HOLIDAY FINE ART SHOW & ARTISAN GIFT SALON

NOVEMBER 15 – DECEMBER 28, 2013

WINTER ART GALA NOVEMBER 15, 6PM – 8PM
Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Members,

MAC’s Centennial year is coming to a close, and what a year it has been. Looking back at the special exhibitions and celebrations marking this historic milestone, we think about how far MAC has come thanks to generations of dedicated supporters. At the same time, the Board has been looking ahead to the next 100 years to anticipate MAC’s needs and plan for its future. This brings me to an exciting turn of events: in addition to the excitement of the Centennial celebrations we have recently acquired a new property, at 15 Water Street in Mystic, the former Emporium building.

This purchase will help position MAC for the future by fulfilling a number of strategic goals in support of our mission. For a number of years, MAC’s board members have been brainstorming ways to increase our visibility from the street and help the public find us. (Nobody really likes to be the best kept secret!) MAC has also been in need of more space for various purposes, such as offices, exhibitions, education, and storage. The addition of the Emporium property will help us accomplish these goals, if not right away, then down the road as we pay down the debt by leasing some of the space. The Water Street property not only contains a beautiful historic building on our street which deserves to be saved, but it is also contiguous to our own property and plan for its future. This brings me to an exciting turn of events: for some, the ornate Victorian building at 15 Water Street in Mystic can only be known as “The Emporium.” It has been a fixture of the downtown Mystic landscape for decades, a treasure trove of oddities and curiosities. Now under MAC ownership, the former Emporium building will undergo a complete renovation, whilst maintaining its historical charm, potentially adding residential, retail, office, and exhibition space.

Did You Know?
The original structure at 15 Water Street was built in 1713 and served as the town’s general store.

In 1859, Issac Randall, a successful business man who owned many properties in the area, remodeled the building into the larger structure that stands today.

The building served as a central gathering point for villagers, operating as a post office and displaying casualty and Missing in Action lists during the Civil War.

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In 1978, Paul White sold the building to Robert Bankel and Evan Nickles who continued the tradition for the next 35 years, preserving this prized piece of Mystic history and culture.

For more information about the Emporium and the history of Mystic, visit MysticHistory.org.

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With warm wishes,

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Visit mysticarts.org/join/annual-appeal/ to donate or to find more information on joining the Centennial Circle.

Donate to MAC's Annual Fund

There is still time to submit 2013 Annual Fund Donations! As Mystic Arts Center celebrates its 100th Anniversary, we are reaching out to the community to help develop the next generation of artists, and advance the future of the arts in our area.

Your generous support of our Annual Fund enables MAC to continue our mission to support creativity, culture and community in Southeastern Connecticut. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to our 2013 Annual Fund.

Mystic Arts Center also invites you to join our Centennial Circle. Patrons who contribute $1,000 or more to MAC by December 31, 2013 will become Founding Members of Mystic Arts Center’s Centennial Circle.

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Winter Art Gala
This festive evening kicks off the Holiday Fine Art Show and Artisan Gift Salon and features wine, food, holiday music, and the opportunity to purchase unique gifts made by local and regional artists. Paintings are displayed salon style, and dozens of artisan craftspeople present pottery, jewelry, home décor, photography, greeting cards, bags and much more! A portion of the proceeds go to supporting the Mystic Arts Center. We hope to see you there!

Holiday Fine Art Show & Artisan Gift Salon
Mystic Arts Center’s Annual Holiday Fine Art and Artisan Gift Salon is the perfect spot to start your holiday shopping this year! Come visit us from November 15 – December 28 between the hours of 11am and 5pm to find fine art and unique, hand-crafted gifts by local artists. We even provide complimentary gift wrapping.

The Fine Art Salon will include over 250 works of painting, photography, pottery, and sculpture by local artists. All are priced to sell and can be taken home with you that very same day. The artists will bring new works to replace the sold pieces so the selection is always changing.

In addition to fine art, the holiday show includes the Artisan Gift Salon, hosting a variety of hand-crafted items from local artisans. Wares from this year’s exhibitors will include a bit of everything, such as: children’s hats, pottery, beaded jewelry, glass trees, hand painted ornaments, alpaca fiber items, stoneware jewelry, oil cloth totes, placemats, purses, scarves, cards, and much more! A portion of the proceeds go to supporting the Mystic Arts Center.

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**Mystic Art in the Evening**

See what is being exhibited at Mystic Arts Center during Mystic’s downtown gallery strolls. Free admission.

**Downtown Mystic Stroll**

Stroll the streets of Historic Downtown Mystic, listen to the carolers, and see Santa. Drop by MAC to find a unique gift in our Holiday Fine Art Show and Artisan Gift Salon. Illustrator and MAC faculty member, Lisa Adams, will be present to sign her whimsical book about golf. Children can participate in a family-friendly art activity.

**Tuesday, December 10, 6pm – 8pm**

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**Thursday, March 6, 6pm – 8pm**

**Family Night and Young At Art Preview**

Games and art activities await you! Drop by for face-painting and hands-on art making in the galleries. Join Christine Poland for a participatory family dance in the galleries, and view Young At Art, an exhibition of artwork from local young people ages 0 to 18. Beginning with this event, a special discount on family memberships will be offered through the run of the YAA Exhibition.

**No program January or February**

**Friday Night Studio**

With Diane Gallo and MAC Staff

Children enjoy a creative night out while you enjoy dinner in town. Children’s evenings include pizza, group activities, art-making, and a short film. For ages 4 – 10

For ages 4 – 10 $25 Members/ $30 Public

Additional siblings: $15 Members / $20 Public

**Friday, February 7, 7pm – 10pm**

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**Friday, March 21, 5:30pm – 8:30pm**

*Visit Daniel Packer Inne between 5pm and 6pm, mention MIX, and receive half-priced appetizers in the dining room.

**Before January 31: $15 (no refunds after Jan. 31)**

$20 at the door. Includes wine bar, signature cocktail, and light hors d’oeuvres. $10 for ages 18 – 20.

Thanks to our sponsors: Enchanted April Occasions, East Coast Catering, Noank Community Market, Real McCoy, Mystic Cheese, Pearl Street Bakery, and Daniel Packer Inne.

**Wrap It Up II**

MAC Staff and Volunteers

Be eco-friendly and funky this gift-giving season: re-use common household items to make gifts, cards, wrap and boxes. If you have ‘em, bring ‘em: last year’s Christmas cards, magazines, cardboard canisters, newspaper, and VHS tapes, not to mention any gifts that need wrapping.

Tonight’s martini: Cinnamon Sugar Cookie

**Zentangle**

Carol Dunn

Died the holidays exhaust you? Chill out with the meditative drawing practice of Zentangle. New tangles will be introduced for those who have attended previous MAC Zentangle classes.

Tonight’s martini: The Zen Tini

**Perfect Pairs**

Lisa Adams

Create the perfect pair of Valentine’s Day wrapping and a card for a small gift or for a loved one.

Tonight’s martini: The Flirtini

**Beautiful Vases**

Sally Moteschy

Using jewelry wire and beads, create funky vases out of recycled glass containers. Bring your own recycled bottle or floral vase to decorate.

Tonight’s martini: Chocolate Coconut

**MIX**

Mix beats, art, and food with other creative types at our winter party, featuring music by DJ Brian Carter and live art by Enchanted April Occasions. Artisanal cheese provided by Mystic Cheese, rum tasting with Real McCoy, hors d’oeuvres from Noank Community Market and East Coast Catering, and desserts by Pearl Street Bakery.

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**2014 EXHIBITION CALENDAR**

**JANUARY 17 – MARCH 1**

Members Exhibition
Found Objects / Ambiguous Identities: David Madacsi Solo Sculpture Exhibition
Selections from the Permanent Collection
Opening Reception: Kindred Spirits with Courtyard Gallery
Friday, January 17, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Snow date: Friday, January 24, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

**MARCH 8 – APRIL 5**

Young At Art
Opening Reception – Saturday, March 8, 1pm – 3pm

**APRIL 11 – MAY 31**

The Blues: A Juried Theme Exhibition
The Elected Artists
Selections from the Permanent Collection
Opening Reception – Thursday, April 17, 5:30pm – 7pm

**MAY 31 – JUNE 13**

Connecticut Academy of Arts 103rd Annual Show
Selections from the Permanent Collection
Opening Reception – Thursday, June 26, 5:30pm – 7pm

**JUNE 13 – JULY 26**

**AUGUST 1 – SEPTEMBER 20**

The 58th Regional Juried Exhibition
Doug Aaberg Solo Show
Opening Reception – Thursday, August 7, 5:30pm – 7pm

**SEPTEMBER 20 – NOVEMBER 8**

Photo Show 36
Selections from the Permanent Collection
Opening Reception – Thursday, October 2, 5:30pm – 7pm

**NOVEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 27**

Holiday Fine Art Show & Artisan Gift Sale
Selections from the Permanent Collection
Winter Art Gala – Friday, November 14, 6pm – 8pm

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**FOUND OBJECTS / AMBIGUOUS IDENTITIES**

David Madacsi: Solo Sculpture Exhibition
January 17 – March 1, 2014

“Found objects are objects that have been removed from the context for which they were originally fashioned and in which they had a defined purpose and identity. In the context of a found object assemblage, original identities are blurred and replaced by new, often ambiguous, ones.”

— David Madacsi

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**Photo Show 35 Awards**

First Prize
Nick Benson, For the Workforce, Drowning (Above)

Second Prize
Catherine W. Singer, Nature’s Mystery

Third Prize
Dennis Murphy, Sandy Hollow Road

Honorable Mention
George Fehlner, Pele Awakens on Kilauea
John Henning, Picture’s End, Balkhash
Eileen McCarron Muldoon, Da Ya Na
Sally Perreten, Grand Central

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**Young At Art**

March 8 – April 5, 2014

Sponsored by Steamboat Inn and the Family of Lil Maxwell

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**MYSTIC ARTS CENTER 6 NEWS & VIEWS WINTER 2014**

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**WINTER 2014 MYSTIC ARTS CENTER NEWS & VIEWS**
On October 24th, we were thrilled to open our Centennial Brick Walkway! During a two-week period in October, Hyde Park Landscape installed over 1,000 square feet of walkway along the Mystic River. It looks wonderful, if we do say so ourselves! We hope you will come visit the walkway to enjoy the inscriptions and the riverside view. If you did not have a chance to purchase your inscribed brick, it is not too late! We will be installing another group of bricks in 2014, so there is still time to place your order. Visit mysticarts.org for information and inscription forms.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

SUZANNE DOUKAS NIERMEYER

Mystic Arts Center volunteers are a critical component to our success. They assist with education programs, projects, special events and serve as the main point of contact for MAC’s visitors.

Living in Mystic, Suzanne Doukas Niermeyer worked at Pfizer for fourteen years. Now that her children have grown, Suzanne has been able to find time to volunteer and to devote to her art — she especially enjoys oil painting, photography, and ceramics.

As a lifelong resident of the area, Suzanne Doukas Niermeyer often passed by the MAC, then called the Mystic Art Association, but never ventured inside. Three years ago she decided to fill out our online volunteer application and since then, she has been volunteering at the front desk every Thursday, as well as at education events. “I love being surrounded by the people and the art at the MAC” says Suzanne. “I find it rewarding and inspiring, and the staff may be the nicest people you could meet in Mystic!”

We are very grateful to Suzanne for volunteering her time. We are lucky to have her. If you are interested in volunteering at MAC, please visit http://mysticarts.org/join/volunteer/.

CENTENNIAL

Centennial Brick Walkway Opening

WINTER STUDIO / ADULTS

Teenagers are welcome in adult classes. Unless otherwise specified, classes are designed for beginning and intermediate levels.

PERSONALIZED PROGRAMS

Private Instruction with MAC Faculty
Private lessons for beginner and intermediate artists of all ages offer individual guidance in a variety of media. A unique curriculum created for you personally; can help with technical skills and artistic development.

Contact the Education Department for information and scheduling.

Open Studios
Bring your own materials and enjoy the opportunity to work in a relaxed studio environment.
Mondays, ongoing, 1pm - 4pm. Free. No open studios on 1/20, 2/17.
The printing press will be available on select Mondays. Contact the Education Department to check for availability.

Monitored Figure Drawing & Painting
Doug Ashberg, Monitor
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 class monitor.

Tuesdays, 6pm – 9pm
January 14 – March 18
1 session: Members $15 / Public $18
5 sessions: Members $65 / Public $80
All season pass (10 sessions total): Members $125 / Public $140
*Must pre-pay entire amount and choose specific dates to qualify for reduced fee.

Pen and Ink
Lisa Lyman Adams
Learn how to begin and finish a drawing using ink pens and traditional dipping pens. Explore techniques for shading, application of line qualities and composition, while working from still life, reproductions and a live model.

Mondays, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
January 13 - February 10
Members $125 / Public $145

Painting Methods
Sheila Barbara
Learn to paint subject matter realistically, but with a modern twist. Focus on brushwork, use of color, paint application, and more. Work from photos, in oil or acrylic.

Wednesdays, 1pm – 4pm
January 15 – February 12
February 26 – March 26
Members $165 / Public $195 per session

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

Jack Montmeat, Portrait of a Girl, charcoal on paper.
Members $35 / Public $40 per class

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. SLR is recommended. Students must be comfortable using their cameras in manual mode, and have previous digital photography experience. Tuesdays, 6pm - 9pm

February 25 – March 18
Members $35 / Public $40 per class
Members $135 / Public $160 for the four-part series

Flash Photography

Learn to use your accessory flash to take photos where an additional light source is needed. Direct, fill, and bounce flash will be covered.

February 26

Documenting Your Work

Learn the best techniques to photograph your art to present on websites, blogs, Etsy and more.

March 4

Adobe Photoshop Basics

Learn to enhance and perfect your images. Basics such as: file size/resolution, cropping, layers, levels, contrast, color balance, saturation, and sharpening will be covered. A laptop computer installed with 15 – 20 images you wish to edit and Adobe Photoshop Elements is required.

March 11

Portrait Photography

Learn how to pose people to make them look natural in group portraits, and how to create “in the moment” lifestyle portraits.

March 18

Digital Photography I

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Learn composition, exposure, white balance, and use of light in your digital SLR or point-and-shoot camera with manual capabilities. Discover how aperture, shutter speed, and ISO work together. Topics include nature portrait, and action photography.

Tuesdays, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
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Members $110 / Public $130

Fun with Fibers

Suzi Ballenger

Learn a variety of techniques for manipulating fiber, including: hand sewing, embroidery, felting, fusing, and embellishing cloth. Explore the diverse world of fabric while creating projects that can be used in everyday life. This class is open to adults and children ages 10 and up. No experience required. Supplies included in cost of class.

Wednesdays, 4pm – 6pm
January 15 – February 12
Sign up as an individual, or with a family member for $10 off your second registration. Members $140 / Public $170

Printmaking Sampler

Carol Dunn

Explore a variety of printmaking techniques, some of which can be accomplished at home without a press: gelatin printing, monotype, linocut, drypoint, and collagraph. Relief and Intaglio methods will also be explained. Materials provided and included in fee.

Wednesdays, 6:15 pm – 9:15 pm
January 15 – February 19
Members $285 / Public $310

Nuts & Bolts of Drawing

Lisa Lyman Adams

Learn set-up, composition and helpful techniques to shift your natural ability “to see” in this pencil-drawing class. Gain knowledge of the physics of shadows and light sources, and learn to measure distances accurately. Also, practice a variety of rendering and shading techniques for achieving different textures.

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Photo to Canvas

Sarah Stifter 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.

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Jack Montetta

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**ART A/B/C’S**

Expose children to a variety of media and processes through projects that stimulate imagination and creativity. A different take-home project is explored each week. Mondays, 4:30pm – 5:30pm

- **Members $8.50 / Public $10 per class** when you sign up for 4 or more

**Winter Dioramas**

Andrea Masullo

Children create a seasonal diorama out of twigs, painted pine cones, bird seed, yarn and more.

Monday, January 6, 4:30pm – 5:30pm

**Nature Prints**

Jamie Jackson

Students explore nature with watercolor and pastels.

Mondays, 4:30pm – 5:30pm

**Batik**

Hilary Opperman

Students experiment with stencils and fabric dyes.

Tuesday, January 21, 4:30pm – 6pm

**Starch Painting**

Tuesday, January 14, 4:30pm – 6pm

**Animals Yoga**

Andrea Masullo

Young artists learn the art of caricature, as well as, essential skills for drawing people and animals.

Wednesday, 4:30pm – 6pm

**Batik**

Tuesday, February 25, 4:30pm – 6pm

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Monday, March 3, 4:30pm – 5:30pm

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Monday, March 10, 4:30pm – 5:30pm

**Batik**

Tuesday, March 18, 4:30pm – 6pm

**Exploring Color**

Alex Trachishin

Children learn about color-mixing, application and values as they discover the infinite artistic possibilities of pastels and paint.

Tuesday, March 11, 4:30pm – 6pm

**Playing with Clay**

Tuesday, March 18, 4:30pm – 6pm

**HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS**

MAC provides homeschool education experiences through a combination of discussion and hands-on work in our galleries and studios. All programs focus on the elements of art and design, teach art vocabulary, and utilize critical thinking skills. Appropriate for children ages 6 – 10.

1. **2nd Tuesdays, 1 – 3 pm**

*2-hour studio sessions*

*The Artist’s Toolbox*

Kristen Thornton

Students will enjoy a full two-hour class in the studio learning not only art skills, but also, how to be an “artist”. January 14*

*Sequential Art*

Lisa Adams

Students create a series of smaller artworks with a unifying theme and story, drawing inspiration from narrative works and portraits in the Annual Members Exhibition. February 11

*Scultping in Tin*

Kristen Thornton

Children view the artwork of others between the ages 0 – 18 in our Young at Art exhibition for inspiration, and create a geometric artwork on metal sheeting. March 11

Single Program: $10 MAC Members/$15 Public

Advance registration required: call 603.567.6102 x209

**PROGRAM PARTICIPATION PACKET**

A Program Participation Packet must be completed for each student by the start of each class. Please see our web site for the packet and important class policies.
Is Membership Right For You?
If discounts on studio classes, birthday parties, special events, cultural programming, trips and lectures; free subscriptions to MAC’s quarterly members’ newsletter; exclusive emails with inside info on upcoming events and special programs; exhibiting, and selling your work; and free networking opportunities among a community of talented artists are of interest to you, please become a member of Mystic Arts Center!

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