

*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 young 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 Easton Library, Historical Society, Easton Lions Club, Easton Town Hall, and Easton Spirit Day.

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 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.

*Joanne Kant*

For further information on EAC events and to friend us on Facebook, please check our website:  
[www.eastonartscouncil.org](http://www.eastonartscouncil.org)

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


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**WINTER CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS**

 Our *Winter Celebration of the Arts Show* is a very popular and well-attended January/February exhibit with artists from around the area, displaying their pastels, pencils, photography, pen & inks, sculpture, watercolors, collages, and oils. This is an excellent venue to view the creative talents of all the participating artists.


**READERS THEATER**

 Readers Theater began in the Spring of 1997 as a way to bring live theater to Easton, evolving over the years with a reputation for presenting humorous, thought-provoking, offbeat material. There is no set format for the annual productions. Sometimes, the program will be a themed collection of one-act plays often including poetry, music, and dance. Many full-length plays have also been presented. Co-Founders Kit Briner and Geri Gould have pointed out that Readers Theater is an *amateur* project in the truest sense of the word, which means that we do it for *the love of it!* All participants volunteer their talents to make great theater with every intention of keeping audiences coming back for more.


**SOLO EXHIBITS**

 Working with the Easton Arts Council and the Easton Library, EAC member Dolly Curtis curates ten exciting exhibits a year in the Library Conference Room and glass display case, showcasing local artists.


**YOUNG ARTISTS**

 Opportunities for young students from Grades K through 12 to create and display their artwork. All materials are provided *free of charge*, thanks to the Easton Lions Club.

**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 our talented artists with insightful critiques and cash prizes. *Always an exciting show of superb talents!*


**WINTER/SPRING FILM SERIES**

 Classic movies specially selected by our Film Curator. *A great night out for our Winter/Spring film viewing and discussion.*


**JURIED PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

 Our November exhibition has two categories: *Local* (photos of Easton), and *General* (photos taken anywhere). Cash awards are given to *1st Place* in each category, and the Easton *1st 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* is well known for its “meet and greet” cabaret style, and has annually set Easton ablaze with their flashy, funny repartee, and *smoking smorgasbord* of great American Songbook solos, duets, and rhapsodic piano repertoire ranging through Broadway to Opera.

**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 Scholarship Award* goes to two Joel Barlow High School students.



**JOIN THE EAC TODAY!**

*Your membership supports:*

- Winter Celebration of the Arts
- Winter/Spring Film Series
- Art in the Country
- Readers Theater
- Taste of Opera
- Young Artists
- Photography Contest
- Student Scholarship Awards to:  
Helen Keller & Joel Barlow

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Easton Arts Council yearly membership/contribution:

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

\_\_\_ \$50 Supporter \_\_\_ \$100+ Patron

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