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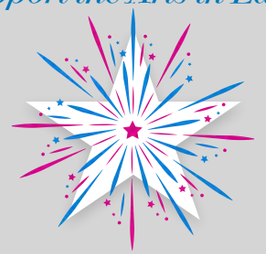

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2027 Easton Arts Council Events Calendar

All events take place at the Easton Library unless otherwise noted. Visit our website for additions and updates.

ANNUAL ART EXHIBITIONS

Winter Arts Celebration
January 3 - February 27

Art in the Country
May 1 - June 26

Photography Contest
November 6 - January 8, 2028

SOLO ART EXHIBITIONS

Visit our website for artists info and dates

Community Room
Four exhibits and receptions are planned for 2027

Small Gallery
Ten exhibits and receptions are planned for 2027

FILM SERIES

Our 2027 season will feature films in April, May and September hosted by film historian Jon Sonneborn. Visit our website for movie info and dates

PERFORMING ARTS

Readers Theater
For 2027 new production info and dates visit our website or email Kit Briner: BadActor@EastonArtsCouncil.org

Afternoon Cabaret
"Hot to Trot Trio"
October 17

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2027 Newsletter for the Arts in Easton...

www.eastonartscouncil.org

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

FROM OUR PRESIDENT...



Joanne Kant

The Easton Arts Council was founded over 30 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 with many Easton community partners:
The Public Library, Senior Center, Cemetery Committee, Planning & Zoning, Park & Recreation, Greiser's Market, Christ's Church and Lions Club.

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

Our first exhibition of the year is held every January through February. This annual event, co-chaired by Barbara Zionce and Sheila Weaver, features artwork in every medium and highlights the creativity and diversity of talented area artists.



The Winter Arts opening reception provides an opportunity to meet and socialize with our EAC member artists.

FILM SERIES

Our 2027 season will feature "feel-good" films, classic movies highlighting favorite directors and actors selected for these challenging times by Jon Sonneborn, our EAC film curator.

Classic films we enjoyed from our 2026 film series.



ART IN THE COUNTRY

Sheila Weaver chairs this juried regional fine art exhibition held every May through June. Our guest juror selects winners and awards cash prizes in addition to offering the artists valuable critiques. The show attracts remarkable talent year after year.



Anda Styler 2026 first prize winner "Grey Barn"



"...stone walls and dappled light. Grey Barn is a celebration of place constructed with masterful brush strokes and painted with love."- Alex McFarlane, juror.

AFTERNOON CABARET

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.

The 2026 performance of Sing for your Supper



The Music and Lyrics of Richard Rogers and Lorenz Hart

READERS THEATER

Created in 1997 by Kit Briner and the late Geri Gould to bring quality live theater to Easton. Original full-length plays and themed collections of one-act plays often feature poetry, music, and dance. The productions are known for literate, humorous, thought-provoking, and offbeat material.

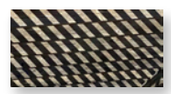
The 2026 cast of The Write To Vote, a staged reading of six original works.



The evening explored politics, civic responsibility, community, technology, and loneliness.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

This annual show, co-chaired by Cleo Sonneborn and Sheila Weaver, is held every November through December. Entries are accepted in two categories: Local, photography taken in Easton, and General, taken anywhere. A guest juror offers critiques and awards cash prizes to the winners.



"*Shadow Architecture*"



Kit Briner 2025 first prize local winner

Kit placed first in the local category for the second time. Using cast shadow, the work is a stunning example of how an artist can turn the everyday into a work of art.
"...a very satisfying pattern of light and dark patches, likely from a lattice fence."- Sidney Rabeck, juror.

Thomas Savard 2025 first prize general winner





"*Birds In Flight Study #17*"

"A long exposure and sharp contrast create a beautiful piece of abstract art barely recognizable as a bird, if not for the title. Small, feathery details along the path of the wing combine to make one coherent, yet fluid, shape in an excellent, frame-filling composition."- Sidney Rabeck, juror.

2027 EASTON CALENDAR

Each month features a scene of Easton from our annual Photography Contest.



Available at Greiser's, the Easton Senior Center and on our EAC website.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS...

Jon Sonneborn, co-author, producer and actor starred in his first feature-length film *Morton Meets The Eye.* The film premiered at the Beverly Hills Film Festival this past April, and had its East Coast premiere at Fairfield's SHU Theater in July. Morton is a madcap musical mystery full of outlandish characters, costumes, sets and original songs.

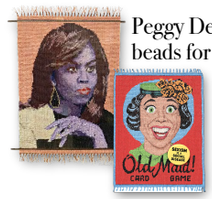


Award-winning filmmaker Karen Thorsen finds inspiration at the intersection of art and social justice. Her first feature-length documentary was Baldwin: The Price of the Ticket. Inspired by her collaboration with Baldwin during the last two years of his life, this 1989 film is now the centerpiece of her non-profit *James Baldwin Project.* The film has been seen by millions and its outreach has already reached tens of thousands.



SOLO ART EXHIBITS

The EAC provides year round art exhibits throughout the Easton library. In 2026 Dolly Curtis and Sheila Weaver curated ten solo exhibits in the Small Gallery and Sheila curated four in the Community Room Gallery. Two recent featured artists were Peggy Dembicer and Stephanie Hilton.



Peggy Dembicer uses as many as 20,000 seed beads for her pictorial and patterned works. They may be woven, embroidered, painted, or assembled as intricate mosaics. Some works take months to complete.

Stephanie Hilton creates 3-D panels by weaving multiple paintings together as one. She also incorporates natural materials like stones, shells and pebbles in her works.



2026 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Helen Keller: *Diane Esther Aaron Memorial Award*
Tobia Costanzo - visual arts
Eugene Abromov - performing arts

Joel Barlow: *Nancy White Memorial Award*
Landon Noisette - visual arts
Lucia Ferrari - performing arts
Audrey Zhu - computer arts

Congratulations to our winners!