

will provide music and lighting for this year’s event. PPP has an amazing track record of transforming venues for special events, including the Museum of Natural History in New York.

**Heads & Tails**

A creative version of the old coin toss game is played every year at MAC’s summer fundraiser. Last year’s winner Scott Parry won $230 and donated it to MAC. Thanks Scott!

**$25**

Dessert & Dancing tickets available.

**$10**

buys a ticket to this year’s raffle. 1st prize is an original oil painting by Dennis Sirrine titled “Behind Old Mystic Mill” and 2nd prize is $200 gift certificate to Dog Watch Café in Stonington and tickets for four to a Garde Arts Center event.

For more info call 860.536.7601 x204.
Rhythm and Color Collide in Lynn Walker’s Solo Exhibition

by Barbara Lipsche

What do you get when a painter and a dancer combine their talents? The answer to that can be found in Connecticut artist Lynn Walker’s luminous new series of paintings, “Rhythm in Color” on view in Mystic Arts Center’s Schuster Gallery through June 22. The exhibition, which was awarded to Walker after winning first place in last year’s Regional Show, is the result of her collaboration with dancer and choreographer Christina Poland.

The series is an invigorating and buoyant expression of movement that draws the viewer in with explosive color, pattern and shape. The idea for the project formed when Poland, who heads Mystic Movie Dance Theater (MMDT), a small community dance project utilizing local talent, approached MAC’s Education Director Dawn Salerno about using the galleries as a venue for dance performances last year. Salerno, who remembered Walker’s winning piece, Movement (above), had the idea to put the two in touch with each other.

“Lynn’s piece really reflects the energy that dance has. There are a lot of visual parallels like layering and pattern between art and dance. After I talked to Christine the light bulbs just went off,” Salerno says.

From there Walker and Poland embarked upon a project to produce a series of artworks and a dance performance that reflect each other.

“Rhythm in Color” will be on view in the Liebig Gallery May 10 – June 22. Mystic Moves presents its accompanying dance performance on Thursday, June 6 from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

MAC Congratulates New Elected Artists

Mystic Arts Center gives local artists—whether they are emerging, professional or somewhere in between—a gathering place to learn, connect, and be inspired by their peers. Our Elected Artists exhibit their work at exhibitions throughout the year; to qualify, artists must have their original artwork accepted into four juried shows at MAC within any two-year period.

MAC congratulates the artists listed below for attaining the special distinction of Elected Artist Member in 2012:

- Gail Armstrong, Warwich, RI; Diane Brown, Waterford, CT
- John Cardin, Narragansett, RI; Layne, East Hartford, CT
- Marco Marinelli, Narragansett, RI; Craig Maten, Warwich, RI
- Cyndy Moniz, Exeter, RI; Susan Shaw, Woonsocket, RI; Eleanor Tamok, Mystic, CT
- Nel Udo, Niantic, CT; Melanie G. Watrous, Old Mystic, CT; Stephen Wilson, West Hartford, CT

Poetry of the Wild: Mystic Poetry Walk

June 29, 3pm

Join the artists and poets involved with the Mystic Poetry of the Wild installation for a walk to the Poetry box sites in the Downtown Mystic area. Poetry of the Wild is a participatory environmental art project connecting people to landscape by combining poetry, visual art, and nature observation designed by Ana Flores, an ecological designer and sculptor. For more info and a list of the sites please visit mysticarts.org.
**MAC Remembers Longtime Member Janice DiBattista**

Janice DiBattista, who passed away on March 6, 2013, will be remembered by Mystic Arts Center as a person whose kindness and patience for art enabled others to share in her joy for artistic expression.

“She was one of our most prolific and dedicated artists,” says Executive Director, Karen Barthelson. DiBattista exhibited her work throughout the region since the late seventies. She worked in acrylics, watercolors and mixed media, and was often influenced by nature; the images, patterns, shapes and colors inspired by the natural world are often common themes in her work.

An Elected Artist member of Mystic Arts Center since 1982, DiBattista submitted her work to and won awards at numerous MAC exhibitions including the Annual Members Show, Photo Show and Regional Show. DiBattista was a member of several local art organizations including; Connecticut Watercolor Society, Connecticut Woman Artists, Lyme Art Association, Essex Art Association and the Connecticut Academy of Fine Art among others.

She was a special woman, who will be missed by many. She lives on in our hearts and in the work she shared with the world.

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**MAC Welcomes New Board Member Alex Bancroft**

Mystic Arts Center’s Board of Directors recently elected a new board member, Alex Bancroft at our Annual Meeting on April 24. Bancroft is a certified public accountant with Gotha, Hoyt, Filipperti & Malagahan, LLC, a Groton firm. An active participant in the community, she is also a member of the Connecticut Society of CPAs, the American Institute of CPAs, an ambassador with the Eastern CT Chamber’s Young Professional group and serves on the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce’s Membership Committee.

Among the meetings other announcements were the completion of Officer Karin Forde Whittemore’s term on the board; her position as secretary will be filled by Paul Le Beau, who is serving the second year of his first term on MAC’s Board of Directors. Whittemore will continue to participate on MAC’s Exhibition Committee.

Bancroft is an elected artist member of Mystic Arts Center, and staff. Thanks for opening my eyes to new ideas."

— Sue Palmer

“Like the classes at MAC and you’re doing an incredible job.”

— Pat Kent

“The most important thing for an artist to do is to continue to grow in his/her unique skills and creativity. That growth requires the willingness to try things that sometimes don’t work. But when things do work, a juror confirms that, the affirmation of fellow artists and others is often as important as “acceptance” into the show. I’ve always been struck by the generosity of the Mystic Arts Center’s elected artist members in supporting and affirming all artists in the community.”

— David Madacsi, Elected Artist and Mystic Arts Center Board Member

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**What You’ve Been Saying...**

via Twitter: “Love MIX!”

— @morzidance

via Facebook: “[MAC is] Great for wedding receptions”

— Nathan Hogg

“THANK YOU for being an amazing partner! We’re so thrilled the Mystic Arts Center website won [the 2013 American Web Design Award]!”

— Julia Balloux, LLC.

via Email: “My t-shirt design, would not have been possible without you, and Artini, and the Mystic Arts Center, and staff. Thanks for opening my eyes to new ideas.”

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**SUMMER STUDIO / ADULTS**

**To register call 860.536.7601 x213 Visit mysticarts.org to learn more.**

**STUDIO PROGRAMS**

**Open Studio**
Bring your materials and work in a relaxed studio environment. Mondays, ongoing 1pm – 4pm (no open studio on 7/8, 7/22, 8/12) The printing press will be available on select Mondays. Contact the Education Department for availability. Free

**Directed Figure Drawing & Painting**
This ongoing session offers the opportunity to maintain and improve skills in a relaxed atmosphere. A live model is provided each week. Attendees may draw or paint the human form in poses chosen by the group and the class monitor. Wednesdays, 5pm – 8pm Through July 31 (No class 7/3) 1 session: Members $15 / Public: $18 pre-registration or pay at the door 4 sessions: Members $50 / Public $55 10 sessions: Members $100 / Public $110* *Pre-registration required.

**Private Instruction with MAC Faculty**
MAC 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. Availability for the summer is limited to evenings and weekends.

**TEENS**
Teenagers are welcome in adult classes.

**COURSES**

**Greeting Cards**
Lisa Lyman Adams
Create your own greeting cards for all occasions. Learn essential studio skills such as scoring paper to get that standard industry “fold.” Use a variety of media, including ink pens, watercolor, and collage. Also learn to master fun “artist’s handwriting” for your message. Partial materials provided. Tuesdays, 6:30pm – 8:30pm June 25 – July 23 Members $130 / Public $150

**Zoological Drawing**
Jack Monteone
Enjoy sketching from the natural world and become familiar with basic anatomy. Draw from preserved and live specimens at the Mystic Aquarium and the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. Class begins with lessons on drawing from observation, and will regularly give advice on how to draw from subjects that are in constant motion. All levels are welcome. Admission to the Nature Center and Aquarium is included in class fee and is non-refundable. Thursdays, 3pm – 5pm July 18 – August 22 Weeks 1 & 6 at MAC, weeks 2 & 3 at DPNC, weeks 4 & 5 at Mystic Aquarium Members $245 / Public $260

**Photo to Canvas**
Sarah Stiller Lucas
Bring your favorite photographs and learn how to create a work of art in acrylic or oils. Instructor demonstrations focus on design, composition and value. Previous painting experience recommended. Wednesdays, 6:30pm – 8:30pm July 10 – 31 Members $90 / Public $105 July 11 – August 1 Members $135 / Public $155

**Studies in Digital Photography**
Brenda De Los Santos
Focus on a different aspect of digital photography each week. A digital camera with full manual controls is required for all classes, with a digital SLR recommended. Students must be comfortable using their cameras in manual mode and have previous digital photography experience. Mondays, 6pm – 9pm Members $35 / Public $40 per class Members $165 / Public $195 5-part series* *Classes can be taken individually or as an entire series of 5.

**Digital Photography Class Schedule:**
July 28: Documenting Your Work: Learn the best techniques to photograph your art to present on websites, blogs,etsy, and more. August 5: Street Photography: Take a “photo walk” through downtown Mystic. Capture events as they happen, recording the mundane and extraordinary aspects of daily life. August 12: Portrait Photography: Learn how to pose people to make them look natural in group portraits, and how to create “in the moment” lifestyle portraits. August 19: Exploring Light: Discover how light and shadow can be used to create pleasing photo compositions, and how different kinds of light can be used to create dramatically different images.

**Zentangle with Color & Zentangle Landscapes**
Carol Dunn
Take your Zentangle to a new level by adding color and creating landscapes. Supplies are provided and included in the workshop fee. Bring any materials you already have along for your Zentangle. Students must have taken at least one prior Zentangle class. Zentangle Color Saturday, June 1, 10am – 4pm Members $75 / Public $85 Zentangle Landscapes Sunday, June 2, 10am – 4pm Members $70 / Public $80

**Pastel Landscapes**
Jacqueline Phillips
Improve your drawing skills while creating with pastels. Learn to depict scenes of New England, working from photographs and from the landscape itself. Bring your favorite photographic references to class. Thursdays, 6:30pm – 8:30pm July 11 – August 8 Members $110 / Public $130

**Watercolor Essentials**
Lou Bonamarte
Learn the art of watercolor with a master of the medium. Class includes demonstration and hands-on exploration. Beginner class is recommended for those just starting with the medium. Intermediate class is recommended for painters with some experience seeking a more challenging workshop atmosphere. Watercolor for Beginners Saturday, July 13, 1pm - 4pm Intermediate Watercolor Saturday, July 20, 1pm – 4pm Members $45 / Public $50 each workshop

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**Printmaking Sampler**
Carol Dunn
Experiment with monotype and drypoint techniques. This course is open to all levels, and will help painters and printmakers alike to view their work with new possibilities. Materials provided and included in workshop fee. Saturday, June 22, 10am – 4pm Members $50 / Public $60

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**LUNCH**
Classes running more than three hours will break for lunch.

**PRIVATE INSTRUCTION AVAILABLE**
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**Mystic Mandalas**
Deb Aldo
Mandalas are contemplative tools for moving between the inner and outer experience, helping to restore a feeling of peace and calm. See what it’s like to work on a mosaic in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Class will begin with a short lecture and demo on how to cut, fit and combine mosaic materials in a radial pattern as well as a brief visualization to call forth your creative side. A variety of materials will be available, including stone, glass, pebbles and shells. All tools and materials provided. All levels welcome. Saturday and Sunday, July 27 – 28 9:30am - 4:30pm Members $355 / Public $395

*On Saturday, students are welcome to join the instructor for lunch and a walk in Downtown Mystic. Lunch is at your own expense.

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**Photography Workshops**

**Digital Photography Basics**
Learn to use basic Adobe Photoshop controls to enhance and perfect your images. Basics like file size/ resolution, cropping, levels, contrast, color balance, saturation, and sharpening will be covered. A laptop computer installed with 10-20 images you wish to edit and Adobe Photoshop Elements is required (a free 30-day trial can be downloaded at adobe.com).

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Students explore art through fun, educational projects in drawing, painting, sculpture, and mixed media during MAC’s week-long art camps. Instructors teach fundamental art concepts, art history, and art vocabulary. Different topics covered each day and week.

Half day 9am – 12pm

Members $165 / Public $195

Full day 9am – 4pm

Members $315 / Public $350

Ages 4 - 7

June 24 - 28

Junior Studio

July 22 – 26

Junior Studio

July 29 - 30

Junior Studio

August 12 - 16

Junior Studio

Ages 8 – 11

July 8 - 12

Junior Studio

August 5 - 9

Junior Studio

August 19 - 23

Junior Studio

SPECIALTY CAMPS

Abstraction

Jamie Jackson

Children learn color mixing and composition as they play with many different methods of painting and use different materials like salt and sand to create.

July 1 - 5 (no class on 7/4), 9am – 12pm

Ages 7 - 10

Members $155 / Public $180

Call the Nature Center at 860.536.1216 to register

Fairies, Princesses, and Magical Creatures

Lisa Lyman Adams

Children explore the world of enchanting and mystical characters through art and storybooks and explore another world of wands, potions and fairy wings.

July 15 – 19, 1pm – 4pm

Ages 10 – 15

Members $165 / Public $195

Music, Rhythms, and Songwriting

Linda Bonadies

Students immerse themselves in music by studying rhythms and creating percussion skits. The instructor will teach the art of songwriting, from song structure to lyric writing and lead the class in fun and creative musical games. Students will work individually and as a group on class projects. Families of students are invited to class for an informal sharing of student work on Friday, July 26 at 5pm.

July 22 - 26, 3pm – 6pm

Ages 10 – 15

Members $110 / Public $130

Yoga and Art

Katie Ziskind

Each day students will focus on different yoga poses, followed by an art activity. Part of the class will be held outside, weather permitting. July 8 - 12, 1pm – 3pm

Ages 4 – 7

Members $100 / Public $110

Halflings, Dwarves and Elves

Conam Lee

Children enter the fantastic realm of hungry Halflings, industrious Dwarves and graceful Elves as they learn to design the distinctive features, clothing, and equipment that are unique to each race, as well as the other creatures who live deep within the Earth.

August 12 – 16, 1pm – 4pm

Ages 10 – 15

Members $165 / Public $195

Parties

at Mystic Arts Center

Your little artist is having a birthday!

Rent our studio for your own creative activities or have a Deluxe Birthday Party with an art activity led by our creative faculty. Choose from these themes or customize one based on your child’s special interests for a unique celebration:

• Under the Sea
• Mixed Media Adventure
• Jungle Safari
• Painting Party
• Princes & Princesses
• Magical Wizards and Witches
• Doll Tea Party
• Custom Art Party

MAC members receive a discount on Birthday Party fees.

More information or to book a party: mysticarts.org or 860.536.7601 x213
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