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Spectrum Art Gallery's "Peace on Earth" opens Nov. 19



A Dream of Heaven, archival digital photograph, Colleen Reilly. Photos courtesy of Spectrum Art Gallery.

By Barbara Nair

(November 2, 2021) Spectrum Art Gallery and Artisans Store of Centerbrook presents its 2021 Holiday Show, Peace on Earth with an extended open house weekend Friday, November 19 (6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.); Saturday November 20 (1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.) and Sunday, November 21 (1:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.). The seven-week exhibit, through January 9, 2022, presents new and original artwork and fine crafts that explore our personal, geographic, and economic worlds at peace, through both imagery and mood.

Presented through a variety of mediums, the gallery exhibit, located at 61 Main Street, Centerbrook, Connecticut, offers visitors the opportunity to take in the art and fine crafts, while enjoying a glass of wine and snacks to celebrate the opening of the show and hope for the upcoming season.

Peace on Earth is for art lovers who can discover a new artist as they add to their



White Tailed Deer, watercolor, Bivenne Harvey Staiger.

collections, and a place to find a unique gift for oneself or thoughtful and one-of-a-kind presents for friends and family. There are dozens of stocking gifts, as well as handmade ornaments crafted by local fine artisans available for purchase from the Gallery's seven-foot annual Holiday Tree.

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Northeast Feed and Supply opened its doors on Oct. 31

By Kathy Brown

(Nov. 6, 2021) — Back in August a post went up on Facebook, "We are excited to announce our new location in Higganum, CT. Not only selling great quality hay, shaving, and grain for your furry pets; we are bringing the Farmers Outlet into the center of Higganum. Selling all local meats, eggs, milk, soaps, lotion, and a bunch more great handmade products. We are working hard but it's not finished yet! Opening date coming soon."

The opening date of Northeast Feed & Supply is here!

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Local items from around the state. Photos by Kathy Brown.

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Haddam Historical Society 2021 Volunteer Awards

By Elizabeth Malloy

On Sunday, November 7, 2021, the Haddam Historical Society held its annual Founders' Day Celebration on the grounds of the Thankful Arnold House Museum. We honored both the Native Americans of the area and the early English settlers and presented our volunteer awards. This was followed by a tour of the Old Burial Yard at Thirty Mile Island Plantation.

The Haddam Historical Society is pleased to announce that the 2021 Founders' Day Awards have been presented to Cindy Sullivan and posthumously to Carl Conrad.

Cindy Sullivan has been a long-time active volunteer with the Society primarily working on our designated Connecticut Historic Garden. She, along with Deb Rutter, have for years been in charge of maintaining the museum's historic herb garden and have renovated and brought back to life the border gardens. Cindy has also served on the Board of Directors and coordinated volunteers. In addition she has been a vital part of the Haddam Land Trust for over 25 years, serving on their board as both President and Secretary. Cindy is a certified Master Gardener and is currently working on becoming a Master Naturalist Gardner and volunteers at the CT Forest and Park Association. In her spare time, she works at Wellstone Farm, the Middletown YMCA and teaches Tai Chi, Yoga, senior strength and flexibility classes. Cindy and her husband, David, raised their two sons, Carter and Kyle, and live in an historic house in Higganum. She is a devoted volunteer who donates her time to make our community and world a better place.

The Society also recognized Carl Conrad, who



Carl Conrad.

unexpectedly passed away in November of 2020. Carl and his wife, Marijean Conrad, joined the Society upon moving to Haddam and as next-door neighbors to the museum were active in programs and events. Carl served on the board as treasurer for many years and worked tirelessly on the financial well-being of the organization. He volunteered at countless fundraising events and is remembered as a competitive croquet



Cindy and David Sullivan. Photos courtesy of HHS.

player. A lovely memorial bench, in honor of Carl, now graces the grounds of the museum, and we welcome visitors to sit and reflect. We thank Carl and Marijean for their many years of service not only to the Society but to other organizations including Brainerd Memorial Library.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please visit www.haddam.org, www.townofkillingworth.com or hk-now.com for the most current information, including cancellations, location changes, time changes. See hk-now.com for more information on calendar items.

Thursday, November 18

Mystery Book Club – KW Library 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Join us as we discuss Walk the Wire by David Baldacci. Copies at the circulation desk. 860 663-2000

Haddam P&Z Meeting 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, November 19

St. Peter Church Christmas Fair 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 20

St. Peter Church Christmas Fair 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 21

Girl Scouts Thanksgiving Day Food

Drive at Higganum Market 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Monday, November 22

Killingworth BOS Meeting 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (remote access)

Killingworth ZBA Meeting 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (remote access)

Tuesday, November 23

Killingworth Economic Recovery Meeting 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (remote access)

Haddam ZBA Meeting 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Day changed for Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, November 24

The Haddam Junior Women's Club will be selling pies for Thanksgiving in front of Jack's Country Restaurant/ AJs 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 25

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Planning and Zoning Recanvass results Nov. 9, 2021

By Ray Skarsten and Kate Wessling, Haddam Registrars

Haddam Municipal Election Recanvass/Recount (Planning & Zoning)

Office	Party	Candidate	Total	Total
			November 2nd	November 9th
Planning & Zoning	D	Mike Karam	1108	1109
	D	Mike Farina	1258	1258
	D	David Carini	1247	1248
	D	Gina Block	1316	1315
	R	Wayne S. LePard	1601	1602
	R	Edward A. Wallor	1499	1500

After careful visual inspection to determine voter intent, some results within Planning and Zoning were changed by one vote for five candidates.

Haddam Voter summary Nov. 1, 2021

By Ray Skarsten and Kate Wessling, Haddam Registrars

November 1, 2021

District	Democratic	Republican	Unaffiliated	Other	Total
001 Firehouse	917	787	1344	45	3093
002 Central Office	754	752	1255	43	2804
003 Haddam Neck	97	85	91	2	275
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Tis the Season: Winter Driving Tips to Avoid a Collision
By Attorney Sylvia K. Rutkowska

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1. Prepare your vehicle – including winter tires with enough air pressure, antifreeze, new wiper blades and washer fluid with an antifreeze variety.
2. Check road and weather conditions – plan your route ahead of time and make the assumption that you make come across poor conditions.
3. Clear your vehicle – Connecticut law requires that you remove ice and snow from your hood, trunk and roof.
4. Slow down and give yourself more time to get to your destination.
5. Increase your following distance – try to keep 6 seconds of time in between you and the vehicle in front of you.
6. Avoid abrupt movements – including applying the brake or gas and turning, which can cause your vehicle to react in ways you did not intend.
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Spectrum is so pleased to welcome returning and new customers to our annual holiday show which this year has a particularly celebratory mood as we all feel a bit safer and are more out and about. So come visit us for the holidays and let's celebrate together. Barbara Nair, Spectrum Gallery Director

Many returning favorites as well as artists presenting for the first time at Spectrum include Rebecca Terhaar, a fine artist who presents her Laniakea Collection featuring satellite images of the galactic supercluster that the Milky Way and the Earth call home. "Laniakea" in Hawaiian means "open skies" or "immense heaven". These designs express a hope for a world of peace and integration. Patricia Corbett is an oil painter well-known for her paintings of local landscapes and bridges using a mixture of the French and California Impressionistic style. In Peace on Earth, she presents several vibrantly colorful works in oil. Cheryl Seaver, new to Spectrum, paints objects like books and teacups that tell stories. These objects can be larger than life and tend to be whimsically representational. Nisha Manglani is another first-time presenter at the gallery. Her creativity touches upon her Indian cultural and ethnic background displayed through her work at Spectrum, Sitar Peace.

Vincent Palladino, a fine painter and sculptor from New York, presents a new work in this show. He creates with various materials, shown in his sculpture "Robin's Nest" in which he incorporates twigs and spray paint. Painter Stephanie Rogers crafts peaceful "soft-scapes" or scenes to soothe

the soul. She works in oil and acrylic in an Impressionistic style with warm, yet powerful colors. Watercolorist John Murray has a passion for art that is matched by a natural talent to capture various subject matter such as expressive coastal scenes, intimate woodland pictorials, and seasonal treks through the countryside; several of his holiday-themed works are in the holiday show. Daniel Dahlstrom, also new to Spectrum, is an award-winning artist who paints scenes of his beloved Chester, Connecticut, the Connecticut River, the Long Island Sound, and surrounding vistas of the beautiful New England countryside. He works "en plein air" and out of his studio.

There are many returning favorite photographers at Spectrum but also new ones such as Colleen Reilly, an award-winning photographer who shoots landscapes, wildlife, architecture, flowers, and people. Doug Hockman captures sublime natural scenes characterized by long exposures and camera panning. His works achieve further distinction by being mounted on wood panels, equipping them perfectly for display without the need for framing. Linda McMillan, an artist while known for decorative ceramics and expressive portraits presents her fine art photography in Peace on Earth

Spectrum's annual Holiday Show includes many fine artisans working in ceramic, pottery, glass, fabric, wood, wax, paper and more. New artisans in the Store include crocheter Holly Walker who has a selection of fun toys for children of all ages. Joan Weir offers stained glass pieces with unique designs emphasizing picture frames, ornaments and contemporary suncatchers. A new fused glass artist Thomas O'Connell presents original

and vivid work with gift items ranging from fun humorous birds to one-of-a-kind colorful bowls. Bill Waldron, a fine art woodworker, brings his beautifully crafted walnut Advent candleholders and Menorahs to the gallery for this special season. Many fine jewelry designers are included such as polymer clay artisan Beth Terhaar, new to Spectrum, who displays her love of the medium and its endless possibilities of color, texture, and shape in her collection of jewelry and ornaments

As mentioned, Spectrum exhibits its annual Holiday Tree with stunning, original ornaments to enjoy in the Gallery, and for purchase for home or given as a thoughtful gift. Many artists and fine artisans have contributed ornaments to the Tree as well as have created one-of-a-kind holiday cards and decorations. These artists include Diana Rubacha, Maryann Flick, Lisa Fatone, Marie Angersola, Joanne Brown, Tammy Blais and many more.

Spectrum Art Gallery and Artisans Store is open Wednesday through Saturday (12:00-6:00 p.m.) and Sunday (12:00-5:00 p.m.). From December 11 through the 24, 2021, the Gallery is open daily. Shop Spectrum Anytime, the gallery's online store and gallery at www.spectrumanytime.com with shipping available throughout the US - a perfect choice for convenient holiday gift giving; gift cards are also available in the Store and online. For more information call (860) 767-0742 and visit spectrumartgallery.org. Follow on social media at facebook.com/spectrumartgallery, instagram.com/spectrum_art_gallery, and twitter.com/spectrum_ct



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Medicare Open enrollment information

By R. Thurston Clark, Chairman of COA, Haddam's Committee On Aging

(Nov. 6, 2021) — If you are retired and are getting monthly Social Security checks you should be part of the Medicare Part A & B programs (Hospital & doctor visit coverage). Some of you have opted for "private" coverage. "Medicare Open Enrollment" occurs every year between October 15 and December 7. It is a time when you can switch from US government to private coverage, or vice versa.

You probably have seen a lot of advertisements on TV talking about "Medicare Advantage" and additional services available at no cost. These are private firms offering insurance programs, for example: AARP Medicare Plans; UHCcanhelp (United Health Care); Hartford Health Care;

Humana; Care Partners; Ehealth Insurance Services; Anthem; Go Health; Well Care; Dual Complete. Some of the advertisements don't identify the firm, e.g. "Medicare Helpline", "Medicare Coverage Helpline." The point here is that these private companies want you to give THEM the money you now give to the Social Security Administration.

It should be obvious that they are providing this coverage at a profit, otherwise they couldn't afford the cost of the advertisements. Some plans are better than others. Some of the services you receive will be different, i.e. you have to use their doctor, you may have to call a "Telehealth" number vs. seeing an actual doctor, prescriptions may be mailed vs. going to a pharmacy, etc.

Confused yet? My suggestion is to do some

research before you switch and seek help:

- If you have a computer www.Medicare.gov will lead you to "SHIP" State Health Insurance assistance Programs.

- Haddam seniors can contact Jessica Condil, Director of Senior & Social Services at 860-345-4621. She'll give you a time when you can come in and talk to her. The town of Haddam doesn't offer any kind of program, but she can help you understand what "Open Enrollment" is all about.

- Many pharmacies will help you, e.g. in Haddam contact Nutmeg Pharmacy at 860-345-3607. They'll give you a time to come in and talk to you. This is similar to what Jessica will do for you. You can also contact CVS or Walgreens if you prefer.

Northeast Feed and Supply opened its doors on Oct. 31

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Ashley and Bradley Domkowski are the owners of Northeast Feed and Supply, which is located at 968 Killingworth Road, next to Dino's Pizza in Higganum.

The Domkowski's farm and business was in Middletown, but they decided that Higganum is where they wanted to raise their family. "We have always been involved in the agricultural community, being 4-H members, graduating from Mattabasset FFA chapter in Middletown, and even showing goats and beef cows at the local fairs," said the Domkowskis. "We decided to start this business because we saw a need for livestock feed and

hay to be delivered and more convenient for our customers, making it easier for them."

In addition to hay and shaving, they will also sell Blue Seal and Kalmbach feeds. They are also adding a Farmers Outlet. This will be all items local to Connecticut: beef, pork, chicken, eggs, candles, tea, soaps, honey, handmade items, and more. When I was there on Oct. 31, they had tea from Bittersweet Farm in Higganum, Swedish dishcloths by Three Bluebirds from Greenwich, honey and beeswax skin balm from Fern's Meadow in Meriden, soap from Treefort Naturals in Colchester, dog treats from Muddy Paws Barkery in Newington, all natural horse care products from Bee a Horse in Haddam.

In the freezer, they had Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm ice cream which is located in Sterling as well as beef from R. Hills Beef in East Hampton. They even carry dog ice cream!

On their Facebook page, they posted that they are doing pre-orders for Thanksgiving turkeys. "The farmers outlet gives small local farms a storefront that they won't have themselves," said the Domkowskis. "Supporting small farms is what is going to keep agriculture alive in our state!"

Northeast Feed & Supply will be open 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sundays.



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An amazing performance by our BOS

(Nov. 8, 2021) Yes, it's true. A small but determined turnout by Haddam residents, plus write-ins, and a novel approach by our First Selectman Bob McGarry, led to a remarkably productive meeting. [My] synopsis of the agreements are:

1. Via pandemic federal funding, Haddam will be receiving extra monies.

2. Sufficient efforts are currently afoot to provide septic & water to Higganum Center.

3. We are extremely close to getting approval for cleanup funding for Scovil, and a developer.

4. There is no market for leasing, nor selling, Haddam Elementary School (HES).

5. Currently, Higganum Center is a one-stoplight intersection of 2 highways – not ideal small-town feeling.

So, what was the amazing performance? FS McGarry added an item to New Business: Higganum Center discussion. And, "Public comments limited to 3 minutes" was changed into an excellent BOS/ public interaction focused on Higganum Center. Here are the resulting transformative actions proposed, with possibly general agreement:

1. Move all of our Town government to HES, plus ancillary operations.

2. Make Higganum Center walkable, and bike-able, for young, elderly, and families. Sidewalks, lighting,

connection points, and traffic calming (a stoplight where our HES crossing guard had to dodge traffic; and maybe a traffic circle at Jack's & Nutmeg?)

3. Sidewalk interconnects: CT River – Higganum Cove – Higganum Center – HES – Scovil – Higganum Reservoir.

4. Put public pressure on our Planning & Zoning Department to make the above happen, in accordance with our own Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD).

My personal overnight additions:

1. If we put our money and efforts into the above, we WILL transform and re-vitalize Higganum Center.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving on the BOE

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the people of Haddam for giving me the privilege of serving on the RSD 17 Board of Education for the past six years. It is an experience I will treasure. The work is important and sometimes difficult, but I welcomed the opportunity to commit to doing our best for the students and families of Haddam and Killingworth.

2. We could also move employee parking of Public Works personnel to HES, thereby freeing up space to move our trucks out of the Rossi property.

3. Further, Haddam does not have to buy, teardown, and cleanup the Rossi property, because the above Re-vitalization actions will automatically make it a desirable property for qualified developers, whether for housing and/or retail.

Yes, an amazing meeting. Thank you BOS Bob, Kate, & Sean for working together to make this happen. And good to see public participation.

*Maurice D. Adams
Haddam*

The new Board members from both towns have my best wishes for success, as do those currently serving. There are challenges ahead, but with a spirit of dedication and cooperation, this Board can meet them.

I am grateful to my fellow Board members, our Superintendent and Central Office, and to our teachers, administrators and staff for working hard every day on behalf of District 17.

I regret that I won't be able to continue to work with them, but have every confidence in their commitment to our schools and our students. Thank you.

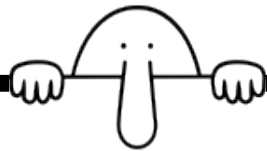
*Joanne Nesti
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The Killingworth Democratic Town Committee would like to thank all voters who came out on a breezy November day to vote in our local election. Our newly elected Democratic officials will work side by side with all board and commission members for the benefit of this beautiful town of ours. There is no issue we cannot find a solution for if we work together. Working together works! Again, thank you for your vote of confidence. We will work hard to deserve it.

*William Tobelman, Secretary
Killingworth Democratic Town Committee*



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GS Troop 60772 to host 2021 Thanksgiving food drive Nov. 21

By Jennifer Tassmer

For the past seven years, Haddam Girl Scout troop #60772 has been collecting food for Thanksgiving for the Haddam Food Bank. Each of those years, they have received a minimum of eight dinners, according to Jennifer Tassmer, their leader. Haddam Social Services identifies the families in Haddam and Higganum who are in need of help at Thanksgiving

time, the Girl Scouts collect the food, and the Haddam Food Bank distributes it to those families.

On Nov. 21, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Scouts will be at the Higganum Market collecting food for their 8th annual Thanksgiving Drive. People can drop food off, make monetary donations (which will be used to purchase food at the end of the Drive), or the Scouts will provide a shopping list so that people can purchase items at the Higganum

Market. The food they are hoping to collect:

- 12-18 lb. turkey
- stuffing
- potatoes
- sweet potatoes (fresh or canned)
- Veggies (green beans, carrots, corn – fresh or canned)
- cranberry sauce
- cream of mushroom soup
- fried onions
- gravy

- butter
- chicken broth
- cookie or brownie mix
- assorted pies
- rolls/crescent rolls
- sparkling wine
- hot chocolate

They can also take other non-perishable items to help stock the shelves in the food pantry.

Stop by on Nov. 21 and help the Girl Scouts help families in Haddam who might not otherwise have a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner.

“We have been able to collect 12 full thanksgiving meals in the past,” said Ms. Tassmer. “There is a greater need than ever this year, we are hoping to exceed 12 meals.”

Photo by Jennifer Tassmer.




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HK Hall of Fame accepting nominations for Class of 2022

By Elaine Jackson

The Haddam-Killingworth Hall of Fame is issuing its annual call for nominations, as we begin putting together the Class of 2022. The Haddam-Killingworth Hall of Fame was established in 2009 to recognize individuals from our communities who meet one or both of the following criteria:

1. Exemplary Commitment to the Service of the Children of Haddam and/or Killingworth.
2. Outstanding Record of Service to the Community (Haddam and/or Killingworth)

In addition, the individual must be an excellent role model, exhibiting behavior that is highly ethical, caring, and one in which the individual assumes responsibility for his or her actions. Nominated individuals, who are chosen by the selection committee, will be honored at a banquet held in the May of 2022 and will have their names permanently inscribed into the Haddam-Killingworth Hall of Fame.

If you wish to nominate someone for this recognition, please do so by completing the Nomination Form and sending it to:

**Haddam-Killingworth Hall of Fame
PO Box 24
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You may email them to hkhalloffame09@gmail.com. Forms may be downloaded from the Hall of Fame website, www.hkhalloffame.weebly.com, or obtained from email above or contact Elaine Jackson 860-424-6178. Any questions regarding the nominating process or the Haddam-Killingworth Hall of Fame should likewise be directed to Howard Burr hburr@rsd17.org; Thomas Thompson 860-759-2041; Elaine Jackson elaine.jack835@gmail.com 860-424-6178. Nomination forms can also be picked up at the Haddam and Killingworth town halls. Deadline for Nominations is February 1, 2022

Haddam's Senior Van Service

By Susan Ruddy

The Senior van is a service provided by the Town of Haddam for all Senior residents over 60 and disabled individuals. You may call for a ride to a doctor's appointment, physical therapy or any type of medical or personal appointment. The service is available to any location within the greater Middlesex area. You may call as late as the day before the appointment to schedule pick up.

In addition, the van travels to Walmart every Tuesday morning for shopping.

To make reservations and inquires for any of the above activities and trips, please call Senior Activities Coordinator Colleen Totman at 860-345-2480.

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Art Lovers Alert: Gallery 154 in Higganum

By Suzy Mongeon

(Nov. 10, 2021) — Gallery 154 ~ Haddam Fine Art is Higganum's newest private venture. Located at 350 Saybrook Road near Higganum Center – two doors from the church and directly across from High Street – the gallery is in a private home owned by Suzy Mongeon.

Suzy bought the house from the Townsend family in early 2016. A long-time resident of Durham, she is now completely enamored of her new environs. "I can drive to Higganum Market before my seatbelt reminder starts beeping!" she says. "Of course, I could also walk, and do occasionally. But my dogs don't understand why I would walk somewhere without them." Walking her dogs at Haddam Meadows is what started this project. There she

became "dog-walk buddies" with local artist Joseph Cibula. "He had mentioned that he's an artist, but I didn't think much about it until the day he pulled a very large painting of a whale out of the trunk of his car. It was stunning." She has since met other artists at the Meadows and hopes to show some of their work, along with that of other local artists.

Gallery 154 occupies one room of the residence. "I don't have a lot of space, so I'll have to be rather particular about what I decide to display." The gallery was originally scheduled to



open in March of 2020, but pandemic restrictions made that plan untenable. With the current supply chain problems, holiday shoppers may find that this local shopping opportunity is arriving just in time.

Hours will vary, so look for the "Open" sign or contact Suzy for an appointment.

In addition to original paintings, the gallery offers prints, high-end crafts, and objets d'art. Inquiries and submissions: email gallery154haddam@gmail.com

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