



Joanne Kant
EAC President

FROM THE
PRESIDENT'S DESK

This year we celebrated our twentieth year with a wonderful art show and fun-filled evening at the Library. Our Town Selectman read from a proclamation declaring May 21, 2016 as *Easton Arts Council Day* in honor of all the work the Arts Council has done to advance the Arts in Easton. It was wonderful to reminisce about the events that we have created and sponsored during the last twenty years, many of which we are still doing today. Kathy Davidson put together a terrific continuous photo display, Kit Briner made a video of our Youth Art & Talent Shows and Writer's Contest, and Kris Lynch made a touching photo and memorabilia display recalling our history. I want to personally thank all the Board Members and others who helped make the evening so special. We are a small group, but as you can see, our list of accomplishments is impressive.

As we enter our next twenty years, we look forward to continued support from our community, and hope to attract new members who are interested in furthering the arts in Easton. We have successfully created venues for visual and performing artists of all ages to exhibit their work and display their talents. That said, we are always on the hunt for new ideas. Please join us in our search to offer opportunities for self-expression and artistic appreciation.

To quote Pablo Picasso:

"Art washes from the soul the dust of everyday life."

So join us, and you will be refreshed!


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For further information on EAC events
and links to our artists' websites and
to friend us on Facebook, check our website
www.eastonartscouncil.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2016...

- Jan. 18 to Feb. 25** **Annual Adult Members' Art Show**
Receiving artwork on January 14 from 10am 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*.
- Jan. 24 7 pm** **Winter Film Series**
In the Library Community Room.
- Feb. 14 7 pm** **Winter Film Series**
In the Library Community Room.
- Feb. 18 noon to 1:30 pm** **Youth Framing Workshop...learn how to frame your artwork** — in the **Easton Community Center**.
For details, call Kathy Davidson at 203-261-7351.
- March 1 to April 15** **Annual Youth Art Show**
Open to pre-K through 12 in the Easton Library.
Receiving artwork on February 25 from 1pm to 3pm.
Pick up is April 15 from noon to 3pm.
For details, call Kathy Davidson at 203-261-7351.
- Mar.4 deadline** **Young Writers' Competition**
Open to grades 3 to 12. Submission deadline 2/26/17.
- March 4 & 11 2 pm** **Youth Talent Show Audition & Dress Rehearsal**
In the Library Community Room. Pre-registration by Feb.28. Forms will be at schools, Easton Library, www.eastonartscouncil.org. For details, 203-261-9160.
- March 12 2pm - 4pm** **Youth Talent Show & Youth Art Show Reception**
Reception and awards following the Talent Show.
- March 14 7 pm** **Winter Film Series**
In the Library Community Room.
- April 1 8 pm** **Readers Theater**
The Pavilion by Craig Wright. Recommended for mature audiences. Reception following.
- April 18 7 pm** **Winter Film Series**
In the Library Community Room.
- May 10 to June 10** **Annual Regional Fine Art Juried Show**
Receiving is May 6 from 10am to 1pm.
Reception on Saturday evening, May 20 at 7pm.
- Oct 15 3 pm** **Taste of Opera**
Info to come. Reception to follow.
- November to January** **Juried Photography Show**
Dates to be announced.

Check local newspapers for the new film series playing January 24, February 14, March 14, and April 18 at the Easton Public Library Community Room!

2016 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

At Helen Keller Middle School, the *Nancy White Memorial Scholarship Awards* went to **Gabrielle Johnston** in performing arts and **Alexia Gonzalez** in visual arts.

The *Nancy White Memorial Scholarship Awards* at Joel Barlow High School went to **Adele Hancock** in visual arts and **Gabrielle Colangelo** in performing arts.



Congratulations to our talented students!

EAC MEMBERS IN THE NEWS...

Joanne Kant

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Joanne has formed a new singing group, *The Hot to Trot Trio*, including pianist Olga Kalinina and bass-baritone Tom Zimmerman, with a repertoire ranging from Broadway to Opera.

They have performed in the Thomaston Opera House, the Easton Library, and several senior-living centers. The trio was recently featured on local radio station WPKN for a *Sunday Afternoon Brunch Concert*.



The Hot to Trot Trio

Karen Thorsen

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Karen's James Baldwin Project continues her nationwide Outreach & Engagement initiatives, screening the award-winning film, "James Baldwin: The Price of the Ticket"; public forums about diversity, discrimination; plus a Baldwin curriculum for middle & high schools, and beyond.

Dolly Curtis

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Dolly Curtis and Leo Meyer continue their successful radio theater show *Backstage Buzz*, with Met opera soprano Debra Voight, host of the Met's HD Performances, and James Mapes, illusionist, hypnotist, actor, and author, on WPKN 89.5FM Public Radio. *Backstage Shows* are archived on youtube.



READERS THEATER

Our 2017 Readers Theater Production will be held at 8:00pm on Saturday, April 1 in the Easton Public Library Community Room.

Called *The Pavilion* by Craig Wright, the play is a lyrical examination of everyday life. Both comic and moving, it is a marvelously written, highly theatrical work that will honor your intellectual and emotional intelligence. Nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and critically acclaimed as "a modern day *Out Town*, this play is by turns poetic and comic, romantic and philosophical."

*Of course my heart's broken
but all in all I'm very happy because life's been good.*

Recommended for mature audiences.

You are invited to stay for a reception after the show.



2016 cast from our twenty-year celebratory program.



JURIED PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION



Photo Show chairman,
Cleo Sonneborn and
EAC Pres., Joanne Kant

On December 4, Juror Kate Eisemann awarded the following prizes in our 2016 Photo Exhibition: 1st...*Pieces of the Past* by Tom Rudne;

2nd...*Afterglow* by Paul Berger; and Hon.Men...*Troubled Waters* by Bill McMenamy; in the Youth Category (18 or under): 1st...*Water is Life* by Meghan Ogrinz; 2nd...*Twist on a Classic* by Sara Adriani; and Hon.Men...*Leafy Greens* by Alexis Ogrinz.

We are looking forward to our next photography exhibition in November 2017 at the Easton Public Library.



Kate Eisemann,
juror, and first
place winner,
Tom Rudne



ANNUAL EAC MEMBERS' ART SHOW

The 2017 Members' Art Show runs from January 18 through February 25. Open to all adult artists, photographers, artisans, and sculptors, the entry fee of \$20 is also your yearly membership in the EAC.

If you wish to exhibit, call Howard 203-374-0705 or Kris 203-261-0175, or go to our website. Receiving/drop-off date is Saturday, January 14, from 10am to 1pm. Entries should be recent works not shown in any previous EAC show.



WINTER CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

Please reserve Saturday evening, January 21, 2017 from 7pm to 10pm. Open to the entire community, this event celebrates our *Annual Members' Art Show*. Always a well-attended and interesting affair, this is a great evening for artists and supporters of the arts to meet each other in a warm and friendly setting. We will have tables set up during the evening for artists to display samples of their work. Refreshments will be served.

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



YOUNG WRITERS' COMPETITION

Open to all students, grades 3 to 12. Prose, poetry, play or screenplay: Your most memorable *Hometown Experience*, real or imagined. Typed manuscripts please, maximum of five pages.

2016 Winners: Justin Juliano (*Memorial Day Parade*), Meghan Ogrinz (*Guardian of Sherwood Farm*), Sara Mende (*Laurenston Loser*), Alexis Ogrinz (*Tempest*), and Alexandra Baghdady (*Lilly's Story*).

2017 Deadline: February 26. Presentation at Youth Show on March 12.

For more information, call: 203-261-4747,
or email: ywc@eastonartscouncil.org, DKDfilm@aol.com.



2017 COMING ATTRACTIONS AT THE MOVIES:

Feel good movies to help you beat the winter blues!

"*The Palm Beach Story*", Tuesday, January 24, 7pm
Starring Joel McCrea. Hosted by Jon Sonneborn with

Joel McCrea's son, Peter McCrea, joining us!

"*Seventh Heaven*", Tuesday, February 14, 7pm

Janet Gaynor & Charles Farrell

Academy Award-winning drama

directed by Frank Borzage

"*The Merry Widow*", Tuesday, March 14, 7pm

Maurice Chevalier & Jeanette MacDonald

Directed by Ernst Lubitch

"*Twentieth Century*", Tuesday, April 18, 7pm

John Barrymore & Carole Lombard

Howard Hawks comedy

IN THE EASTON LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM



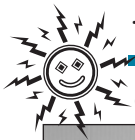
YOUTH ART WORKSHOP

Our 2017 Youth Art Workshop will be held on Feb. 18 from noon to 1:30pm at The Easton Community Center.

Young artists will be able to paint on canvas and then learn how to frame their art for the March *Youth Art Exhibit*.



All the materials will be provided free of charge thanks to the Easton Lions Club.



TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Saturday, May 21, 2016, we held a grand reception to celebrate our twenty years promoting the Arts in Easton.



It was a very well-attended and festive event in the Easton Library Community Room with wonderful fine art covering the walls and delicious delicacies for all to enjoy.



Art in the Country, our 2017 Annual Juried Regional Fine Art Show, will once again be held in the Library Community Room, from May 10 to June 10, receiving on May 6, with a reception on May 20. Open to all, refreshments will be served.



TASTE OF OPERA



Joanne



Hot to Trot Trio, Olga, Joanne, and Tom

On October 9, 2016, we presented *The Hot to Trot Trio* in "Let's Do It, A Lighthearted Look at Romance" to a packed house, featuring soprano Joanne Kant, baritone Tom Zimmerman, and pianist Olga Kalinina, performing *Music from Opera to Broadway*. Contact Joanne Kant at 203-261-9160 or go to our website: www.eastonartscouncil.org for more information.



YOUTH ART EXHIBIT

Calling all school-age artists! March is *National Youth Art Month*. Receiving date is February 25 from 1pm to 3pm.

The Reception will take place following the Youth Talent Show on March 12. Applications are online and also in local schools and libraries, or contact Kathy Davidson at 203-261-7351 or email: youthartshow@eastonartscouncil.org.



YOUTH TALENT SHOW

The *Youth Talent Show* is open to all school-age actors, dancers and musicians. Auditions will be held on Saturday, March 4 at 2pm and the Dress Rehearsal is on March 11 at 2pm, both in the Easton Library Community Room. Pre-registration is required.



The Talent Show will take place on Sunday, March 12 at the Youth Art Reception. For info, contact Joanne Kant at 203-261-9160.

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Join the EAC today!

Your membership supports:

Adult Members' Art Show

Winter Celebration of the Arts

Readers Theater

Juried Regional Fine Art Show

Taste of Opera

Juried Photography Exhibition

Winter Film Series

Youth Art & Talent Show

Youth Art Workshop

Creative Youth Writing Competition

Awards of Recognition to
Helen Keller & Joel Barlow Students

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Areas of Interest _____



Your membership/contribution:

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

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