



November 14 - 15 - 16, 2025

EXHIBITING ARTISTS



FINE ART & CRAFTS created by MEMBERS & FRIENDS

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Westport

A message from the UU Art & You committee:

This exhibition is dedicated to the participating artists, all of whom are current or former members of our congregation. We are honored to showcase your artwork in our beautiful sanctuary gallery. Your generous donations from the sales proceeds will continue to support the work of The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Westport. Thank you for your invaluable contributions and for sharing your creativity with us and the greater community.

With much appreciation to all the volunteers who contributed time, talent, energy and creativity to make every part of UU Art & You a success!

Sincerely,

Linda, Dorothy, Andrew, Julyen, David, Julia and Rob

This directory of Participating Artists and Exhibit List are available for viewing using this QR Code.



Welcome to UU Art & You, our newly-launched, member art show and sale!

We celebrate creativity in all genres at UU Westport: now is our time to celebrate the fine arts! Outstanding woodworking, weaving, photography, painting, sculpture, needlework, and other fantastic, handcrafted pieces are on display for view and sale. Some items are not for sale, as this is also an opportunity for all who wish to exhibit their work. When creative, talented makers share their self-expression through art, meaningful connection happens.

You may find a treasure to take home or to give to someone special.

May this show bring the joy of art and inspire you to get to know us better as a community.

We're glad you came.

About The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Westport.

UU Westport is a diverse and welcoming religious community, free of creed and dogma, and open to people of all backgrounds and beliefs. We welcome all who are in search of a non-judgmental, loving, safe community to come together to explore what it means to be human and alive in today's world, and how we can best serve one another and those around us, near and far.

We are housed in a gorgeous, award-winning sanctuary designed by renowned midcentury architect Victor Lundy (1923-2024). Truly a piece of art on its own, it has recently undergone extensive renovations to preserve it for generations to come. As one admirer has shared recently: "Nestled in the woods, this soaring modernist structure—celebrated for its sweeping roofline, luminous walls of glass, and reverent connection to the natural landscape—offers a transcendent setting.... "

(The Glass House, 2025)

**Diana Bell**

Watercolorist
Easton, CT

Diana is a self-taught “Sunday painter” though she usually dabbles during the week to avoid chores.

**Eileen Belmont**

Fiber Artist
Westport, CT

For as long as I can remember I’ve been fascinated by textiles — whether they be for clothing, home decor, or quilts — and have been designing and constructing fabric creations since first learning how to thread a needle and use scissors, a measuring tape, and a sewing machine. After years of making clothing for myself I branched out and did the same for my three daughters . . . and then for commissioned projects. And then I branched out again . . . combining peoples’ heirloom textiles — wedding dresses, neckties, denim jeans, sports jerseys and T-shirts, even boxer shorts — with fresh off-the-bolt fine silks, linens, cotton batiks and mud cloth, as well as upholstery fabrics, to turn them into quilted treasures that celebrate their accomplishments, life cycle events, and other treasured memories and other not to be forgotten moments.

Starting with my customers’ textiles I use my artistry and design sense to create a unique piece that honors their vision.

**Jan Braunle**

Weaver
Bridgeport, CT

Jan Braunle is a weaver living and working in Bridgeport. She makes hand woven scarves using custom dyed silk from China and rayon chenille imported from Europe. Both of these luxury fibers have outstanding color ranges and are amazingly soft, yet sturdy, when woven together. They make ideal three season scarves.

Jan has a BFA degree from Rochester Institute of Technology with a focus on Textiles and has studied silk weaving in Kyoto, Japan.

**Dayle Brownstein**

Photographer
Westport, CT

My love for photography mirrors my love for the singular moment. It is here- fully present. Perhaps noticed. Perhaps not. Like a “virtual particle” it lives for a moment, and then vanishes. My craft is to elevate such moments to the sacred experiences that they are.



Denise Carreau

Photographer
Ridgefield, CT

Denise Carreau is a hypnotist and photography enthusiast. She finds photography a meditative and centering process.



Jim & Susan Cooper / SharpByCoop Photography

Photographer
Norwalk, CT

Website: KnifeGallery.com

We specialize in 'product photography' in a VERY niche field. My subjects are ONLY handmade custom Knives. Incredibly, this unique skillset has a worldwide following, and our clients and audience are Global.

There are TWO artists at work in my images:

Myself, with a clear style of display which has graced magazine covers, full-length articles, and coffee table books.

The Maker's Knives: THESE are the real stars. Artistry in knives? The stylings by these skilled professionals is INCREDIBLY unlimited. I am just a conduit to reveal them. They are worth MANY thousands of dollars each.

Reach: I have over 100,000 followers on my Social Media accounts. We travel often to trade shows to capture them and do studio work in Norwalk.



Lynn Crager

Painter
Westport, CT

Westporter Lynn Crager is a semi-retired hospital chaplain who started painting watercolors fifteen years ago. It began with a set of watercolor pencils and the beauty of Acadia National Park as inspiration. Adult education classes and good old YouTube offered her fundamentals in painting, and she recently started painting with acrylics. She is currently enrolled in art classes at the Westport

Senior Center. As a Unitarian, Lynn discovered that creating art enhances her spirituality. To Lynn, painting is a soul-searching journey and a lesson in awareness, patience, and self-acceptance.



Ildi Csik

Painter
Norwalk, CT

This picture is a devoted homage to my roots.

I was born in a small Hungarian village by the river. Though I have wandered far and wide, my heart still calls that first place home.



Chelsea Danburg

Multidisciplinary Artist

Norwalk, CT

Website: BluJoyWrks.com

Chelsea Danburg is a multidisciplinary artist and arts educator based in Connecticut. Chelsea's work bridges traditional craft and contemporary art, creating objects that are both functional and expressive.

Trained in textile design at Rhode Island School of Design with a focus in weaving, she views weaving as the alchemy of engineering and art—a rhythmic, tactile meditation held within purposeful structure.

Chelsea's 2025 collection includes handwoven textiles for the wall, quilted blankets, the Expand System planner for creative thinkers, and Painted by Rain, an artbook of poetry and photography. She teaches weaving and textile arts at Studio Andreas in Stamford, CT.



Marjolijn DeJager

Painter

Stamford, CT

In my early adolescence I was drawing animals in Artis, the Amsterdam Zoo, and would later visit museums to draw sculptures, starting with the Nike of Samothrace at the Louvre when I was 16! After playing with oils for a while, I ended up with watercolor instead and have been working on that off and on for years, and I hope there will be more to come.



David Dunlop

Painter

Norwalk, CT

David Dunlop is a modern-day old world master whose luminous paintings draw from both Renaissance techniques and contemporary science. His paintings have been shown internationally and are held in the collections of major corporations.



Pam Einarsen

Photographer

Westport, CT

An award-winning photographer, Pamela Einarsen's work has been featured in the New York Times and Connecticut Post as well as Westport, Weston, and Greenwich magazines. Her fine art images have been selected for solo and juried shows on both the local and national level. Shows and awards include:

Best in Show - Carriage Barn Photography Show, New Canaan, CT, **Jinishian Award** - Silvermine Art of the Northeast, **Solo Show** - Westport Arts Center

Pamela has participated in many workshops and classes around the country to perfect her craft. Although Pamela's primary medium is photography, she works in multi-media and special processes as well. Over the years, her photography has explored the themes of adolescence, gender, aging, relationships and nature.



David Emberling

Photographer
Newtown, CT

A native of San Francisco, David Emberling is a photographer/artist now living in Newtown, Ct with his wife, Stapley, and their faithful Golden Retriever. After a long career in commercial and portrait photography, he now devotes his time to creating personal work. He is currently exploring beyond pure photography and is working on a digital art project.



Ruth Fontilla

Multifaceted Artist
Trumbull, CT

I have been sewing, quilting, woodworking, paper folding, crocheting and otherwise making treasures since I was small. Working with my hands is one small way I care for myself as it's always a creative process to see how the ideas in my head come out in reality.

This piece, a six bottle beer carrier, was born out of desperation to bring something "fancier" than a paper sleeve to a party during the pandemic. I got to use up some of my wood scraps, including a handle from an old hammer! This bag represents a love of combining wood. All the fabric and wood handles were passed on from other crafters. What I love about this bag is how it can be held open to see all that's inside.



Kareen Garrison

Multifaceted Artist
Norwalk, CT

Kareen Garrison is an artist of many interests and mediums, from linoprinting and crocheting to pottery and drawing. Key themes of her work include odes to nature and challenging use of natural colors. Currently exploring the world of pottery, as well as abstract crochet and wearables. She is based in Norwalk, CT.



Monica Garrison

Multifaceted Artist
Norwalk, CT

Monica Garrison's artistic journey began with a simple paint-by-numbers kit and grew into a lifelong passion for creating. From childhood sketches that filled the kitchen table to studies at Ithaca College and the Silvermine Art Center, she has continued to explore drawing, painting, and pottery. Though not a professional artist, Monica brings her creativity into her work as a school speech pathologist, using art to motivate and inspire her students. For her, making art is more than a hobby—it's a joyful, essential part of life that continues to spark curiosity and contentment every day.



Joanne Glasser Orenstein (artwork of her mother Loie Glasser)

Assemblages

Trumbull, CT

Loie Glasser was a New York City-based artist and my mother. She grew up in rural Pennsylvania and Philadelphia, attending the University of the Arts in Philadelphia and the School of the Visual Arts in New York. She exhibited extensively in New York and in galleries in Pennsylvania and Connecticut. Her work appeared in ArtSpeak, New York Magazine, Art in America and other magazines.

Loie was highly in demand as a commercial artist, specializing in textile design and book illustration.



Andrew Graham

Fine Art Photographer/Sculptor

Redding, CT

Website: andrewgrahamphotography.com

Instagram: [andrew_graham_photography](https://www.instagram.com/andrew_graham_photography)

Largely self-taught—photographer Andrew Graham photographs naked people. He has long been drawn to the human form, initially exploring the fine art nude in the 1980's, and coming back to it 20+ years ago. He finds the unclothed body as an amazing art form, so changeable with pose, light, mood, the energy of the day, and the relationship between the model and the photographer. It has been said by his husband that "Andrew's drug of choice is people!" Andrew enjoys creating art with bodies of all types and colors—male, female, non-binary, etc.—yet as a queer artist he feels the male nude is under represented and underappreciated in art today.



Lyn Hamilton

Pet Portraits

Norwalk, CT

I started painting when I retired in 2016. Many UU friends have portraits of their dogs and cats that I've painted for them. I've also painted memories of times on the coast of Maine and done a few family portraits.



Holly Hawthorn

Monotype Print Artist

Bridgeport, CT

The artwork I produce is eclectic and I use any material that inspires me, often letting that be my guide. Sometimes I am a ceramicist or printmaker, a sculptor or a painter. My art moves me through these mediums and beyond them. I enjoy making artwork that brings a smile to the viewers face. One of my favorite devices is to use 'play on words' in my work. Sometimes I want to capture the fleeting moment of the mist in the forest or veils of it rising from water. My artworks are 'little celebrations' of my 'one wild and wonderful life'.

My major areas have included petite portraits in porcelain nestled in clam, oyster and other shells. These are fanciful collages on the theme of 'happy as a clam' meant to bring a smile to the viewer. I use the technique of monoprints and dry point etching to explore a variety of subjects. These include series on hands, figures, animals and most recently the singular cloud.



Marie Hayes

Painter/Sculptor
Fairfield, CT

I am the oldest of five and our family encouraged us all to enjoy art. I mostly did watercolors growing up, sometimes painting beside my father out in the countryside. I minored in art as an undergraduate at Agnes Scott where I discovered terra cotta sculpture. In the mid-nineties my next oldest sister introduced me to water-soluble oils which have become my preferred medium. After I retired, I went back to terra cotta at Silvermine but discovered that clay formulas had changed and are no longer as satisfying to work with.



Adair Heitman

Clay Monotype
Bridgeport, CT

Website: adairheitmann.com

Adair Heitmann, BFA is an award-winning artist, author, storyteller, and educator. Her fine art is in international collections and is exhibited worldwide. She is a recipient of a Connecticut Office of the Arts Artist Grant. Adair earned her BFA cum laude from the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Syracuse University; studied at the Art Students League in NYC; Visual Studies Workshop in Rochester, NY; and the Center for Contemporary Printmaking in Norwalk, CT. Her poetry and personal narrative essays earn international awards and are published in books around the globe. She is a Poet-in-Residence in under-resourced elementary schools; is a Guest Lecturer in colleges; and teaches Poetry & Storytelling to the over-55 crowd. She creates and touches audiences with original personal stories that tap into sensory experiences and universal themes, performing them on stage and online. To learn more about Adair's innovative and inspiring work, visit adairheitmann.com



Barbara (Bobbie) Herman

Painter
Redding, CT

I have always been drawn to folk art, both painting and artifacts. One day I decided to try my own hand at painting, taking a class at the Brookfield Craft Center. The rest, as they say, is history. I'm a long-time member of UUWestport and am delighted to be part of this show.



Rob Herman

Photographer
Westport, CT

Photography became my obsessive hobby at the age of 13 when I received a darkroom room set up from my uncle. That black-and-white set up evolved into color, but still using the dark room under red light. My first digital camera meant no longer having to dip my hands in chemicals. I was freed to take thousands of pictures.

For several years, the walls of my dental office served as my personal rotating art gallery. I never sold my work, however I did win awards for many pictures.

I've photographed dozens of UU Christmas pageants, of which I am proud to say many parents tell me that they still have my pictures of their children on their refrigerators.

A drone camera opened up a new viewpoint for me, leading to a shot of our building, surrounded by fall foliage, from 400 feet in the air entitled "View from Heaven. It's hanging in the Fellowship room.

I do hope you enjoy viewing my work as much as I have enjoyed producing it for you



Jalna Jaeger

Wreaths
Norwalk, CT

I grew up in a floral family. My father ran a wholesale flower business and had a rose growing business too. I miss those beautiful Westport grown roses! A dear family friend taught me how to arrange flowers, and the Norwalk Garden club taught me how to make wreaths! I look forward to working with greens at Christmas! I just tried my hand at dried arrangements! I hope that someone

enjoys them! I loved making them!

All proceeds go to the Unitarian Congregation.



Linda Keller

Mixed-media Artist
Bridgeport CT

I am a recently retired psychotherapist. Mark-making and a love of color, line, light, and movement have been an ongoing backdrop in my life. Drawing, printmaking, collage and mixed-media have been their companions.

I have frequently been influenced by my patients' attempts at finding forward motion and joy. My art depicts invented realities with mysterious and sometimes dream-like narratives. I try to combine media in ways that will engage a viewer's curiosity. In my work, one can find knowing and not knowing, pathways and distractions, questions and clarity.

In a world of increasing alienation and consumerism, my work seeks to create enlivening moments of curiosity and exploration. I want to make work that responds to the universal desire for energetic connection with others.



Peter Lerman

Photographer
Danbury, CT

Peter Lehrman is a multi-media artist, with photography as his first and most enduring medium. During different phases of his career he has been a studio still life photographer, a photojournalist, and taught at the School of Visual Arts in NYC. His work has appeared in solo and group shows in NY and CT and been seen in many publications. He is originally from Brooklyn, NY, and lived in Manhattan for many years before moving to Connecticut in 1998, currently residing in Danbury. Peter has performed in over 20 stage productions (mostly musicals) since moving to Connecticut, has recorded over 200 Audiobooks (mostly non-fiction, available on Audible.com), and has most recently been expressing his creative drive by handcrafting beaded jewelry. Peter has been in the UU of Westport Community for the past two years. And really likes it.



Janet Luongo

Oil Painter
Norwalk, CT

Art is in my blood. I learned from artists in my family. As a child living in Queens, NYC, we visited museums and I loved color and doing portraits, landscapes and some abstractions. In H.S. I worked for an artist painting murals in NYC. I earned degrees in fine art and art education, and taught art and exhibited in galleries in CT, NYC and in Switzerland, and Paris (which fulfilled a dream!). My favorite artists are van Gogh, Matisse, and the Expressionists. The established Mott Gallery in Geneva offered me a one-person show.

Back in the USA in 1986, living in Connecticut, I taught art in Wilton. I worked for 20 years in Bridgeport museums—Discovery Museum and Housatonic Museum —cultivating students’ appreciation of art. I also taught art history to adults at Sacred Heart University. For several years, I gave presentations on developing creativity.

One of the most satisfying adventures in the arts was founding a CT chapter of the Women’s Caucus for Art, a part of the National College Association—in 15 years, we mounted 45 exhibits in CT and NYC galleries. The arts have soothed my soul.



Susan Joy Miller

Book Art
Westport, CT

I’m a resident of Westport for over 50 years. I’m a retired teacher and have enjoyed tennis, paddle, pickle, Tai Chi, Qi Gong, Yoga, writing poetry, spiritual Haiku daily, origami and now repurposing books. I married Jack Miller, creator of the Captain Kangaroo show (televised for 35 years daily) and enjoyed being family to his 3 sons and grandchildren and now their children. My mission statement is from an anonymous source:

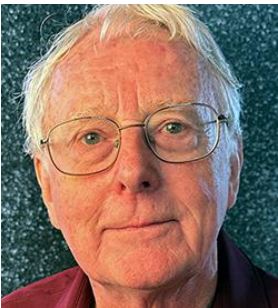
The purpose of life is to discover your Gift. The work of life is to develop it. The meaning of life is to give your gift away.

That is why I am giving others an opportunity to repurpose books and why I give those I make away.

**Gian Morresi**

Fishing Fly Artist
Bridgeport, CT

Fishing Fly Tying: I do this hobby because it makes me feel closer to the natural world while still having opportunities for creativity.

**Julyen Norman**

Painter (Acrylic)
Wilton, CT

I have always drawn, sketched and painted since I was a very young child, much to the bemusement of my parents who had no interest in art at all. Much, much later, I received a BA in Art & Design from Bradford College of Art, Yorkshire, UK. I moved to the US in 1984. After a career in arts administration in Virginia, Maryland and Connecticut I retired to occasionally dabble in painting and printmaking.

**Cathy Paine**

Book Arts & Stitchery
Wilton, CT

I am a lifelong crafter – of jewelry, knit and crochet items, leatherwork, artist books, paper-making, hand-dying, quilting and fabric arts. I am currently fascinated by stitchery of various kinds. The items displayed here are my most recent ventures into the arts of bookmaking and knitting.

**David Raymond**

Wood Sculptor
Fairfield, CT

I've had a lifelong affinity for working with wood—as a child, I enjoyed turning candlesticks on a lathe in my parents' basement. Throughout school, I continued exploring form and material, even turning ceramic bowls on a potter's wheel, and in college, I minored in Fine Arts. I then pursued a career in construction, which allowed me to stay connected to craftsmanship and design. Now that

I'm retired, I'm enjoying creating sculptural forms—often beginning on the lathe—while striving to preserve elements of the natural log in each finished piece.



John Simboli

Photographer
Branford, CT

John Simboli is an American photographer and filmmaker known for one-to-one interactions with people and for graphic images of light-space-time.

John earned a BFA degree in photography and filmmaking from Pennsylvania State University, and his MFA degree at Visual Studies Workshop in Rochester NY, and the University of Buffalo.

Now based in Branford, CT, John enjoys his proximity to art and artists at nearby Yale University and in New York and Boston. He continues making photographs of people and places, and also creates large-format, abstract color images.

John's work has been shown in juried exhibitions throughout the country, and is included in corporate and private collections in the US, Europe and Canada.



Arnela Ten Meer

Photographer
Bridgeport, CT

Raised in the island of Curaçao (Dutch Caribbean).

Education: Has her BFA in Dance from City College of NY

Graduate of Swedish Institute in NYC.

Currently a Licensed Massage Therapist in the state of Connecticut.

Hobbies: Acting, Performed in several plays, off Broadway and with the UUPlayers of the Unitarian Congregation in Westport.

Photography, Started at the age of 12 with a disposable camera given for her birthday and now walks around with her phone in her pocket to capture beauty in the world.



Joyce Thompson (1936-2024) (from the collection of David Thompson)

Painter
Weston, CT

Joyce Thompson had a lifelong interest in art, and clouds were always her favorite subject. She majored in art at college, took lessons periodically but learned as much by her long association with artists, much at the Westport Art Center. This 25" x 17 1/2" study is typical of her work. Her hilltop

house provided vast sky views and no doubt contributed to her fascination with the breadth and depth and ever changing beauty of clouds.



Hal Thormahlen (1923-2013)

Painter

Fairfield, CT

Says his wife, Barbara 'My favorite immigrant!'. Hal arrived here in his 20's, working hard as he attended college part time and selling pots and pan at night. He later had a very successful job at Mobile Oil in New York City. His favorite pastimes were painting and sailing.

From the collection of the Thormahlen family.



David Vita

Photographer

Stamford, CT

I was a photojournalist covering political and social justice issues ranging from Bill Clinton's Democratic National Convention to KKK cross burning. While I continue to photograph for and support organizations working for social justice, these images represent an exploration of very different subject matter.



Julia Wyant

Photographer

Branford, CT

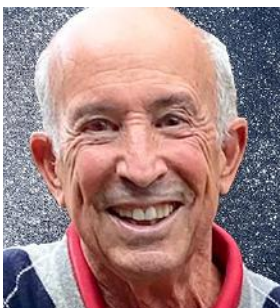
Website: artconnections.art

Julia Wyant's artistic journey began during childhood, middle and high school art classes.

At Texas Christian University, she studied fine art and photography. Julia earned a BFA in Graphic Design from Rochester Institute of Technology. Professionally, Julia led creative branding and communications teams, including illustrators, photographers, and printers, for non-profit and corporate clients. She is recognized by the creative industry and held board positions with the CT Art Directors Club, RIT Design Advisors, UUCW, and WSHU Public Radio.

Through her personal beliefs and values – that all people are connected – Julia realizes the importance of art for human connection, much like music and food.

Great things are possible when a lifelong love of visual art and education are combined with business knowledge, people skills, and a passion for the creative process. Julia's new business – Art Connections – provides consulting services for artists, collectors, and students.



Rob Zuckerman

Photographer

Bridgeport, CT

Rob Zuckerman is a professional photographer. He owned and operated an advertising photography studio for thirty years and has an extensive list of national clients.

Rob has been published and is in the permanent collection of several museums. His photography covers a wide range of subjects including people, landscape, product and still lives.