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NOVEMBER 13-16, 2014
bridgeport-art-trail.org



Letter from Mayor Bill Finch



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Bridgeport Art Trail, a wonderful showcase of our city's thriving arts and culture scene. Creativity is in Bridgeport's DNA. We're the home of big thinkers like P.T. Barnum, Elias Howe, Igor Sikorsky and Gustave Whitehead. They harnessed their creative energy and helped reshape the world around them. Today, we continue to promote creativity in Bridgeport and are creating an environment for artists to succeed and thrive.

I'm proud to support Bridgeport Arts Fest, a one-day celebration of local and original art, artists, crafters, community organizations and performers; Downtown Thursdays, a concert series featuring local bands and musicians that enlivens summer evenings, and the Mayor's Neighborhood Arts & Heritage Grant Program which provides seed money for local arts projects. These three initiatives have helped energize our local artists.

The Bridgeport Art Trail map is an excellent tool to illustrate the proliferation of our arts community: From our revitalized Downtown neighborhood, the hub of the Park City's arts and cultural scene where you'll find *Read's ArtSpace*, *City Lights Gallery*, *Barnum Museum*, *Bijou Theatre*, *the Housatonic Museum of Art* and the newest addition *McLevy Hall Space XChange*, to the West Side, home of *The NEST Arts Factory* and the *Klein Memorial Auditorium*, to the East Side where you'll find, the *305 Knowlton Street Artists Studios* and in the East End, *American Fabrics Arts Building*.

I encourage everyone to use your copy of the Art Trail map all year-round and discover Bridgeport's creative side.

Sincerely,

Bill Finch

The 6th Annual Bridgeport Art Trail

Welcome to the 6th Annual Bridgeport Art Trail. Use this guide to view open studios and galleries throughout the city Thursday - Sunday, November 13-16, 2014. Included are the November weekend calendar of events and a directory of artists, venues and organizations that can be used year round. The Bridgeport Art Trail website is updated monthly, and contains links to participating venues. Visit bridgeport-art-trail.org. To receive the monthly email send your request to clgallerybpt@gmail.com Please use "BAT newsletter" in the subject title.

View Art. Meet the Artists. Connect with the Creative Community. Participate in Demonstrations. Enjoy Music, Poetry and Dance. Buy Art. Bike the Bridgeport Art Trail Saturday. Join up at City Lights Gallery at 10:30 am.

Visitors are also encouraged to pick up Bridgeport Art Trail guide at participating locations, tour the city and venues independently, and learn about the growing creative community of the 'Park City'. A digital version of this 2014 guide, and of course information about our generous sponsors, can be found at bridgeport-art-trail.org This website is updated monthly throughout the year with arts and culture programs city-wide.

Cover art details: top row, left to right: *Denderah*, Carlos Davila, NEST; *Mechanics and Farmers*, Jay Misencik, McLevy Hall; *Ruben Marroquin*, Historic Arcade Mall. Second row: *Merge*, Tom Brenner, Housatonic Community College, Will Corpew, McLevy Hall. Third row: *Ochre Beetle*, Jane Davila, NEST, *Self-portrait*, Jesus Vilareal, Innovation Center. Fourth row: *Color-Jig I*, Jodi Strmiska, Read's; *Rhino*, Rick Shaefer, NEST; *Plegaria*, Yolanda Vasquez Petrocelli, Read's. Thank you to everyone who contributed photos.

Full schedule of events in the back of the guide

Looking Back...

Along with celebrating the arts venues city-wide, the 2013 Art Trail kick-off recognized the collaborative effort to enrich the learning experience for Bridgeport students by integrating art into their daily curriculum. The TURNAROUND Arts program pilot project sponsored by the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanity, enabled the Roosevelt School community to continue to develop a vibrant educational experience, with the goal to improve students' performance and enthusiasm about life-long learning. A highlight of the program was the mentorship of world renowned artist, Chuck Close. Housatonic Museum of Art hosted an exhibit of his work alongside the work of his student mentees during the Art Trail. Mr. Close attended the opening reception and celebrated with community.

What's new...Party with Artists at Thursday's, Bpt Art Trail Kick-off

After witnessing the long lasting positive effects from an arts event that engaged the greater community, we decided to establish an annual artists' party to kick-off the Art Trail and invite the community to attend.

Thursday, November 13: party with the artists downtown at McLevy Hall.

After touring the other downtown arts venues on Thursday night, meet the artists of Bridgeport and the creative community from locations city-wide at this McLevy Hall reception. Enjoy a sampling of small works by Bpt Art Trail artists, exhibited throughout the building. Mingle at a reception with live music featuring local talent including the instructors of the Hall Arts Academy and Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County. WPKN programmers will keep the party going, spinning an eclectic mix of music. Enjoy light refreshments. Admission is free and open to the public, however donations will be gratefully accepted at the door. Contributions will be used to support FREE programs of the Bridgeport Art Trail.

Bridgeport Art Trail Artists Working in the Community:

Local artists continue to share their time and talent with Bridgeport youth and adults through grants and support from the National Endowment of the Arts, CT Office on the Arts, the City of Bridgeport, the Fairfield County Community Foundation, People's United Bank, ALPHA Community Services and other organizations and individuals. FREE public art and outreach programs include: arts enrichment, arts engagement, and expressive arts programs.

VIEW ART, TALK ART, BUY ART.

This year's program guide lists 30 venues and organizations city-wide, including: American Fabrics Arts Building; 305 Knowlton St.; The NEST Arts Factory and Read's ArtSpace.

Enjoy the hospitality of the creative community. Please don't hesitate to enjoy the experience of purchasing a piece of art or fine craft. Your purchase enables the artist to keep creating, and for the Bridgeport Art Trail to continue in future years.

JUST THINK... Artists reflect and inspire humanity. Your purchase of art makes an impact on contemporary culture and history. Supporting the artists of your creative community impacts the collective culture and leaves your mark on history.

Appreciate the Architecture

Be sure to appreciate the architecture, another impressive aspect of the Art Trail. For example, McLevy Hall is the most recent location added to the Bridgeport Art Trail as well as the oldest and most historic. Constructed of brownstone in 1854 in the Greek Revival style, it served as city hall and the hall of records. McLevy Hall was a stop on the campaign trail of Abraham Lincoln. He gave a speech here before heading to New York. Originally named Washington Hall, it was renamed for Jasper McLevy, a socialist mayor who served the city for 24 years.

The sprawling complexes that comprise the art studios of the Bridgeport Art Trail include the NEST Arts Factory, the Innovation Center, and the American Fabrics Arts Building. Originally opened in 1910 as a lace factory, American Fabrics began producing binding for military blankets in 1917. Events that took place in the American Fabrics building reflect national and international history from World War I to Labor Union Struggles. To learn more about the rich story of American Fabrics visit: amfabarts.com/history/

The Bridgeport Art Trail grew from 3 previous efforts: the very successful Open Studio weekends of American Fabrics artists on Connecticut Avenue; a simple Downtown Art-Walk map that City Lights created in 2007; and the Black Rock Friday Art Walks that took place 2006-8. The purpose of the Bridgeport Art Trail is to promote the artists, engage the community, and attract visitors to discover Bridgeport Art. Our mantra is VIEW ART / TALK ART / BUY ART.

Fourth Annual Bike the Bridgeport Art Trail, Saturday, November 15

Meet at City Lights for a coffee and... before heading out. Bob Halstead, resident and Bridgeportophile, will lead a tour to artists' studio spaces and historic spots along the way, including beautiful Mountain Grove Cemetery, the final resting place of Tom Thumb and P.T. Barnum. See the Art Trail schedule pages 19-22 for full details.

The East End

1 American Fabrics Arts Building

1069 Connecticut Avenue, Building 4
Bridgeport, CT 06607
203.451.5011 / amfabarts.com

Event: 9th Annual Open Studios

Saturday, November 15; 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday, November 16; 10 am to 5 pm

Now in its ninth year, AFA (American Fabrics Arts Building) Open Studios showcases over 30 artists in their studios where the creative process happens. Held in a renovated factory building where linen and lace were once manufactured, the event has become a destination for collectors, interior designers, and art lovers alike. AFA's diverse group of artists are engaged in painting, printmaking, sculpture, quilting, jewelry, photography, ceramics, textiles, design, mixed media, and more. Every year we welcome new artist tenants, lending a fresh perspective to the event. Many artists will be offering affordable art for sale (see the AFA artists list at the back of the guide, for more information). Denyse Schmidt Quilts, Jocelyn Braxton Armstrong Ceramics, Brechin Morgan, Janet Slom, and Ulla Surland will be holding their annual studio sales.

In an effort to give back to the community we love, for the second year we are supporting the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. The mission serves those in need, feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless, and helps people conquer drug and alcohol addictions. AFA will be serving as a drop-off point for their Thanksgiving Stuff-A-Truck event, giving patrons the opportunity to donate food and coats for local families in need. (See event listing.)

Lastly, the artists of AFA have joined together to donate an assortment of small works to be packed into a unique handmade tote bag from Ocheltree Design for the AFA Collector's Raffle. The bag is chock full of art lover goodies, and will be raffled for \$5 a chance, with all proceeds going to BRM!

There will be food trucks from the Snappy Dawgs (Bridgeport) and Four Flours Bakery (New Haven) in the east parking lot to serve our patrons from 10 am to 5 pm each day. Music and participatory performances will offer fun for the whole family! Ample onsite free parking and handicapped access.



Denyse Schmidt Quilts Annual Sample Sale, Studio 401 Photograph: Kvon (#1)



Janet Slom, Studio 411 Photograph: Kvon (#1)

Event: Ulla Surland Annual Studio Tag Sale—Studio #307

Saturday, November 15; 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday, November 16; 10 am to 5 pm

Studio Tag Sale: art, vintage clothing, home decor, fabric, and furniture. Fashion and Textiles: new designs by Ulla, clothing and home decor. Also on view, Ulla's interior design portfolio. Coffee and biscotti all day long

Event: Denyse Schmidt Quilts Annual Sample Sale—Studio #401

Saturday, November 15; 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday, November 16; 10 am to 5 pm

Samples from the DS Couture collection, Works collection, and one-of-a-kind studio quilts will be on view, with a select few available for sale. Denyse's fabrics, including best-selling designs for JoAnn Stores and Free Spirit Fabrics, will be available as cut-to-order yardage, pre-cuts, and scraps for the DIY crafter. Denyse's quilt patterns will also be available at an event-only discount. Project development samples, stationery, and more will be offered at take-it-away prices. Prices range from \$1 to \$5,000. Serious buyers should arrive early—Denyse's sales are well attended! MasterCard, Visa, and cash accepted.

Event: Quilting Demonstration & Bee by the Norwalk Community Quilt Project at Denyse Schmidt Quilts

Saturday, November 15; 11 am to 2 pm

Peace by Piece: the Norwalk Community Quilt Project, seeks to enhance the lives of young people and elders in the city of Norwalk by bringing them together in a common endeavor. Over 700 volunteers united to create the *Growing Together* quilt to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Stepping Stones Museum for Children and the *Norwalk Has Heart* quilt for the Norwalk Public Library. Local author and illustrator Lizzy Rockwell serves as the group's artistic director and says it best, "The quilt is a metaphor for the community that created it, showing that good things happen when many come together as one." Join in and learn to stitch and quilt!

Event: Jocelyn Braxton Armstrong Ceramics Annual Studio Sale—Studio #410

Saturday, November 15; 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday, November 16; 10 am to 5 pm

JBA Signature Collection of artful objects for the home, offered at up to 50% discount. Jocelyn will also demonstrate throwing clay on the potter's wheel in her ceramic studio throughout the weekend, an annual favorite for all!

1 American Fabrics Arts Building

Event: Brechin Morgan Annual Studio Sale - Studio #408

Saturday, November 15; 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday, November 16; 10 am to 5 pm

Nautical paintings, large and small, depicting scenes from his solo voyage sailing around the world. Offering special discounts on many works.

Event: Janet Slom Annual Studio Sale—Studio #411

Saturday, November 15; 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday, November 16; 10 am to 5 pm

Paintings, ceramics, drawings, prints, and photography. MasterCard, Visa, and cash accepted. In addition, patrons are invited to participate in guided meditation and a collaborative art experience with Janet. No prior experience necessary.

Events: Emily Larned-Live Art Research Project, Studio #310

Saturday, November 15; 2 to 5 pm

Sunday, November 16; 10 am to 5 pm

Artist and UB professor Emily Larned will conduct a live art research project! Participate and receive a free set of letterpress thank you cards, personally printed before your eyes.

Event: Caroline Valites Participatory Installation - East Parking Lot

Saturday, November 15; 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday, November 16; 10 am to 5 pm

Photography, installation, and sculpture artist Caroline Valites will have a participatory installation using a camera obscura set up in the parking lot on the east side of the American Fabrics Arts building (weather permitting).

Event: Thanksgiving Stuff-A-Truck with Food and Coats Event!

Saturday, November 15; 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday, November 16; 10 am to 5 pm

The Bridgeport Rescue Mission will bless more than 4,000 needy families with a turkey and all the fixings, plus a winter coat for every member of the family who needs one! Help us to help them by bringing donations to our Open Studio event. Their warehouse is in our complex and AFA is a drop-off point. They are asking for the following contributions:

- ◆ 12–15 lb. frozen turkeys
- ◆ Canned green beans, corn, peas, and sweet potatoes
- ◆ Canned cranberry sauce
- ◆ Stuffing mix
- ◆ Canned gravy
- ◆ 1 lb. cans of coffee
- ◆ Powdered fruit drink mixes

Bins for Donations will be placed at both entrances.

Directions:

By Train/Ferry: Metro North or Amtrak to Bridgeport Station. Port Jefferson Ferry to Water Street Dock (next to train station). AFA is approximately two and a half miles from the station. Taxis are available from the train station's cabstand.

Traveling I-95 South: Take exit 30/Surf Avenue. Turn right at bottom of ramp onto Surf Avenue. Turn left at the next light onto Connecticut Avenue. Turn right into parking for 1069 Connecticut Avenue.

Traveling I-95 North: Take exit 30/Lordship Avenue. Turn left at bottom of ramp onto Lordship. Lordship becomes Hollister. Go straight through stop sign, and right at next light onto Stratford Avenue. Take 4th left onto Freeman Street and across Connecticut Avenue into parking for 1069 Connecticut Avenue.

2 Jesús Villarreal

955 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 1222, Bridgeport, CT 06607

203.610.7412

www.jesusemmanuelvillarreal.com

jesusvillarrealstudio@gmail.com

Jesús Emmanuel Villarreal, fine artist, figure and portrait painter, was trained in the academic tradition of the Florence Academy of Art. He exhibits internationally and offers figure drawing and painting workshops in his studio at the Innovation Center on Connecticut Avenue.

Event: Portrait Painting Demo with Jesús Villarreal

Saturday, November 15; 12:30 to 3:30 pm

Witness the process as Jesús paints along with his students during a portrait painting workshop in his studio.

Classes in the studio of Jesús Villarreal

Learning to draw and paint in the studio of an established working artist has been a time-honored practice through which knowledge and skills are passed from generation to generation. Jesús Emmanuel Villarreal's studio reinvigorates this tradition with personalized and intensive instruction. During classes, artists acquire the knowledge and techniques necessary to develop their work with a high level of draftsmanship and aesthetic criteria. Enrollment is limited to allow for personalized instruction for students at all levels. Students work from still-life, life models, or photo references.

Drawing and painting from a model, regular class schedule:

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 am to 12 noon; 12:30 to 3:30 pm.

The Innovation Center, a sprawling complex a block away from American Fabric Arts, is an industrial and entrepreneurial incubator designed to meet the unique needs of start-ups, creative entrepreneurs, and expanding businesses.



Emily Larned Graphic Designer, Studio 310 Photograph: Kvon (#1)

The South End, Seaside Park

3 University of Bridgeport

126 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604
bridgeport.edu

The University of Bridgeport is located on the edge of Seaside Park and Long Island Sound. The Arnold Bernhard Center for the Arts hosts an ongoing calendar of exhibits and performances. Visit the website for information about programs or classes and degrees in Graphic Design, Fashion Merchandising, Creative Writing, Music, and other disciplines.

Event: Faculty Exhibit, ONE PLUS ONE at the Schelfhault Gallery featuring the work of the faculty of the Shintaro Akatsu School of Design at the University of Bridgeport and Housatonic Community College Schelfhault Gallery at Arnold Bernhard Center of the University of Bridgeport

84 Iranistan Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604
203.576.4034
schelfhaultgallery.com / schelfhaultgallery@gmail.com
Tuesday to Saturday; 12 noon to 4 pm. Off-street parking available

The exhibition presents examples of many disciplines by the instructors from both institutions, featuring design, painting, photos, sculpture, video art, typography, and illustration. Participating artists include Juan Andreiu, Tom Brenner, Matthew Capezzuto, Christina Ciacci, John Favret, John Kandalraft, Peter Konsterlie, Emily Larned, Sarah Lasley, Ernest Lopez, Gus Moran, Gary Munch, Carmine Picarello, Andy Pinto, Andrew Prayzner, Pete Rembetsy, Suzan Shutan, Tom Skippa, Maggie Sullivan, Karen Wheeler, Lydia Viscardi, and Natalie Westbrook.

The Schelfhault Gallery is one of the largest, most prestigious galleries in the Fairfield area, boasting more than 3,500 square feet of exhibition space. Based in the newly renovated Shintaro Akatsu School of Design on the University of Bridgeport Campus, it stands as a high watermark of creative thought and design. The gallery has featured some of the most important artists in American art, from Robert Motherwell to Red Grooms, Louise Nevelson, and Alice Neel. The gallery's mission is to showcase mid-career and emerging professional artists for cultural and educational experiences. Located by the beautiful shoreline of Long Island Sound, it's an oasis for culture and the arts.

3a WPKN Radio, 89.5FM

on the University of Bridgeport campus
wpkn.org
On-air telephone: 203.336.9756 Office telephone: 203.331.9756
Station General Manager: Steve di Costanzo (gm@wpkn.org)

Event: Artists party at McLevy Hall
Meet the programmers at McLevy Hall as they spin discs for the artists party on Thursday, November 13, 2014.

Thursday, November 13; 6:30 to 10 pm
Bridgeport Art Trail kick-off event. Meet WPKN programmers as they spin discs at the artists' party.

Event: Open House for WPKN Studios
Friday, November 14; 10 am to 2 pm.

WPKN is "The Real Alternative" to an increasingly homogeneous and limited choice in broadcast radio. This 10,000-watt non-commercial station was founded in 1963 as the college radio station of the University of Bridgeport and has been broadcasting for 51 years!

While studios and offices remain on the campus of the University of Bridgeport, in 1989 WPKN became an independent, non-profit corporation. Since then, WPKN has been primarily a listener-supported community radio station, broadcasting at 89.5-FM. WPKN streams live on the Internet at www.wpkn.org, on iTunes Radio, iHeart Radio, and TuneIn, and has its own free app for the iPhone and iPad from the Apple App Store as WPKN Live. Archived shows are available via the website.

Initially established to serve the needs of the residents of Bridgeport's local educational institutions, WPKN's FM signal now serves a potential listenership of 2.0 million people in Connecticut, Long Island, and parts of New York and Massachusetts. Programs on WPKN include live and recorded music, free-form music, news, public affairs, and spoken word. WPKN's volunteer programmers present a wide variety of music and alternative information, in an eclectic mix of free-form programming that seeks to serve in a unique and vibrant way those whose needs are not met by mainstream media. WPKN's programming mix is a cornucopia of genres and styles. From the obscure to the recognizable, it is presented by informed programmers who help listeners discover and rediscover the best in live and recorded performance.

WPKN actively participates as a media partner with many arts and cultural entities, including *Gathering of the Vibes*, *Litchfield Jazz festival*, *International Festival of Arts & Ideas*, *Great South Bay Music Festival* and many others. WPKN is the founder of the annual WPKN Music Mash-Record Fair.

4 The Gathering of the Vibes

Summer Music Festival
gatheringofthevibes.com

Known as the Northeast's premier music, arts, and camping festival, the Gathering of the Vibes delivers a four-day extravaganza featuring a stellar lineup each July. An all-ages, family-friendly event, this festival showcases over 40 bands on multiple stages located throughout the 370-acre beachfront venue.

5 PenRod Studio

Penrhyn and Rod Cook
325 Lafayette Street, #9105, Bridgeport, CT 06604
203.992.1001
penrodphotographs.com

PenRod Studio is a photography gallery representing the artwork of Penrhyn Cook and Rod Cook. Work on display ranges from traditional documentary black and white photography to mixed media incorporating encaustic with photographs. The gallery is open by appointment only, but visitors are welcome most days.

Event: Open Studio, Admission Free
(call ahead to gain entry to the building)

Downtown Bridgeport

6 Housatonic Museum of Art at HCC

900 Lafayette Blvd. Bridgeport, CT 06604
203.332.5052
hcc.commnet.edu/artmuseum/index.html

Event: *Delightful, Delicious, Disgusting: Paintings by Mia Brownell 2003–2013*

The exhibition will be on view in the Burt Chernow Galleries from September 25 through November 17, 2014. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The museum maintains an ongoing calendar of exhibitions and one of the most significant permanent collections of any U.S. two-year college. Works range from early Modernism to Pop to West Coast Minimalism, including Larry Bell, Christo, Pablo Picasso, Valerie Jaudon, Alex Katz, and Sylvia Sleigh.



MIA BROWNELL: DELIGHTFUL, DELICIOUS, DISGUSTING

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Still Life with Sweet Dreams
2010, Oil on canvas, 41x50 inches

Housatonic
Museum of Art
HousatonicMuseum.org

Party with the Artists at McLevy Hall (See #9)

**Thursday Night Art Trail Kick-Off, 6:00-9:00 pm
Live Music, Refreshment, Small Works Exhibit
from Artists City-wide**

7 Barnum Museum

820 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604
203.331.1104 / barnum-museum.org

Originally opened in 1893 as The Barnum Institute of Science and History, the Barnum Museum maintains an extensive collection of art and artifacts relating to the life and times of Bridgeport's own P.T. Barnum. Although the historic building is in a state of recovery from the 2010 tornado, the Museum's special exhibit gallery is open to the public on Thursdays and Fridays from 11 am to 3 pm, showcasing hundreds of the magnificent objects from the collection, with guided tours available on these days. The Museum's back gallery is also open for special lectures and programs. See website for details. Visit the Museum on Facebook or communicate on Twitter @BarnumMuseum

8 City Lights Gallery

37 Markle Court, Bridgeport, CT 06604
203.334.7748 / citylightsgallery.org

clgallerybpt@gmail.com Executive Director: Suzanne Kachmar
Regular Gallery Hours: Wednesday to Friday, 11:30 am to 5 pm;
Thursday open to 7pm; Saturday, 12 noon to 4 pm

City Lights, the lead organization of the Bridgeport Art Trail, a nonprofit arts organization that serves the community through art, is celebrating its tenth year as a free art venue located in downtown Bridgeport. The mission is to bring together people of diverse backgrounds to experience art and exchange ideas—and to promote the Bridgeport creative community. For more info about outreach programs in the schools and community, visit www.citylightsgallery.org

**Art Trail Hours: Thursday, November 13, 11:30 am to 7 pm;
Friday, November 14, 11:30 am to 5 pm; Saturday, November 15,
11:30 am to 6 pm; Sunday, November 16, 12 noon to 5 pm.**

Event: JUDAICA Now Art Exhibit, Film Screenings, and Presentation: Jews & Comics

City Lights hosts its first exhibit featuring work based on Jewish art, religion, culture and history, running through November 26, 2014. The influence and creativity from artists and innovators of Jewish background permeates American culture. One aspect of the exhibition will depict how Jewish comic artists, illustrators, and editors have influenced American pop culture of the twentieth century to the present.

Event: Jews & Comics

**Friday, November 14; 7 pm, preceded by light refreshments at
6:30 pm**

Jews and Comics, presented by exhibiting artist, illustrator, author, and editor Arlen Schumer.

Captain America, Iron Man, Thor, and The Avengers are names recognized by the American public as the leading Marvel Comics superheroes who have become billion-dollar Hollywood film franchises—with no end in sight. (Such films are planned out for the next 20 years!) Most people wouldn't recognize the names of those who created the popular iconic superheroes...or that they were Jewish. Superman, the creation of Jerry Siegel, reflects the tragic death of his father, a Jewish immigrant from Lithuania who was killed during a robbery in his second-hand clothes store. The team at Marvel Comics, originators of Captain America and



City Lights opening night

the Fantastic Four, anglicized their names: writer/editor Stan Lee was Stanley Lieber and artist/storyteller Jack Kirby was Ya'akov Kurtzberg.

Schumer comments: "How an uneducated, first-generation, American-born son of European Jewish immigrants named Ya'akov Kurtzberg, growing up in the Lower East Side of New York City, became Jack "King" Kirby—"King" as in the acknowledged master of the superhero comic book genre—is one of the most compelling Jewish/American stories presented in *Jews & Comics*."

Sunday Film Screenings: Enjoy Two Films and a Nosh

Sunday, November 16; 4 to 7:30 pm

Two film screenings and a light buffet, including Jewish delicacies.

4:30 pm: 'Ester Street,' a documentary film by Lisa Seidenberg, running time: 46 minutes; followed by a Q/A, a munch and a mingle.

'Ester Street' takes its name from a street in Kazimierz, the old Jewish Section of Krakow, Poland. As with most of the country, it once had a thriving Jewish community which ended with the Holocaust. The film is a first-person journey that explores the unlikely occasion of a Jewish Culture Festival in Krakow, an annual event held in part because of the lifting of Communism as much as to be a cultural celebration, a notion that is questionable. The documentary explores the idea of remembrance. Among the questions that are raised, if not totally answered, are What is appropriate? Whom does it benefit? Does history depend on memory that may not be accurate? Includes a visit to Roman Polanski's boyhood home, commentary by author Michael Wex, and music by acclaimed Klezmer groups Veretski Pass and Beyond The Pale.

6 pm IRWIN, produced and directed by Dan Makara and Frank Borres, running time: 55 minutes

Irwin, now 96, began his career at the outset of the comic book industry in 1939. In 1955 he began a 30-year stint on the newspaper strip "Dondi." The son of Russian Jewish immigrants, Irwin's many irreverent stories are for "mature audiences." Also featured are Paul Levitz, former president of DC Comics, Daily News sports cartoonist Bill Gallo, and cartoonist/screenwriter Jules Feiffer.

9 McLevy Hall @ McLevy Green

Space XChangers, CreateHereNow, Uarts
202 State Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604

Event: CreateHereNow: Meet the Artists and Entrepreneurs During the Art Trail Weekend

Thursday to Sunday, November 13 to 16

Artists and creative entrepreneurs serving the community come together at McLevy Hall to reactivate this prominent Bridgeport landmark through support from the Connecticut Office of the Arts, Historic Preservation Office, and The City of Bridgeport. For more information please visit www.McLevyhall.org

Event: Open House and Artists Party, Bpt Art Trail Kick-Off Party at Historic McLevy Hall

Thursday, November 13; 5 to 9:30 pm

After touring the downtown arts venues on Thursday night, join us at an artists' party. Meet the artists of Bridgeport and the creative community from locations city-wide. Enjoy a sampling of small works by Bpt Art Trail artists, exhibited throughout McLevy Hall. Mingle at a reception with live music featuring local talent and the instructors of the Hall Neighborhood House Arts Academy and Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County. WPKN programmers will keep the party going, spinning an eclectic mix of music. Enjoy light refreshments. Admission is free and open to the public; however donations will be welcomed at the door. Contributions will support Bridgeport Art Trail free public programs.

Tour the offices and working spaces of the creative community of the McLevy Hall reactivation project. Constructed of brownstone in 1854 in the Greek Revival style, McLevy Hall served as city hall and the hall of records. While campaigning for president, Abraham Lincoln gave a campaign speech here before heading to New York. Originally named Washington Hall, it is now named after Jasper McLevy, a socialist mayor who served the city for 24 years.

After two years of vacancy, McLevy Hall is now being reactivated through support from the City of Bridgeport and the CT State Historic Preservation Office. McLevy Hall tenants are working on a broad range of projects and community services, including Bridgeport Living History, Tai Chi classes, tutorial services, recording studio, design and art studios and workshops, and the establishment of Bridgeport's Center for African American History and Culture. See the full listing in the Artists Directory found at the back of this guide.

Open House and Artists Party

Bpt Art Trail Kick-Off Party at Historic McLevy Hall

Thursday, November 13; 5 to 9:30 pm



Historic McLevy Hall, UArts, downtown Bridgeport

McLevy Green

Come back to enjoy free cultural events on McLevy Green, one of the many parks in Bridgeport (known as the Park City). The Green has become a hub of cultural and social activity: summer concerts, ethnic celebrations; and public art events.

9a 80 Design

202 State Street, Suite 205, Bridgeport, CT 06604
203.525.6180

[instagram.com/80gramz](https://www.instagram.com/80gramz) 80design.com

Furniture - art - aesthetics management - interior styling/staging.

**Event: Orbit Studio x 80 Design x 7980AM
present The Mod Squad**

Thursday, November 13, through Sunday, November 16; 12 noon to 6 pm

A unique, Pop-Up concept exhibition of mid-century modern furniture, original artworks, and upcycled design concepts (furniture, home accessories and select apparel).

9b Tawawa Wellness Center L.L.C.

Suite 201 at McLevy Hall

Offers healing herbs, nutritional food enzymes therapy and Tai Chi classes to the public. Please join us for Free Tai Chi demonstrating classes on November 13, 15, and 16 from 6 pm to 7 pm at Tawawa Wellness, McLevy Hall, Suite 201. Contact brother Yahya at 203-257-1145 and e-mail: tawawawellness@optonline.net. There are private, group session and consultation by appointment.

9c Bridgeport's Photo Booth

Suite 304 at McLevy Hall
Doug Healey, Photographer

9d Misencik Photography

Suite 301 - McLevy Hall

The Bridgeport Portrait Project and *Poli's Palace & Majestic Theatre Memories Project* Thursday, November 13th through Sunday, November 16th.

See videos and still photos and contribute your thoughts, ideas, and memories to either or both projects. Free Admission. Contact: Jay & Geralene 203.268.8306 / misencik.images@gmail.com

Jay Misencik and Geralene Valentine of Misencik Photography are working on two documentary-style photography/audio projects. Both grew out of personal projects they worked on years ago. Both projects need the participation of many people in the community. To succeed, the creative process must be community based.

1. *The Bridgeport Portrait Project* will introduce you to the PEOPLE who make the City of Bridgeport much more than just a PLACE. It will define a rich, culturally diverse community, sometimes tormented by its own wonderful history.

2. The *Poli's Palace & Majestic Theatre Memories* project will bring to life two magnificent dormant theatres as people share their memories of times they spent at the Palace and Majestic on Bridgeport's Main Street.

9e African-American History & Culture

Suite 208, McLevy Hall

Director of Operations: Gilbert L.Davis
aahact@yahoo.com / 203.331.9269

The purpose of the Center for African-American History & Culture is to relate the story of Africans and their descendants who developed diverse civilizations in Africa and then were taken into slavery, and their social development in the United States, the Caribbean and South Africa. The Center features art and artifacts from a variety of African societies and tribes, and art of contemporary artists. Our special interest library includes books on African/African American History, with a section dedicated to U.S. Civil War, a pivotal event in the history of African people living in the United States.

Art Education classes are held on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 6:00-9:00 pm and Saturday 12:00-3:00 pm. The center is also open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:00-1:00 pm.

9f UArts and City Lights

Art Making and Viewing Space, Suite 103 at McLevy Hall

UArts is a pilot project of CreateHereNow, The Office of the Arts and City Lights & Company providing opportunities for people to connect with creativity who may have barriers due to disabilities or other challenges. City Lights & Company has been the active UArts partner of this Bridgeport site providing the community with accessibility to the arts, through funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. uarts.co/ and citylightsgallery.org

9g The Dyslexic Jazz Doodler

Suite 302 at McLevy Hall

This dyslexic Bridgeport artist offers uplifting art instruction to children who "learn differently" while instructing parents how to best support their children.

10 Sound View Community Media

“Television For The Community By The Community”

211 State St 4th Floor, Bridgeport CT 06604

Sound View Community Media, Inc. is a public-access television station servicing Bridgeport, Stratford, Fairfield, Milford, Orange, and Woodbridge. SVCM is responsible for providing facilities, equipment, training, cablecasting, and related services to access users who wish to create their own television shows. SVCM's Public, Educational and Government access is broadcast through Cablevision on channels 77, 78, 79 and 88, and AT&T Uverse channel 99.

Event: Open House

Thursday, November 13; 9 am to 7 pm

Friday, November 14; 9 am to 7 pm

Tour the studio of Sound View Community Media. View the permanent installation of the art of training manager/Bridgeport artist Ricky Mestre in the lobby. Visitors can also view Ricky's work in his working art studio at 305 Knowlton St.

11 Bridgeport Public Library Downtown

Bridgeport Public Library and Bridgeport History Center

925 Broad St, 3rd Floor, Bridgeport, CT 06604

203.522.4154 / bportlibrary.org/ bportlibrary.org/hc/

Third Floor Exhibition: *The Great War*

Bridgeport in 1914, featuring the Vincent Leo Keating collection and a vintage WWI uniform and other items from the collection of Ron Fazekas. This exhibition was designed by Steve Kwasnik, who developed a Bridgeport timeline chronicling events from 1835 to 1935, which is on view in this exhibit.

Visit the second floor to see the mural painted by artist Bud Riley on the north wall of the reference room. In the next room, view paintings by Lou Trapasso, which offer wonderful depictions of lively days on Bridgeport's Main Street in the 1940s.

Memoir Writing Class: Led by Mary Witkowski, takes place the second Saturday of the month at 2 pm.

The Bridgeport History Center opened its doors in 1936. The collection contains historic photographs, maps, and research materials documenting the history of this city. Interested people can freely use unique resources to discover their family trees and do other fun projects. Bridgeport History Center includes resources for genealogical research throughout the world. Historic displays are accessible Monday to Saturday. BHC is open Thursday to Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm; Monday to Wednesday, by appointment. Come visit us and discover history! For more info: 203.576.7400, ex. 7.

Live Music at the NEST (See #22):

Saturday 6 p.m.

***Oh Cassius!* and Rick Reyes**

FREE ADMISSION

12 Gallery@999

The Mayor's Gallery at Margaret E. Morton Government Center

999 Broad Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604

203.576.7201 / bridgeportct.gov

Event: The Kennedy Center: A Unique Perspective, Art Exhibition
November 13, 2014, to January 31, 2015

View the paintings chosen for the 2015 Kennedy Center *A Unique Perspective Calendar*, along with over 75 original paintings created by the many talented artists who participate in the Kennedy Center expressive arts programs.

Reception: Tuesday, November 18, 5:30 to 7 pm.

Return the week after the Art Trail for this event! Initiated by Mayor Bill Finch, this spacious exhibition area consists of the walls on the first and second floors of City Hall Annex. Visitors can view art during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. Artists and groups are welcome to submit art and exhibition projects for consideration through the contact info above.

13 Maggie Daly Arts Cooperative (MDAC)

4021 Broad Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604

203.690.1609 / thekennedyctr.org

Event: Open House and Exhibition

Friday, November 14; 8 am to 4 pm

Saturday, November 15; 10 am to 3 pm

The opening of The Kennedy Center's Maggie Daly Arts Cooperative (MDAC) in May 2014 added an exciting and unique new initiative to the cultural fabric of Bridgeport and brought vitality, creativity, and new constituencies to join in the arts. Located in the former Read's building, MDAC's artists with intellectual disabilities have already made connections with neighbors, businesses, universities, museums, and arts councils, forming innovative partnerships to celebrate the universal language of art. At MDAC, opportunities abound for artists to delve into a whole array of arts, including photography, theater, music, movement, painting, sculpture, and more.

The exhibition MDAC's *Amazing Medley* shows the scope of work in various mediums that MDAC artists have created in group projects, as well as individually. The exhibition not only raises awareness about the talents of artists, but is also a testimony to their vision and creativity and ability to transcend their disabilities.



Photo: Jay Misencik, McLevy Hall (#9D) Artist Jodi Strmiska with her mural on Main St.

14 Historic Arcade Mall

1001–12 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604

The historic Arcade Mall was one of America's first enclosed shopping malls. The renovated downtown landmark is being re-activated by the artists of CreateHereNow with support from the State of CT, City of Bridgeport, and Downtown Special Services District of Bridgeport.

Event: Meet the Artists of the Arcade

Thursday, November 13; 12 noon to 7 pm

Weaving and wearable art, including jewelry, scarves, t-shirts and vintage clothing, on view and available for purchase. FREE artist demos and hands-on workshops on Friday and Saturday.

14a Made in Bridgeport

Where Industry Makes Art: jewelry, art, accessories, vintage and consignment shop / 203.449.2187

Suite 2, Ground Floor, Arcade Mall, 1001 Main Street
made-in-bridgeport.com / madeinbridgeport@gmail.com.

Event: ArtBra Info Session and Hands-On Bra-Art Creating Workshop

Friday, November 14; 4 to 8 pm

Saturday, November 15; 1 to 4 pm

Made In Bridgeport and Art Bra New Haven are collaborating to bring information and an afternoon of ArtBra designing and art making in the Made In Bridgeport shop to benefit breast cancer patients. What is ArtBra about? "We use our special brand of art therapy as a creative emotional expression of our experience, and as a way to provide financial support for treatment of under and uninsured patients." There will be an upcoming 4th annual ArtBra runway event with the theme "Beauty is in The Eye of the Beholder." The 501(c) (3) charity invites artists and designers to create one-of-a-kind imaginative works of art that will be auctioned to support their mission to help others with breast cancer. Your creative works will be juried and then, if chosen, posted on their Facebook site before being auctioned for this great cause.

ArtBra Workshops (1 hour sessions) for your creative contribution: Bring some bras and let's work out some ideas for a great and fun way to help others. Let's make it fun, humorous, sexy and artistic. Bring your creative passion. You don't have to make the entire bra that day, but get some info and possibly some materials to assist in its creation.

Sponsored by Made In Bridgeport. made-in-bridgeport.com, www.artbra-newhaven.org also facebook.com/artbranewhaven. Contact Robin Gilmore: madeinbridgeport@gmail.com and follow ArtBra New Haven for updates and detailed info.

14b Paradox Ink Screenprinting + Murals

Suite 19, 2nd Floor, Arcade Mall, 1001 Main Street
203.521.8681 / paradoxink.com

Hours: 12 noon to 5 pm

Event: Open House Demo: Live Screenprinting

Thursday to Saturday, November 13 to 15; 2 to 7 pm

Sunday, November 16; 2 to 5 pm

Suite 22, 2nd Floor, Arcade Mall, 1001 Main Street

14c Ruben Marroquin Weaving Workshop

917.533.2276

marroquinruben.tumblr.com

Event: Hands-On Weaving Demonstration

Saturday, November 15; 3 to 4:30 pm

14d dertbag store/workspace

Suite 21, 2nd Floor, Arcade Mall

The store/workspace showcases the newest dertbag and Frank Foster Post collections. Most of the pieces available by both brands are one offs and are considered walking art. Focusing on making garments for individuals rather than society, both brands have gotten world-wide recognition by other artists and musicians.

Event: Open House

Thursday, November 13; 5 to 7 pm

Regular Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 1 to 5 pm; Saturday, 1 to 7 pm

14e WAN World Artists Network

Suite 5, 1st Floor, Arcade Mall, 1001 Main Street
203.202.2904

community@theworldartistnetwork.org,
www.theworldartistnetwork.org

Event: Artist for A Day, Open Workshops

Saturday, November 15; 12 noon to 5 pm

Join us in an art adventure and discover different materials, techniques and mediums while unleashing your creativity. Painting, printmaking, sculpting, and crafts for all ages.

Admission: Free; suggested donation: \$5 per project. Parking available on Main Street and Broad Street.

14f Bpt Creates/Maganocon 7 Enterprises

Suite 14, 1st Floor, Arcade Mall, 1001 Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

203.395.1395 / BeautifulCrimeShow@gmail.com
facebook.com/beautifulcrimeshow

Event: Exhibition

Thursday, November 13; 5 to 9 pm

Friday, November 14; 6 to 11 pm

Saturday, November 15; 1 to 5 pm

Sunday, November 16; by appointment

Multiple local artists display a variety of artwork such as street art, graffiti, photography, sculpture, and performance. Admission is free, but donations are gladly accepted.

Razul "Rahz" Branch Head Honcho, Creative Director, Social Entrepreneur Event Design Firm, www.Maganocon7.com, info@maganocon7.com 203.395.1395. Creative Thinking Consultants & Event Design Firm, Co-Creators of The Bridgeport Bazaar & General Market (March 2012–present) Co-coordinators of the Bridgeport Arts Fest (July 2011, 2012 and 2014)

15 Read's Art Space

Read's Ground Floor Gallery & Artists' Living and Working Spaces
1042 Broad Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604
203.336.0435 / www.readsgroundfloorgallery.com
Event: Artists Choose Artists—The Personal Vision
Opening: Thursday, November 13; 5:30 to 8:30 pm
Friday, November 14; 12 noon to 7 pm
Saturday, November 15; 12 noon to 4 pm
Sunday, November 16; 12 noon to 4 pm

Read's Artspace will host its annual Artists Choose Artists exhibition in their spacious Read's Ground Floor Gallery, a private art space located on the first floor of Read's Artspace. Once the Read's department store, an anchor store to the twentieth-century downtown, it is now a community-based redeveloped live/work artist space in Downtown Bridgeport. The gallery is utilized by the Read's residents to host exhibitions and related programming and is open on an event/appointment basis. Read's artists also exhibit their work in common spaces throughout the building.

16 B-Hive Bridgeport

285 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604
203.873.2008
swarm@bhivebridgeport.com / bhivebridgeport.com
Event: Open House
Thursday, November 13; 10 am to 4 pm
Friday, November 14; 10 am to 4 pm
Event: Park City Pop-Up Market
Saturday, November 15; 11 am to 3 pm

View the work at an Open House on Thursday and Friday, then visit the 3rd Park City Pop-Up, a market comprised of local artists and craftsmen, on Saturday. Come by to see the inventory of locally made artwork and products that spread the love for our great city of Bridgeport. Admission is free. Street or garage parking available.

17 Bridgeport Theatre Company

203.416.6446
bridgeporttheatre.org

Bridgeport Theatre Company is a non-profit organization that produces well-known plays and musicals, as well as new works. BTC utilizes local artists and volunteers both onstage and behind the scenes.

18 Downtown Cabaret Theatre

263 Golden Hill Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604
203.576.1634 / drcab.org
Executive Director: Hugh Hallinan, 203.576.1634 ext 103
hugh@downtowncabaret.org

The Downtown Cabaret Theatre has been in Bridgeport since 1975. Its mission is to provide professional, full-production, quality theater for Bridgeport and the surrounding area. It produces year-round original and revival musicals and music concerts for adults and children.

Events: Musical Reviews Saturday & Sunday

Zoso—A Tribute to Led Zeppelin
Saturday, November 15; 7:30 pm

Zoso—The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience, formed in 1995 to perform the most accurate and captivating Led Zeppelin live show since the real thing. For Zoso, it's much more than just being a tribute. It's about touching a golden era in music. Zoso embodies Page, Plant, Bonham, and Jones in their spirit, tightly-wound talent, and authenticity. Admission: \$47

Sinatra & Streisand—The Concert That Never Was
Sunday, November 16; 5:30 and 8:30 pm

Singer-actors Sharon Owens and Sebastian Anzaldo present their own "What if?" scenario in the show, which they have performed for several years in Las Vegas and on tour! Admission: \$57

Neil Diamond by Tom Sadge
December 6; 5:30 and 8:30 pm

Tom Sadge returns to the Cabaret stage performing an unparalleled tribute to the musical legend Neil Diamond. You will never see another tribute that so closely authenticates the sights and sounds of Neil Diamond. Joining Tom will be Cabaret favorites Joey Pucci and the American Longboards. Admission: \$57



Interior of Bijou Theatre

19 Bijou Theatre

275 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604
thebijoutheatre.com

True to its heritage, over 100 years later one of the oldest buildings used as a movie house in the country is poised for a revival, as envisioned in the Bijou Square renaissance. The Bijou Theatre is a multi-functional venue with integrity and an open minded philosophy, a symposium for film, theatre, art, comedy and music.

Event: Free Performance by the Cast of Assassins
Sunday, November 16; 3 pm

Join us at The Bijou Theatre for a sample of the Main Stage theatrical production Assassins, directed by Kevin Pelkey. This is the second show in The Bijou's first full-season lineup of live theatre! Meet the actors playing John Wilkes Booth, Lee Harvey Oswald, John Hinckley and others as they meet and interact in this revue-style musical by Stephen Sondheim. If you like what you see, come back at 5 pm for the full production!

20 New England Ballet Company

at the Bijou Performing Arts Center
277 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604
2nd Floor (next door to The Bijou Theatre), 203.494.9205
NEW! Arts offices, dance studio, and rehearsal space! Call for more information or visit our website www.newenglandballet.org

Events: Free Open Dance Classes!

Saturday, November 15

Combination Dance; ages 4 and 5; 9 to 10 am

Combines music and movement in age-appropriate motor-skill exercises and games. Pre-ballet, tap, and jazz.

Ballet and Tap; ages 6, 7, and 8; 10 to 11 am

Music and movement with a concentration on dance technique. Ballet, tap, and jazz with age-appropriate exploration of combinations.

Ballet, Tap, and Jazz; ages 8 to 12; 11 am to 12:30 pm

Barre and center work, as well as exploration of floor patterns and musicality for choreography.

Musical Theater Dance; ages 11 to 18; 12:30 to 1:30 pm

Movement, staging, and dance workshop for the aspiring musical theater performer. A warm-up with ballet, jazz, and tap, with a class focus on learning choreography for musical theater repertory.

Event: Free Performance by the New England Ballet Company Dancers!

Sunday, November 16; 2:30 pm

**Location: The Bijou Theatre, 275 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT
(The Bijou Theatre presentation to follow at 3 pm)**

Come see the New England Ballet Company's dancers perform excerpts from their upcoming *Nutcracker!* Experience a sampling of the Land of the Sweets divertissements with full costume and choreography and meet the dancers up close and personal. Then come to see either the *Nutcracker Suite* at The Bijou Theatre on Sunday, December 7, at 3 pm, or the full-length version at the Klein Memorial Auditorium on December 20 or 21. Check the website for *Nutcracker* times and pricing. newenglandballet.org

21 The Klein

910 Fairfield Avenue
800.424.0160
Mailing: The Klein PO Box 790, Bridgeport, CT 06601
theklein.org / info@theklein.org
Contact the box office at: theklein.org/box-office/purchase-tickets/
or 203.259.1036 or 800.424.0160

Since 1940, The Klein has been Bridgeport's go-to performing arts venue. Built with funds willed to the city by a Bridgeport native, the theater boasts a rich history as a first-rate concert space. The Klein also proudly hosts local community organizations. Dance recitals, graduations, and civic meetings occur regularly here, and the theater has been the home of the Greater Bridgeport Symphony Orchestra for the past 60 years. For a current listing of The Klein's exciting upcoming events, please go to www.theklein.org or call 800.424.0160. Live events, concerts, ballet, symphony, and other theatrical presentations. Parking lot across the street.

Leaving Downtown Toward Black Rock

22 The NEST Arts Factory

1720 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605
nestartsfactory.com
Contact for events, studio rentals, and more: nestbpt@gmail.com
203-690-1335

The NEST Arts Factory is a community of artists and musicians working in a wide variety of media in a re-imagined factory building on the west side of Bridgeport. Open space and a dedicated gallery within the NEST allow both performing and visual artists to share their work with the community. Ample onsite and street parking is available.

Events: Open Studios

Friday, November 14; 7 to 10 pm

Saturday, November 15; 12 noon to 8pm

Sunday, November 16; 12 noon to 5 pm

Meet the artists of the NEST. Tour the open studios, listen to poets and musicians, view animated films, and see a variety of demonstrations. Art on view and for sale includes acrylic and oil painting, sculpture, collage, photography, jewelry, ceramics, mixed-media, fiber, decorative painting, and much more. Admission: Free

NEST Art Demonstrations: Free Admission

Watch a variety of NEST artists demonstrate how they create; join a workshop; learn something new! Free admission.

Saturday, November 15; 1 to 4 pm

- 1 pm Painting fruit demonstration with Denise Susalka
- 2 pm Beading workshop for kids, teens, and adults with Linda Schoff
- 3 pm Free-motion quilting demonstration with Christina Blais
- 4 pm Metal and forge work demonstration with David Flynn

Sunday, November 16; 1 to 3 pm

- 1 pm Fabric-dyeing demonstration with Karen Loprete
- 2 pm Sketchbook-making workshop for kids with Jill Morton
- 3 pm Decorative wall finish demonstration with Finished with Style Accents



Rick Shaefer, NEST studios (#22)

Animated Short Films

Cartoonist Taylor Walls will have eight short animated films on view at the NEST throughout the Bridgeport Art Trail.

Event: Saturday Evening Live Music

Saturday, November 15; 6 pm

Join NEST musicians Oh Cassius! and Rick Reyes in a musical event with free admission.

Event: Poetry

Friday, November 14; 8 to 10 pm

Host Iyaba Ibo Mandingo leads an evening of poetry, beat, rap, rhymed and unrhymed verse, sonnets, and storytelling.

Event: Photo Booth

Friday, November 14; 7 to 10 pm

Saturday, November 15; 12 noon to 8 pm

Sunday, November 16; 12 noon to 5 pm

Join photographer Catherine Conroy Halstead for a "walk-in photo booth," complete with costumes. Photos will be uploaded to an online gallery.

23 Black Rock Galleries

1720 Fairfield Avenue, Black Rock, CT 06605

203.335.0000

www.blackrockgalleries.com

With over 15 years of experience in the industry and an amazing one-stop 23,000+ sq. ft. gallery showroom, Black Rock Galleries is the area's preeminent source for quality antiques, fine art, beautiful and unique home furnishings and accessories, excellent estate jewelry, and works from local artists offered at fair price points. The business is based on the passion for scouting hidden, forgotten, and newer treasures and offering them with honesty and integrity. Black Rock Galleries specializes in the auction, appraisal, and resale (through estate sales and consignment) of these fine items. Black Rock Galleries offers complete estate sale and auction house services with honest and straightforward appraisals and research, both live and online bidding, and payment of competitive and fair rates.

Black Rock

24 Framemakers

Picture Framing & Art Gallery

3004 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605

www.framemakers3142@att.net

Open Tuesday through Saturday, 8:30 to 5:00 pm

Framemakers is a custom framing shop with a rotating variety of artists showing their work each month. Abstract, sculpture, impressionistic, street and realistic art is exhibited. Black Rock Arts Guild exhibition is on view at Framemakers during Bridgeport Art Trail.

Satisfy Your Palate at 305 Knowlton Street (See #26):

FREE FOOD & DRINK:

Saturday: Uncle G Smoke Shack

Sunday: Bloody Mary Bar

25 Black Rock Arts Guild

Contact: Judy Noel 203.367.9759 poppanoel@aol.com

B.R.A.G. has established a gallery space at the Burroughs Community Center. It is a nonprofit organization that encourages artists of all kinds (painting, photography, film, music, sculpture, dance, writing, acting, crafts) through collaboration and interaction, for the pleasure art brings both the creator and the beholder. Its programs include educational opportunities through lectures and discussion groups, creating a sense of community among the artistic and cultural organizations in our area through the artists who live, work, teach, show, and perform here. B.R.A.G. offers a forum in which the community can appreciate the arts with exhibits and community projects. We encourage sponsorship of and participation in artistic activities by our business community.

East Side

26 305 Knowlton Street Artist Studios

305 Knowlton Street, Bridgeport, CT 06608

Space Inquiries & Pricing: Mike Grob, 203.258.8957

mikegrob@me.com

This repurposed factory building located on the Pequonock River provides two floors of working studio spaces. The rustic Armstrong Gallery on the first floor is available for exhibits and events.

Open Studios: Saturday, November 15; 11 am to 6 pm

Sunday, November 16; 12 noon to 4 pm

Meet the artists! Tour two floors of Open Studios, where the art to view and purchase includes watercolor/oil paintings, sculpture, photography, and airbrush, to name a few.

KNOWLTON STREET EVENTS

FREE Saturday Morning Yoga, afternoon demos and **RAFFLE:** Start off the Bridgeport Art Trail Saturday morning with free yoga and end it with a big blowout raffle of some original pieces of artwork. Several 305 Knowlton artists and jewelry designers will perform live artwork demonstrations Saturday afternoon in The Armstrong Gallery for everyone to view. All live artwork will be raffled off 6 pm. Raffle tickets are \$1 a piece. Place your ticket for your favorite, or buy more than one ticket and try to win 'em all!

FREE Classes from Watercolor to Cupcake Decorating:

Throughout the day, The Armstrong Gallery will have free classes in watercolor to cupcake designing. Not to mention some amazing award winning independent media projections by some of our 305 Knowlton family members.

Event: Free wine, beer, soda and food provided by Uncle G' Smoke Shack

Saturday, November 15; 12 to 6 pm

Event: Free Bloody Mary Bar and Social

Sunday November 16; 12 noon to 5

26 305 Knowlton Street Artist Studios

SATURDAY DEMO AND WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

10:30-11:45	OPEN AND FREE YOGA, By Yoga for All.
1-6:00 pm	Live painting by 305 Knowlton artists with artwork being raffled off at 6:00
12:30 pm	Decorating cupcake class presented by Natalie
1:30 pm	Media projection by Antonio Esposito
2:30 pm	Learn to make jewelry with Cynthia
3:30 pm	Media projection by "FigSter Laboratories"
4:30 pm	Hermes watercolor world painting class for all ages
6:00 pm	Raffle announcements of all live artwork, jewelry and more...

27 Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County

391 East Washington Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06608

(One block from 305 Knowlton Street studios)

Contact: Frank Derico, Executive Director, 203.366.3300, ext. 228, nstudios.org

Event: Open House

Saturday, November 15, 1 to 3 pm

Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County is a community school of the arts open to children and adults. Come see our Saturday Arts Academy—music, dance, theater, and visual arts classes—for elementary students and learn about our adults' classes and teen programs. Free admission; suggested donation: \$5. Park on East Washington or Harriet Streets.

28 Hall Arts Academy

52 George E. Pipkin's Way, Bridgeport, CT 06608

Lauri A. MacLean, Artistic Director

HAA offers a phenomenal arts program at a nominal cost. Dance, Music, Drama, and Visual Arts are taught by a professional staff in a safe and non-competitive environment. While experiencing the joy of learning their art, students develop life skills such as self-confidence, discipline and respect. Yearly classes culminate in a spring performance.

The multi-faceted talents of the HAA music staff are featured as Gordon Brion guitar, David Harewood keyboards, Ariadna Kryazheva violin /vocals, and James Moss percussion perform jazz fusion selections in historic McLevy Hall for the Thursday Night Artists Party, November 13. Hall Neighborhood House is a 501(c)3 nonprofit.



Art opening at Armstrong Gallery, 305 Knowlton Street (#26)

29 Connecticut's Beardsley Park Zoo

1875 Noble Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06610

203-394-6565

www.BeardsleyZoo.org

Enjoy the artwork of Mother Nature exhibited in her animals at Connecticut's only zoo. Beardsley Park Zoo has been in operation for 90 years. It features 300 animals, representing primarily North and South American species: Amur (Siberian) tigers, Brazilian ocelots, red wolves, and Golden Lion tamarins. Other highlights include a South American rainforest with free-flight aviary, the prairie dog exhibit with "pop-up" viewing areas, the New England Farmyard, plus the hoofstock trail, featuring bison, pronghorn, deer, and more. Visitors can grab a bite at the Peacock Café, eat in the Picnic Grove, and enjoy a ride on a colorful, fully restored carousel rescued from Pleasure Beach!

North End

30 The Discovery Museum

4450 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604

203.372.3521, Fax 203.374.1929

discoverymuseum.org

Museum Hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm. Admission: \$10 adults; \$8 seniors and students with ID; FREE for children under 3. Groups of 10 or more, \$1.50 off regular admission rate per person.

With over 100 exhibits featuring interactive, hands-on explorations of science, technology and ideas, The Discovery Museum also showcases the artistic expression of science in its Mezzanine Gallery.

Daily Planetarium shows for all age groups—including *One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure*, are included with admission. The full-dome Planetarium provides renowned acoustics and projection capabilities for private concerts and corporate gatherings, in addition to popular telescope and solar scope viewing events.

Events: Exhibits

Creatures: The Art of Susan Frey

Featured in the Mezzanine Art Gallery, artist Susan Frey twists shapes, figures, animals, and plants into playful compositions, where objects are suspended between the real and an imagined world. Featuring geometric patterns, color combinations give the shapes organizational qualities and balance.

All in a Day's Work: Photographs of Women in Connecticut Industry

Part of the Pitney Bowes Connecticut Inventions and Innovations exhibit, *All in a Day's Work* explores the history of our State's women workers in the late nineteenth century through the first half of the twentieth century, when women first started working in factories in great numbers. This photographic journey through Connecticut's factories shows the way disadvantaged women and immigrants sought to augment their household incomes and lift their families to a different socio-economic level through hard—often tedious—work.

Art Trail Schedule

THURSDAY

- 12:00–4:00** **3** **University of Bridgeport, Schelfhaudt Gallery:** *ONE PLUS ONE*, featuring the work of faculty of University of Bridgeport and Housatonic Community College.
- 16** **B:Hive.** Open House for viewing on Thursday and Friday. Come by to see the inventory of locally made artwork and products that spread the love for our great city of Bridgeport. Plus, B:Hive will host its 3rd Park City Pop-Up, a market comprised of local artists and craftsmen, on Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm.
- 12:00–5:00** **12** **Gallery@999:** *A Unique Perspective* art exhibit. View the art chosen for the Kennedy Center Calendar, along with 75 original paintings created by artists in the expressive arts programs.
- 30** **Discovery Museum: Planetarium, Interactive Explorations of Science, Technology, and Ideas,** plus Exhibits, including *The Art of Susan Frey and All In a Day's Work: Photographs of Women in Connecticut History*. Admission: \$10 Adults; \$8 Seniors and Students; Free for Children under 3.
- 12:00–7:00** **6** **Housatonic Museum of Art, the Burt Chernow Galleries,** *Delightful, Delicious, Disgusting: Paintings by Mia Brownell 2003–2013*. Stroll through the campus and view art from the extensive art collection exhibited throughout Housatonic Community College.
- 8** **City Lights Gallery,** *JUDAICA Now*, a group exhibit featuring work based on Jewish art, religion, culture and history, including a range of art forms and expressions. One aspect of the exhibit will depict how Jewish comic artists, illustrators and editors have influenced American pop culture of the 20th century to the present. Come back during the weekend for related programs, Friday: *Jews & Comics* presented by Arlen Schumer; Sunday, two film screenings: *Ester Street* by Lisa Seidenberg and *IRWIN* by Dan Makara and Frank Borres.
- 10** **Sound View Community Media.** Tour the studio of the public access TV station. View the art of Ricky Mestre, station training manager, in the Sound View lobby.
- 14** **Arcade Mall:** Meet the artists, tour their studios. Weaving and wearable art, including jewelry, scarves, t-shirts and vintage clothing on view and available for purchase.



Will Corpew, McLevy Hall (#9)

- 5:30–8:30** **15** **Read's Ground Floor Gallery,** Annual Exhibit, *Artists Choose Artists*. View a visually diverse exhibition in the spacious gallery space, once part of Read's department store, an anchor store of the 20th century downtown.
- 6:00–7:00** **11** **Bridgeport Library and History Center,** *Becoming Tom Thumb: Charles Stratton, P. T. Barnum, and the Dawn of American Celebrity*. Eric D. Lehman, of the University of Bridgeport, will sign his book and tell the true story of Bridgeport's own Charles Stratton, who along with his manager, P.T. Barnum, ushered in the age of American celebrity. With Barnum's promotional skills and the miniature Stratton's comedic talents, they charmed a Who's Who of the 19th century, from Queen Victoria to Charles Dickens to Abraham Lincoln. Adored world wide as "General Tom Thumb," Stratton played sold-out shows for almost forty years.

FREE FAMILY FUN!

**Saturday: Dance Classes, New England Ballet (#20),
Cupcake Decorating at 305 Knowlton ST.(#26)
Quilting Demo at American Fabrics (#1)**

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Bpt Art Trail Kick-off Party at Historic McLevy Hall

- 5:30–9:30 9** **McLevy Hall: Party with the Artists/Open House.** After touring the other downtown arts venues on Thursday night, join us at an artists' party. Meet the Bridgeport artists and the creative community from locations city-wide. Enjoy a sampling of small works of Bpt Art Trail artists, exhibited throughout McLevy Hall, a Greek Revival Brownstone built in 1854 where Abraham Lincoln spoke while campaigning for the presidency.
- Mingle at a reception with live music and light refreshments, featuring local talent and the instructors of the Hall Neighborhood House Arts Academy and Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County. WPKN Radio programmers will keep the party going, spinning an eclectic mix of music. Admission is free and open to the public; however, donations will be accepted at the door. Contributions will support Bpt Art Trail free public programs for children and adults.

FRIDAY

- 7:00–10:00 22** **NEST Arts Factory:** Open Studios 7-10 pm. Host Iyaba Ibo Mandingo leads an evening of poetry, beat, rap, rhymed and unrhyme verse, sonnets and storytelling.
- 8:30–5:00 6** **Housatonic Museum of Art, the Burt Chernow Galleries,** *Delightful, Delicious, Disgusting: Paintings by Mia Brownell 2003–2013.* Stroll through the campus and view art from the extensive art collection exhibited throughout Housatonic Community College.
- 12** **Gallery@999:** *A Unique Perspective* art exhibit: view the art chosen for the Kennedy Center Calendar, along with 75 original paintings created by artists in the expressive arts programs.
- 9:00–4:00 13** **Maggie Daly Arts Cooperative.** The exhibit MDAC's Amazing Medley shows the scope of work in various mediums that MDAC / artists have created in group projects as well as individually. The exhibition not only raises awareness about the talents of the artists, but is also a testimony to their vision and creativity and ability to transcend their disabilities.
- 9:00–7:00 10** **Sound View Community Media.** Tour the studio of the public access TV station and view the art of training manager/Bridgeport artist Ricky Mestre in the Sound View lobby.
- 10:00–2:00 3a** **WPKN.** Open House at WPKN Studios.
- 10:00–4:00 16** **B:Hive.** Open House—come by to see the inventory of locally made artwork and products, which spread the love for our

great city of Bridgeport. In addition to the open house, B:Hive will host its 3rd Park City Pop-Up, a market comprised of local artists and craftsmen, on Saturday.

- 10:00–5:00 30** **Discovery Museum Planetarium, Interactive Explorations of Science, Technology and Ideas,** plus Exhibits, including *The Art of Susan Frey and All In a Day's Work: Photographs of Women in Connecticut History.* Admission: \$10 Adults; \$8 Seniors and Students; Free for Children under 3.
- 11:30–8:30 8** **City Lights Gallery.** *JUDAICA, Now,* a group exhibit featuring work based on Jewish art, religion, culture and history, including a range of art forms and expressions. One aspect of the exhibit will depict how Jewish comic artists, illustrators, and editors have influenced American pop culture of the 20th century to the present. Come back on Sunday for two film screenings, *Ester Street* by Lisa Seidenberg and *IRWIN* by Dan Makara and Frank Borres.
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12:00–7:00 15 **Read's Ground Floor Gallery.** Annual Exhibit: *Artists Choose Artists*. View a visually diverse exhibit in the spacious gallery space, once part of Read's department store, an anchor of the 20th century downtown. Read's artists also exhibit their work in common spaces throughout the building.

4:00–8:00 14a **Made in Bridgeport** ArtBra Info Session and BYOBra Party, Hands On Bra Art Making Workshop. Create an artbra contribution that is fun, humorous, sexy, and artistic. Donate your artbra-work for an upcoming fashion show/auction to support breast cancer patients in need. For more info: 203.449.2187.

8:00–10:00 22 **NEST Arts Factory.** Host Iyaba Ibo Mandingo leads an evening of poetry, beat, rap, rhymed and unrhymed verse, sonnets, and storytelling.

6:00–8:00 8 **City Lights**, in conjunction with the *JUDAICA Now* exhibit, exhibiting artist, illustrator, author, and editor Arlen Schumer will present *Jews & Comics*. Schumer comments: "How an uneducated, first-generation-American-born son of European Jewish immigrants named Ya'akov Kurtzberg, growing up in the Lower East Side of New York City, became Jack "King" Kirby—"King" as in the acknowledged master of the superhero comic book genre—is one of the most compelling Jewish/American stories presented in *Jews & Comics*. Presentation starts at 6:30 pm; light refreshments at 6:00 pm.

7:30–9:00 18 **Downtown Cabaret Theatre: Zoso—A Tribute to Led Zeppelin.** Zoso—The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience, formed in 1995 to perform the most accurate and captivating Led Zeppelin live show since the real thing. For Zoso, it's much more than just being a tribute. It's about touching a golden era in music. Zoso embodies Page, Plant, Bonham, and Jones in their spirit, tightly-wound talent, and authenticity. Admission: \$47



Buttressed Flying by Lisie Orjuela of American Fabrics (#1)

SATURDAY

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9:00–1:30 20 **New England Ballet: FREE** Dance Classes
9:00–10:00 Combination Dance, ages 4 & 5. Combines music and movement in age appropriate motor skill exercises and games. Pre-ballet, tap, and jazz.

10:00–11:00 **Ballet and Tap**, ages 6, 7, & 8. Music and movement with a concentration on dance technique. Ballet, tap, and jazz with age-appropriate exploration of combinations.

11:00–12:30 **Ballet, Tap, and Jazz**, ages 8–12. Barre and center work, as well as exploration of floor patterns and musicality for choreography.

12:30–1:30 **Musical Theater Dance**, ages 11–18. Movement, staging, and dance workshop for the aspiring musical theater performer. A warm-up with ballet, jazz, and tap, with a class focus on learning choreography for musical theater repertory.

10:00–5:00 1 **American Fabrics.** Annual Studio Sales and Demos, including samples from the DS Couture collection and Works collection, One-of-a-kind studio quilts will be on view, with a select few available for sale. Denyse's fabrics, including best-selling designs for JoAnn Stores and Free Spirit Fabrics, will be available as cut-to-order yardage, pre-cuts,

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and scraps for the DIY crafter. Denyse's quilt patterns will also be available at an event-only discount. Project development samples, stationery and more will be offered at take-it-away prices. Prices range from \$1 to \$5,000. Serious buyers should arrive early—Denyse's sales are well attended! MasterCard, Visa, and cash accepted.

Other sales: **Jocelyn Armstrong Braxton**, 50% off studio sale. **Ulla Surland Studio Tag Sale**

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10:30–6:00 26 **Knowlton Street Start** with a FREE Yoga class. Decorate a cupcake or participate in a watercolor painting class. View media projections and tour artists studios. Enjoy complimentary wine, beer, soda and food provided by Uncle "G" Smoke Shack. Enter a raffle to win art.

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11:00–5:00 8 **Bpt Art Trail Bike Tour**. Meet at City Lights for a coffee and... before heading out. Bob Halstead, resident and Bridgeportphile, will lead a tour to artists' studio spaces and historic spots along the way, including



Bpt Art Trail Bike Tour meets at City Lights Gallery at 11 am, see below.

beautiful Mountain Grove Cemetery, the final resting place of Tom Thumb and P.T. Barnum.

12:00–8:00

Meet the artists of the NEST. Tour the open studios, listen to poets and musicians, view animated films, and see a variety of demonstrations. Art on view and for sale includes acrylic and oil painting, sculpture, collage, photography, jewelry, ceramics, mixed-media, fiber, decorative painting, and much more. Admission: Free

14 ARCADE MALL

12:00–5:00 14e **World Artists Network**: Artist for a Day, open workshops. Join us in an art adventure and discover different materials, techniques, and mediums while unleashing your creativity. Painting, printmaking, sculpting, and crafts for all ages. Admission: Free; suggested donation: \$5 per project. Parking available on Main Street and Broad Street.

1:00–4:00 14a **Made In Bridgeport & ArtBra New Haven** are collaborating to provide information and an afternoon of ArtBra designing and art making. Create a contribution that is fun, humorous, sexy, and artistic. Donate your work for an upcoming fashion show/auction to support breast cancer patients in need.

14f **BPT CREATES**: Local artists display a variety of artwork such as street art, graffiti, photography, sculpture, and performance. Admission is free, but donations gladly accepted.

1:00–7:00 14d **Dertbag**: The store/workspace showcases the newest dertbag and Frank Foster Post collections. Most of the pieces available by both brands are one offs and are considered walking art. They focusing on making garments for an individual rather than society and have gotten world-wide recognition by other artists.

2:00–8:00 14b **Paradox Ink**: Open House and Live Screenprinting

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- 3:00–4:00 14c** **Ruben Marroquin, Weaving Workshop:**
Hands On Weaving Demonstration
- 12:00–4:00 3** **University of Bridgeport, Schelfhault Gallery.**
ONE PLUS ONE, featuring the work of faculty of University of Bridgeport and Housatonic Community College.
- 12:30–3:30 2** **Jesús Villarreal:** Portrait Painting Class and Demo. Witness the process as Jesús paints along with his students during a portrait painting workshop in his studio at the Innovation Center.
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- 1:00–3:00 27** **Neighborhood Studios**
- 1:00–4:00 22** **NEST Arts Factory** Art Demonstrations
Watch a variety of NEST artists demonstrate how they create, join a workshop, learn something new! Free admission.
- 1 pm** Painting fruit demonstration with Denise Susalka
- 2 pm** Beading workshop for kids, teens, and adults with Linda Schoff
- 3 pm** Free-motion quilting demonstration with Christina Blais
- 4 pm** Metal and forge work demonstration with David Flynn
- 5:30–10:00 18** **Downtown Cabaret Theatre:** *Sinatra & Streisand—The Concert That Never Was*. Singer-actors Sharon Owens and Sebastian Anzaldo present their own "What if?"

scenario in the show that they have performed for several years in Las Vegas and on tour! Admission: \$57; performances at 5:30 and 8:30 pm.

- 6:00–8:30 22** **NEST Arts Factory,** FREE Live Music, *Ob Cassius*, Rick Reyes

SUNDAY

- 10:00–5:00 1** **American Fabrics.** Photography, installation and sculpture artist, **Caroline Valites** will have a participatory installation using a camera obscura set up in the parking lot on the east side of the American Fabrics Arts building (weather permitting).

Artist and UB professor **Emily Larned** will conduct a live art-research project! Participate and receive a free set of letterpress thank you cards, personally printed before your eyes. 10 am to 5 pm. Studio #310



Self-portrait by Jesús Villarreal, Innovation Center (#2)

For year round monthly updates
on art events city-wide:
bridgeport-art-trail.org

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Jocelyn Braxton Armstrong will demonstrate throwing clay on the potter's wheel in her studio throughout the weekend, an annual favorite for all! Studio #410

Patrons are invited to participate in guided meditation and a collaborative art experience In **Janet Slom's** studio. No prior experience necessary. Studio #411

Denyse Schmidt Annual 50% Off Studio Sale DS Couture collection, Works collection, and one-of-a-kind studio quilts will be on view, with some available for sale. Fabrics, including best-selling designs for JoAnn Stores and Free Spirit Fabrics, will be available. Her quilt patterns will be available at an event-only discount. Project development samples, stationery and more will be offered at take-it-away prices. Prices range from \$1 to \$5,000. Serious buyers should arrive early—Denyse's sales are well attended! MasterCard, Visa, and cash accepted.

12:00–4:00 15 **Read's Ground Floor Gallery**

12:00–4:00 26 **305 Knowlton St.** FREE Bloody Mary Bar and Social Tour two floors of Open Studios of art to view and purchase including watercolor/oil paintings, sculpture, photography, and airbrush, to name a few.

12:00–5:00 14b **Paradox Ink:** Open House Live Screenprinting

12:00–5:00 22 **NEST Arts Factory** Meet the artists of the NEST. Tour the open studios, listen to poets and musicians, view animated films, and see a variety of demonstrations. Art on view and for sale includes acrylic and oil painting, sculpture, collage, photography, jewelry, ceramics, mixed-media, fiber, decorative painting, and much more. Admission: Free

DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE NEST

Watch a variety of NEST artists demonstrate how they create, join a workshop, learn something new! Free admission.

- 1 pm** Fabric dyeing demonstration with Karen Loprete
- 2 pm** Sketchbook making workshop for kids with Jill Morton
- 3 pm** Decorative wall finish demonstration with Finished with Style Accents
- 12:00–6:00 9** **McLevy Hall** Tour the workshops and offices of artists and creative entrepreneurs see # 9 for full info.
- 4:00–7:00 8** **City Lights, Film Screening,** in conjunction with exhibit, JUDAICA Now, a group exhibit featuring work based on Jewish art, religion, culture and history. Enjoy two films, Q/A and a nosh.

4:30

'*Ester St.*' Documentary, Running Time 46 mins. *Ester Street* takes its name from a street in Kazimierz, the old Jewish Section of Krakow, Poland, a thriving Jewish community which ended with the holocaust. The film is a first person journey exploring the unlikely occasion of a Jewish Culture Festival in Krakow. The documentary explores the idea of remembrances. What is appropriate? And whom does it benefit? *Ester St.* includes a visit to Roman Polanski's boyhood house, commentary by author Michael Wex, and music by acclaimed Klezmer groups Veretski Pass and Beyond The Pale. (for full description see #8)

6:00

IRWIN, produced and directed by Dan Makara and Frank Borres, Running Time: 55 minutes Irwin, now 96, began his career at the outset of the comic book industry in 1939. In 1955 he began a 30 year stint on the newspaper strip *Dondi*. The son of Russian Jewish immigrants Irwin's many irreverent stories are for "mature audiences." Also featured are Paul Levitz former president of DC Comics, Daily News sports cartoonist Bill Gallo, and cartoonist/screenwriter Jules Feiffer.

ANIMATED SHORT FILMS AT THE NEST

Cartoonist Taylor Walls will have eight short animated films on view at the NEST throughout the Bridgeport Art Trail.

- 2:30–3:00 20** **New England Ballet**, FREE: Nutcracker Preview
- 3:00–3:30 19** **Bijou Theatre**, FREE Sampling of *Assassins*, a musical review
- 5:00–7:00 19** **Bijou Theatre**, full production of *Assassins*



Palace Theater, Bridgeport by Jay Misencik, McLevy Hall (#9D)

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American Fabrics Arts Building

2nd Floor

Crystal Heiden and Tori Marsh / # 204

Sculpture and drawing
203.641.2707 heidenart@gmail.com
www.crystalheiden.com

A collection of small works and not so small works for sale. Drawings and objects ready to leave the nest.

Andre Junget, # 206

Illustration, stone lithograph prints, black and white hand drawn architectural and automobile illustration
347.743.1166 / andre@andrejunget.com
andrejunget.com

Kedon Beckford # 208

Kedon Beckford Photography and Design

Photography and Design
203.583.5310 / kedon@kbphotoart.com
kedonbeckford.com

Janelle Gordon / JFearon, # 208

Photography, jewelry, art and design
347.674.1353 / janelle@jfearon.com
jfearon.com

Keddan Savage / Keddan Arts, # 208

Fine art and design
kedan.sav.1@facebook.com
keddan.wordpress.com

Ayn Kraven, # 213

Acrylic and oil abstract painting and mixed media
917.838.1932 / ak@anykraven.com
aynkraven.com

Tom Laraia / Tommy Conch Designs, #214

Handcrafted sterling silver jewelry
tommyconch.com

3rd Floor

Laura Appelman, # 301

polymer clay jewelry
203.261.0095 / pugnut@optonline.net

Melissa McClure / Jewelry Alchemy, # 302

Goldsmith hand forging in 18K gold
melissa@jewelryalchemy.com
jewelryalchemy.com

Sarah Elizabeth Tunney / Works in Progress, # 304

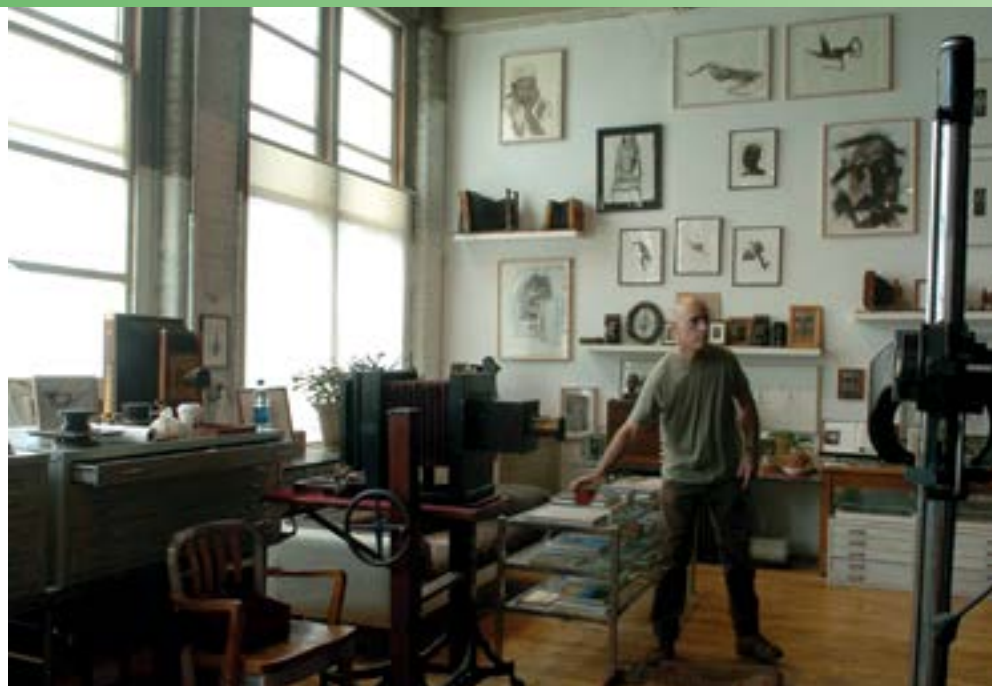
experiential, experimental, works in progress

Lurene Goddu / Works in Progress, #304

Paintings & Drawings-Works in progress

Thomas Mezzanotte, # 306

Photography, alternative photographic practices
203.520.4765
mezzanotteobscura@yahoo.com



Thomas Mezzanotte, American Fabrics (#1)

Ulla Surland, / Ulla Surland Design, # 307

Interior, furniture & fashion design
203.550.2507 / ullasurland@yahoo.com
ullasurland.com

Kvon Photography, # 308

Commercial, advertising photography
kvonphotography.com

Debora Crichton / Artbags, # 308,

(Kvon's space)
Handbags and accessories
203.894.1018 / artbags@att.net
artbags.biz

Giant sample sale at wholesale prices

Richard Killeaney / Ocheltree Design, # 309

Recycled organic home accessories
203.543.2408

inquiry@ocheltreedesign.com

www.ocheltreedesign.com

Caroline Valites, # 309

Photography, installation and sculpture
cvalites@gmail.com
carolinevalites.com

A participatory installation (weather permitting) will be set up in the parking lot on the East side of the American Fabrics building.

Emily Larned / RCHQ, # 310

letterpress printing & micro-publishing
emily@redcharming.com
redcharming.com / impractical-labor.org
Participate in Emily's live research project and receive a free set of letterpress thank you cards, personally printed before your eyes! Sat. 2-5PM and Sun. 10AM-5PM

Preservation Sound, # 310

Handmade audio equipment
chris@preservationsound.com
preservationsound.com

4th Floor

Denyse Schmidt / Denyse Schmidt Quilts, # 401

Sample quilts, fabric, books, stationery, and other supplies for DIY-ers
203.335.2719 / info@dsquilts.com
dsquilts.com
Sample sale and demonstration

Elizabeth Bullis-Wiese / Studio 4, # 402

Watercolor and oil paintings of landscape and flowers
203.610.4857 / ebulliswiese@gmail.com

Judith Corrigan / Studio 4, # 402

Figurative and Abstract Paintings in acrylic and mixed media
203.257.6049
judithmillercorrigan@gmail.com
judithcorrigan.com.

Offering works on paper

Gus Moran / Studio 4, # 402

Figurative oil painting
costtwocost@yahoo.com

Linn Cassetta, # 403

Design consultation: Interiors, apparel, footwear and tabletop, Decorative painting: Fine faux finishes and trompe l'oeil, Exploration of eggs in multiple mediums
203.984.6400 / linn@linncassetta.com
linncassetta.com

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Tre Cassetta / #403

Travel, landscape, and portrait photography
203.984.9262
treccassettaphoto@gmail.com
trephoto.tumblr.com

Barry Doss / Barry Doss Design, #404

Costume design and couture for stage, screen and dance
917.375.5881
barrydossdesign@yahoo.com

Hans Neleman, #406

Painting, assemblage and photography
917.673.5544
hans@neleman.com
hansneleman.com

Brechin Morgan, # 408

Marine and nautical paintings
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.brecmorgan.com
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.jocelynbraxtonarmstrong.com
Offering JBA Signature Collection ceramics at 30% off, and silent auction of ceramic sculpture

Janet Slom / Janet Slom Studio, # 411

Paintings, drawings, ceramics
917.846.7827 / janetslom@gmail.com
janetslom.com
Participate in guided meditation and collaborative art experience. No prior experience necessary

Lisie S. Orjuela, # 412

Layered, textured oil paintings
lsorjuela@snet.net / lisieorjuela.com

Read's Art Space

Chad Anderson

Photographer
203.218.4266
chadandersonphotography@yahoo.com
wix.com/chadandersonphoto/chadandersonphotography

Elizabeth Hartstein Unit # 310, 3rd floor

Art-Form: painting and mixed-media sculpture/assemblage
lizart@optonline.net

Yolanda Petrocelli, # 206

Photographer, image maker
yomestiza@gmail.com
.yolandavasquezpetrocelli.com

Liz Squillace, #210 2nd floor

Art-Form: painter, screenprinter, muralist
paradoxink@yahoo.com
paradoxink.com

Dana Guglielmo, #412

Mixed Media
wings4dana@gmail.com

Pam Lacey

Fiber, glass, metal clay
My Father's Stuff III: Redemption.
Rust-transfer dyed muslin works created in 2013 in Vermont and Massachusetts using rusted objects left behind by her father's passing. For the Bpt Art Trail, a portion of this new body of work will be on display in the gallery outside her studio.
inspiredpieces@att.net
Blog: pamlacey.blogspot.com
Facebook: Pam Lacey-Artist

Jodiann Strmiska, #307

Drawing/Painting/Installation/Hallway Exhibition
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Shanna T. Melton, #507, 5th floor

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PoeticSoulArts.net

Aisha Nailah, 4th floor

painting & photography
anailah.arts@yahoo.com

Adger Cowans, #303

Painting & Photography
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AdgerCowans.com

McLevy Hall

McLevy Hall Space Xchangers

facebook.com/profile.
php?id=100006196126795&fref=ts

Christopher Lamont Productions, Suite 101

The goal is to raise awareness of performing arts and fashion for inner city kids and young adults, enabling youth of the community to become more involved in the arts and entertainment culture of their community. facebook.com/ChristopherLamontMarketing?fref=ts

Bridgeportables, Suite 102

Bridgeport's first immediate delivery service with a social media management component for Bridgeport restaurants and businesses. facebook.com/TheBridgeportables?ref=br_tf

Uarts, Suite 103

Uarts is a pilot project of CreateHereNow, The Office of the Arts and City Lights & Company providing opportunities for people to connect with creativity who may have barriers due to disabilities or other challenges. City Lights & Company has been the active UArts partner of this Bridgeport site providing the community with accessibility to the arts, through funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. uarts.co/ and citylightsgallery.org

Downtown Cabaret Theater, Suite 104

The Space Xchange is proud to host Bridgeport's beloved cabaret theater box office while they undergo extensive renovations at their 263 Golden Hill Street facility.

All Stars Project of Bridgeport, Suite 105

Transforms the lives of youth and poor communities using the developmental power of performance, in partnership with caring adults. allstars.org facebook.com/AllStarsProjectBridgeport

Tawawa Wellness Center, Suite 201

Offers tai chi and yoga instruction, along with general wellness services, like their free tai chi instruction on McLevy Green. Contact brother Yah-ya at 203.257.1145 and e-mail: tawawawellness@optonline.net.

ACCESS (Achieving College & Career Enrichment Skills for Success) / NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers), Suite 202

ACCESS and NSBE offers STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) enrichment to 5th-12th grade students throughout our community, encouraging them to pursue careers in these fields. ACCESS facebook.com/access4kidz

Design 80, Suite 205

Distinctive, fine art, contemporary furnishings utilizing "up-cycled" materials and design concepts (furniture, home accessories and select apparel). 203.525.6180 instagram.com/80gramz, 80design.com

The Establishment 2.0, Suite 206

Offers audio and video recording and editing instruction and services, utilizing proven producers and instructors.

Center for African American History and Culture, Suite 208

Offers school and in house teaching about the history of our African American ancestors in Fairfield County. facebook.com/pages/The-Center-for-African-American-History-and-Culture/692374274150634

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Misencik Photography, Suite 301

The Bridgeport Portrait Project and *Poli's Palace & Majestic Theatre Memories*, two ongoing photo and audio documentation style projects about the people of the Bridgeport community. Contact: Jay & Geralene. 203.268.8306 misencik.images@gmail.com

The Dyslexic Jazz Doodler, Suite 302

This dyslexic Bridgeport artist offers uplifting art instruction to children who "learn differently" while instructing parents how to best support their children.

BlendN, Suite 303

Offers workshops and other lifestyle services that assist in the reinvention of an individual's personal and professional life with a focus on Beauty, Health, Mental and Financial wellness.

Bridgeport's Photo Booth, Suite 304

Offers workshops for students to create photographs reflecting their lives in Bridgeport and it's environs, while stressing composition and lighting techniques.

CreateHereNow / Arcade Mall

Paradox Ink, #1001-19, 2nd floor

screenprinting & murals
203.521.8681
paradoxink.com

Ruben Marroquin, #1001-221 2nd floor

Weaving Workshop
917.533.2276
marroquinruben.tumblr.com

305 Knowlton Street

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Herm Freeman

Acrylic landscape painting
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Jill Sarver

Acrylic, Charcoal, Visual Fine art coordinator
jillsarver.com

Jarrold Figueiredo

Actor / Writer
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Katie Settel Cardenas

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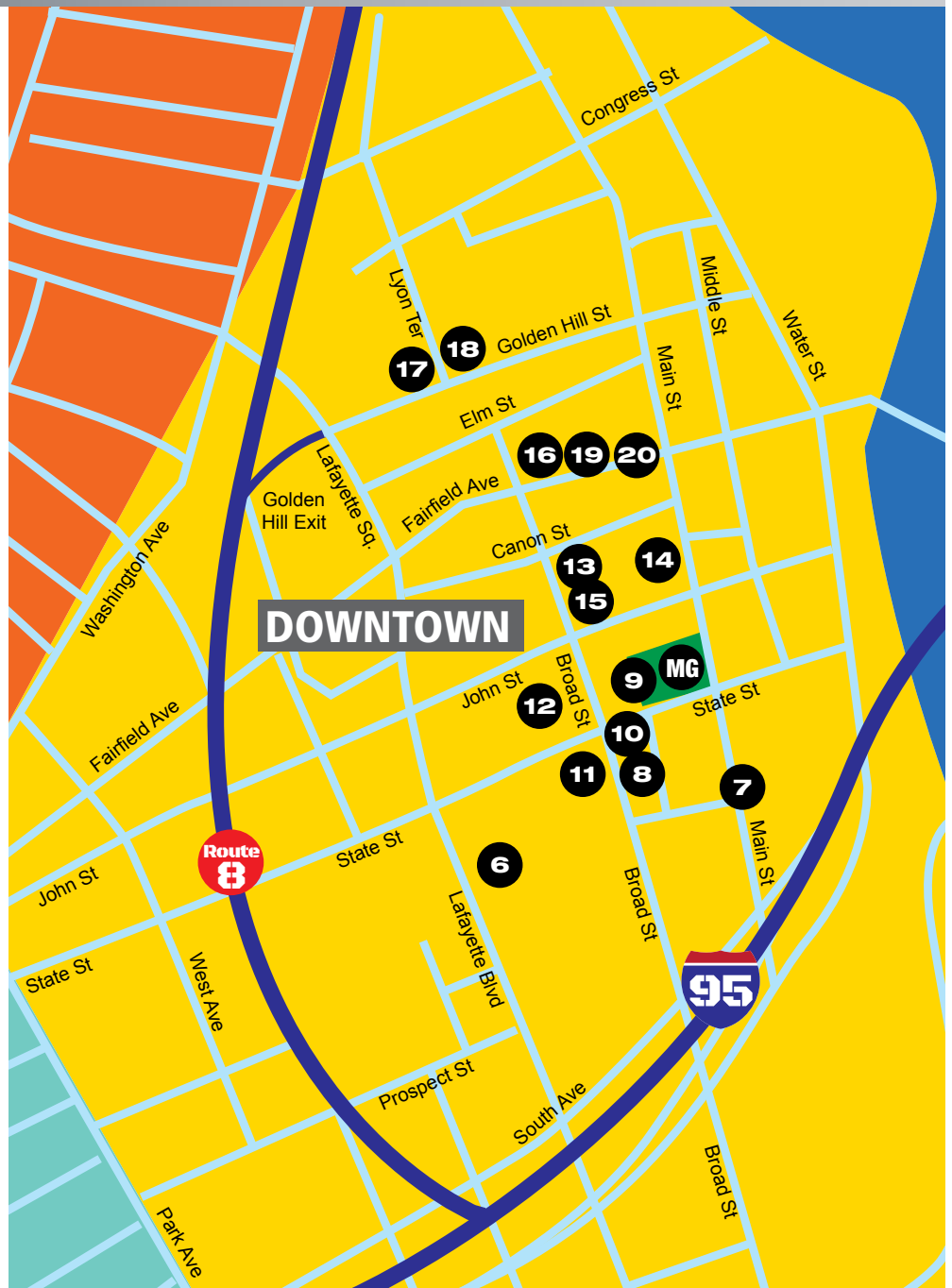
Art Trail Locations



See Downtown map for additional listings

Art Trail Locations

- 1 American Fabrics Arts Building**
1069 Connecticut Avenue
- 2 Jesus Villareal at the Innovation Center**
955 Connecticut Ave. Suite 1222
- 3 University of Bridgeport**
126 Park Avenue
- 3a WPKN Radio**
on the University of Bridgeport Campus
- 4 Gathering of the Vibes**
Seaside Park
- 5 PenRod Studios**
325 Lafayette Street
- 6 Housatonic Museum of Art, HCC**
900 Lafayette Street
- 7 Barnum Museum**
820 Main Street
- 8 City Lights Gallery**
37 Markle Court
- 9 McLevy Hall @ McLevy Green**
- 10 Sound View Community Media**
211 State Street
- 11 Bridgeport History Center,
@ Bridgeport Public Library**
925 Broad Street, 3rd floor
- 12 Gallery@999, Margaret Morton
Government Center**
999 Broad Street
- 13 Maggie Daly Arts Cooperative**
4021 Broad Street
- 14 Historic Arcade Mall**
1001-12 Main Street
 - a. Made In Bridgeport
 - b. Paradox Ink Screenprinting + Murals,
Suite 19, 2nd floor
 - c. Ruben Marroquin Weaving Workshop: Fiber
Studio and Fine Art, Suite 22, 2nd floor
 - d. dertbag store/workspace, Suite 21,
2nd floor
 - e. World Artist Network, Suite #5 1st floor
 - f. Bpt Creates/Maganocoon 7 Enterprises,
Suite 14, 1st floor
- 15 Read's Art Space and
Ground Floor Gallery**
1042 Broad Street
- 16 B-HIVE**
285 Fairfield Avenue
- 17 Bridgeport Theatre Company**
263 Golden Hill Street
- 18 Downtown Cabaret Theatre**
263 Golden Hill Street



- 19 Bijou Theatre**
275 Fairfield Avenue
- 20 New England Ballet**
275 Fairfield Avenue
- 21 The Klein Memorial Auditorium**
910 Fairfield Avenue
- 22 The NEST Arts Factory**
1720 Fairfield Avenue
- 23 Black Rock Galleries, Auction
and Design Center**
1720 Fairfield Avenue
- 24 Framemakers**
3004 Fairfield Avenue
- 25 Black Rock Arts Guild**
- 26 305 Knowlton Street**
305 Knowlton Street
- 27 Neighborhood Studios**
391 East Washington Avenue
- 28 Hall Arts Academy**
52 George E. Pipkin's Way
- 29 Connecticut's Beardsley Park Zoo**
1875 Noble Avenue
- 30 The Discovery Museum,
Planetarium and Adventure**
4450 Park Avenue

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276 Fairfield Avenue
(203) 330-0755
3. **Barnum Publick House**
1020 Broad Street
(203) 690-1044 / barnumpublickhouse.com
New American restaurant serving up old world style pub.
4. **Bistro B**
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American bistro and wine bar.
5. **Blue Martini** (at the Bridgeport Holiday Inn)
1070 Main Street
(203) 334-1234 / bluemartinibpt.com
6. **Café 1000**
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815 Lafayette Boulevard, (203) 366-1605
710 Water Street, (203) 338-8583
dunkindonuts.com
8. **El Pueblito**
121 Wall Street
restauranteelpueblito.com
9. **Fruta Juice**
295 Fairfield Avenue
(203) 690-9168 / frutajuicebar.com
Fresh fruit smoothies, pastries, deli sandwiches too.
10. **Funchal Cafe**
881 Lafayette Blvd.
(203) 345-9229 / funchalcafe.com
Top notch catering, deli & full coffee house, stop in for breakfast, lunch or a bite on the run.
11. **J. Galt Cafe**
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(203) 202-7696 / facebook.com/jgaltcafe
If you want a good cup of coffee... Stop in. Say hello. Enjoy a cup of gourmet quality coffee and food.
12. **Jimmy & Maria's Corporate Deli**
130 John Street
(203) 333-0100 / corporatedelionline.com
Homemade Italian specialties and favorites, made fresh daily.
13. **Joseph's Steakhouse**
360 Fairfield Avenue
(203) 337-9944 / josephssteakhouse.com
Serving the finest cut of USDA prime dry aged beef in signature steakhouse style.
14. **McDonald's**
1025 Main Street
(203) 334-9686 / mcdonalds.com
15. **Metric Bar & Grill**
39 Cannon Street
(203) 576-6903
Caribbean and Asian infused dishes.
16. **Moe's Burger Joint**
997 Main Street
(203) 333-9500 / facebook.com/moesbridgeport
A modern-day "soda-fountain"-style mecca for delicious burgers, great hot dogs and all the accompaniments.



17. **Murphy's Law**
239 Fairfield Avenue / (203) 366-5297
Serving traditional pub fare, in a sports club atmosphere.
18. **Panda Chinese Restaurant**
983 Main Street / (203) 368-3888
Authentic Cantonese and Mandarin dishes.
19. **Pantanal**
215 Frank Street / www.pantanalrestaurant.com
Specializing in Brazilian BBQ also hot buffet and salad bar.
20. **Pho Saigon**
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21. **Ralph 'n' Rich's**
815 Main Street / (203) 366-3597
ralphnrichs.com
One of "America's 1,000 Top Italian Restaurants"
22. **Ruuthai Kitchen**
648 Beechwood Avenue
ruuthaikitchen.com
23. **Star Istanbul**
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Traditional Turkish and Mediterranean foods.
24. **Subway**
980 Main Street
(203) 367-1388 / subway.com
25. **Tiago's Bar & Grill**
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A fun laid back pub specializing in Burgers & Bourbon and Portuguese Fusion dishes.
26. **Two Boots of Bridgeport**
277 Fairfield Avenue
(203) 331-1377 / twobootsbridgeport.com
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