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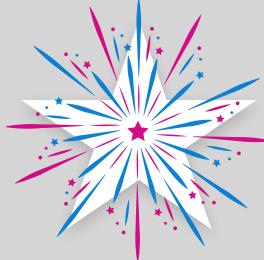
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2026
Easton Arts Council
Events Calendar

ANNUAL ART EXHIBITIONS

Winter Arts Celebration

January 5 - February 27

Art in the Country

May 2 - June 27

Photography Contest

November 7 - January 2, 2027

SOLO ART EXHIBITIONS

Paula McDonagh

March 2 - April 11

Neurodiversity

April 11 - May 2

Ami-Alison Ward

June 27 - August 29

Weir Farm Collective

August 29 - November 6

SMALL GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

Dates and details on our website

FILM SERIES

“Twentieth Century” January 28

John Barrymore & Carole Lombard

Directed by Howard Hawks

“The Merry Widow” May 7

Maurice Chevalier & Jeanette MacDonald

Directed by Ernst Lubitsch

PERFORMING ARTS

Readers Theater

New production April 2026

For more info and updates

check our website or email Kit Briner:

BadActor@EastonArtsCouncil.org

Taste of Opera

“Hot to Trot Trio”

October 4



2026
Newsletter
for the
Arts in
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www.eastonarts council.org

Visit our website to learn more about
upcoming events and activities!

FROM OUR PRESIDENT...



Joanne Kant

The Easton Arts Council was founded over 25 years ago by a group of civic-minded citizens.

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.

Besides our own events, we enjoy working on community projects with many Easton organizations: The Public Library, Historical Society, Lions Club, Cemetery Committee, Planning & Zoning, and Park & Recreation.

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.



WINTER ARTS CELEBRATION

Chaired by Elizabeth Katz, our popular first exhibition of the year attracts our community area artists. Here they can display their full array of creative talents with no limit of medium.

This popular event is an excellent opportunity to view the creative talents of our member artists!



FILM SERIES

Classic movies specially selected by Jon Sonneborn, our EAC Film Curator. Favorite actors and directors are featured this year in a series of wonderful comedies and musicals.

A great night out for viewing and discussion!



To the Beach



Debbie Firisin
2025 first prize winner

ART IN THE COUNTRY

Sheila Weaver chairs this successful Juried Regional Fine Art Show each spring which is judged by a renowned juror who awards talented artists with insightful critiques and cash prizes.

Always an exciting show of superb works of art!

2026 EASTON CALENDAR



EASTON 2026

Each month features a scene of Easton from our Photography Contest. These calendars can be purchased at Greiser's, the Easton Senior Center and on our EAC website.



The 2025 cast of Tear Jerkers, Cockle Warmers, & Belly Laughs

READERS THEATER

Created in 1997 by Kit Briner and the late Geri Gould 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.



TASTE OF OPERA

The flamboyant *Hot to Trot Trio*, Olga Kalinina, Tom Zimmerman and Joanne Kant, 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.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Co-chaired by Cleo Sonneborn and Sheila Weaver, this annual exhibit awards prizes in two categories: Local (*photos of Easton*) and General (*taken anywhere*).



Eclipse #9 Kit Briner

Our own EAC board member, Kit Briner, placed first in the local category of the 2024 Photography Contest.

"Eclipse #9" captures the April 24th eclipse of the sun as viewed by Kit from his backyard. Cloud cover allowed him to gaze at the star and capture his beautiful, mysterious, image. Kit, an actor, director, playwright and poet, has lived in Easton for 45 years. His love of photography began as a teen, when he saved up money and bought a Yashica SLR. After entering quite a few photography contests in his life, Kit says this is the first time he's placed first. His photo joins past winners in the Easton Town Hall gallery.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS...



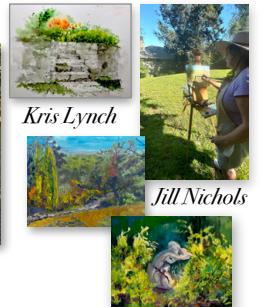
EAC members enjoyed a day out at Peggy Kinstler's studio and grounds to paint "en plein air" - a style of painting which challenges the artist to capture a spontaneous impression of the scene.



Tina Sarno



Kris Lynch



Jill Nichols



Beth Bailey



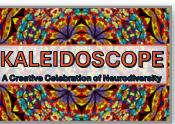
Barbara Zionce

2025 SOLO EXHIBITS

Curator Dolly Curtis and Sheila Weaver produce ten exciting solo exhibits annually, showcasing area artists in the Easton Library Small Gallery and library exhibit cases. Sheila also curates four solo exhibits in the Community Room Gallery, which in 2025 included:



KAREN MACDONALD, a fourth-generation quilter, continues a family tradition that has been passed down through the ages. Karen has dedicated her life to the art of creating intricate and meaningful hand-stitched quilts. This exhibit highlights quilts created to celebrate the USA 250th Anniversary.



KALEIDOSCOPE – A Creative Celebration of Neurodiversity. The exhibition of art and film was a collaboration of the Easton Public Library, the Easton Art Council, Abrakadoodle: Trumbull, TransitionCT and the Easton Diversity & Inclusion Task Force.



SANDY GRIESBACH's solo photography exhibition, 'What Do You See?' captured the true essence and personality of flowers and trees, revealing the spirits of the natural world.

2025 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Helen Keller Diane Esther Aaron Memorial Award

Simone Tsyrulnik- performing arts

Hannah Alikhan- visual arts

Joel Barlow Nancy White Memorial Award

Skylar Giblin- performing arts

Ezra Nemore- visual arts

Congratulations to our winners!