

MYSTICARTSCENTER

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First Year Anniversary of Mystic Art in the Evening

MYSTIC, CT – June 18, 2009 –Thursday, July 2, marks the one year anniversary of the free monthly *Mystic Art in the Evening* gallery stroll featuring seven downtown Mystic galleries. The stroll is held every first Thursday of the month from 6 – 8 pm.

During the past year, roughly 730 guests participated in the strolls, and recently, local restaurants such as The Captain Daniel Packer Inne, Pizzetta, and Voodoo Grill have joined forces to offer specials during the strolls.

On July 2, the route will be marked with celebratory red, white and blue balloons outside each gallery, and owners are expecting lively crowds for the kick-off to summer.

Participants can enjoy a wide array of artwork and gallery environments, free of charge, and printed maps of the stroll are available at each gallery.

Featured Galleries:

Mystic Arts Center: the *98th Annual Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts (CAFA)* juried exhibition continues along side the smaller permanent collection exhibition, *A Community of Artists*. Guests may sample bubbly or blow bubbles on the river-side terrace to celebrate the anniversary of the stroll. Visit www.mysticarts.org. Open daily at 9 Water Street. 860-536-7601

The Courtyard Gallery: features an exhibition of recent oil paintings by Mystic painter Dennis Serrine, exploring the Connecticut shorelines as well as wintry Manhattan streets and other locations. Open Daily at 12 Water Street. 860-536-5059 www.courtyardgallerymystic.com

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The Hollow Art and Antique Gallery: will feature watercolor paintings and etchings by Mystic artist Beth Sullivan, along with antiques, miniatures and a variety of other artwork. Champagne and chocolates will be served during the stroll. Open daily at 12 Water Street. 860-572-9704.

Finer Line Gallery: will feature a reception for artist Robert Kozora, whose exhibition is titled New Works and runs through August 4. Open daily at 48 W. Main Street. 860-536-8339 www.finerlinegallery.com

Emporium Gallery: Artist Bruce McDermott is featured in the new exhibition, *The More Things Change*, which runs through August 3. McDermott, an elected artist with the Mystic Arts Center, will be showing an eclectic range of recent paintings. Open daily at 15 Water Street. 860-536-3891

Trade Winds Gallery: established in 1974, the gallery showcases original works of art from over a dozen well known local and regional artists and carries a growing selection of original antique maps and prints. 42 West Main St. 860-536-0119 www.tradewindsgallery.net.

Courtyard Gallery on Main: showcasing an eclectic assortment of paintings and sculpture by Christopher Zhang, Del-Bourree Bach, Sarah Stifler Lucas and many others. Open daily at 9 West Main Street . www.courtyardgallerymystic.com 860-536-5059

For further information, please call 860-536-7601x203 or visit www.artsinmystic.com.

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