13th Annual

BPT ART TRAIL

Discover Bridgeport Art
NOVEMBER 11-14, 2021
www.bridgeport-art-trail.org
Welcome to the Bridgeport Art Trail. 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 strongly believe that the arts community is an asset and resource for growth and improvement to quality of life in Bridgeport. I’m proud to support Bridgeport Art Trail, a weekend-long celebration of local art, artists and crafters.

The Bridgeport Art Trail map is an excellent tool to illustrate the proliferation of the arts community. This map will take you 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, the Housatonic Museum of Art, and Metro Art Studios to the West Side, home of NEST Arts Factory and the Klein Memorial Auditorium, to the East Side where you’ll find, the artists of The Knowlton, 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,

Mayor Joseph P. Ganim

“A Big Thank You to Our Sponsors

FAIRFIELD COUNTY’S COMMUNITY FOUNDATION salutes the arts and nonprofits involved in the 2021 Bridgeport Art Trail!

“The Community Foundation appreciates the role of the arts in making our communities thrive, each and every day.”

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President & CEO
Fairfield County’s Community Foundation

FCCFoundation.org

Hope mural by Jason Nayar, photo by Daruiz Kanarek. We Will Make it by Dan Makara, Marcella Jean Cavaliere, Iyaba Ibo Mandingo, Color Fields John Torres and Scott Packham, portrait by Luis Lopez, studio of Denyse Schmidt photo by KV ON, Lady Blaze photo by Daruiz Kanarek. Thank you to everyone who contributed photos.
Welcome to the 13th Annual Bridgeport Art Trail

Welcome!

It’s great to meet you back on the Bridgeport Art Trail. Last year’s Bridgeport Art Trail was an online adaptation due to the Covid-19 shutdown. We all endured challenges and hardships and wonder how much longer this could go on. The creative community, always resilient, responds to conditions, finding new ways to adapt. Together we created a free archive of digital artists’ interviews from the 2020, 10-day, online BAT, available at bridgeport-art-trail.org.

2021 Bridgeport Art Trail Theme - Discovery and Reinvention

We hope the Bridgeport Art Trail 2021 experience will be an activity to help us reset and renew, after the Covid months, protests and social reckoning, and political polarizations. Many may now perceive things differently than we did in 2019. We chose Discovery and Reinvention as the theme for the 2021 Bridgeport Art Trail weekend to raise awareness and reflect on how the arts are used to heal, nurture, inspire, solve problems, socially connect us, and transform under the direction of Jane Davila. It surely is a highlight of curiosity among the Bridgeport Art Trail venues. The ribbon cutting takes place Friday, November 12, 2021 from 4 to 6 pm.

How to Use the Bridgeport Art Trail Program Book

You will find there are new arts sites and others have relocated. We suggest you peruse the full Bridgeport Art Trail listings and refer to the BAT-at-glance schedule that easily connects you to Bridgeport Art Trail highlights and the overall flow of the weekend. There’s a simplified map in the program and a digital map on the website. Late program additions, collaborations, and changes will be posted on the website at bridgeport-art-trail.org and on social media. Check for the latest updates before hitting the Trail!

Along with the printed guides found at participating venues, the calendar of events, artists’ directory, and bi-monthly newsletter, year round news about the Bridgeport arts scene are updated monthly and available at bridgeport-art-trail.org.

What’s New Downtown?

The newest arts venues are: lionheART Gallery #16 and Twig Lips Studios #17. URSA Gallery #20 and The Firm #19 are relatively new galleries too. WPKN Radio #18 has relocated its broadcasting studios to downtown Bridgeport on Fairfield Avenue and Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County #23 has moved to 150 Elm Street, in the same building as the Downtown Cabaret Theater #22 and City Lights Gallery #21A. Metro Art Studios has arrived in the South End on Railroad Avenue! After years of hard work and persistence, an artist’s working space is established in the South End of Bridgeport, just blocks from downtown. Opening just in time for this year’s Bridgeport Art Trail is Metro Art Studios, a three-story building of premium art studios, originally built in 1907 as the Crown Corset Factory. Metro artists were actively involved in the physical transformation under the direction of Jane Davila. It surely is a highlight of curiosity among the Bridgeport Art Trail venues.

BAT 2021 Event Highlights at a Glance

Thursday, November 11, 2021

3:30 pm to 9:30 pm, THE PARTY!
The Downtown Artists’ Party kicks off the Bridgeport Art Trail 2021! Meet and mingle, touring 9 venues. View art exhibits. Enjoy live music and outdoor projections of music videos and visual art. Live music from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at both Read’s ArtSpace #11 and the Arcade Mall #20.

Two outdoor projection sites are on the corner of Broad Street and Cannon Street near the Arcade Mall #20 and at the corner of Main Street and Golden Hill Street near Berlinetta Brewing.

Don’t miss any of the Downtown Thursday sites:

The Firm Art Gallery #19 is hosting an open house, as are lionheART Gallery #16 and Twig Lips #17. WPKN Radio #18 invites you to visit their new broadcasting studio on Bijou Square.

City Lights Gallery #21A hosts the opening reception for the exhibit It’s Complicated from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. And don’t forget to stop into City Lights Vintage #21B, an eco-art exhibit by old friends and Bridgeport legends Steve Clarke, Asher Delorme, James Moss, and Eddie Rivera.

URSA Gallery #20D has The Coral Reef Principle, an eco-art exhibit opening, featuring 50 artists from around the world. Shops will be open and there’s live music by Jazz and Friends, all in the Arcade Mall #20.

The annual artists Choose Artists exhibit opens at Read’s ArtSpace #11, with live music that features a fusion of jazz, Latin and African rhythms by old friends and Bridgeport legends Steve Clarke, Asher Delorme, James Moss, and Eddie Rivera.

NBALAB #26 hosts an open house, and the Freeman Center #24 has The Black Life Matters Exhibit: How & Why We Fight exhibit on view.

Damon Wayans Jr. is performing at the Stress Factory Comedy Club #13, and at the Bijou Theatre #14 the Golden Guys NYC perform a fun holiday musical adventure, Thank Yule for Being a Friend Post party at Berlinetta Brewing, 90 Golden Hill Street.

Save the Date

Legacy of a Collector at Paier College #3, an extraordinary exhibition reception, Sunday, December 12, 2021. Bridgeport Art Trail fundraiser, Admission $50

To purchase tickets: bridgeport-art-trail.org/portfolio/contribute/

See more info at #21A. View select artworks from the extensive collection of Harry Laurie including Bansky, Andy Warhol, Christo, Alice Neel, Robert Rauschenberg, Shepard Fairey, and others while enjoying reception bites and drink and gypsy swing jazz by the Hot Club of Black Rock 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

Damon Wayans Jr. performs at downtown’s Stress Factory Comedy Club #13, starting at 7:30 pm and 9:30 pm.

8 pm

Enjoy Never Say No Improv’s, Love, Laugh & Lyrics at BPT Creations #20G, or the Shakira & Enrique Iglesias Tribute at Bijou Theatre #14.

Meighan Morrison’s studio, at Metro Art Studios #4.
BAT 2021 Event Highlights at a Glance

Saturday, November 13, 2021

8:00 am to 8:45 am
Join the Urban Bike Tours group bright and early at City Lights Gallery #21A for the annual Bridgeport Art Trail bike tour. Meet up for coffee and a photo op between 8 am and 9 am at City Lights, then head out to enjoy the day on wheels.

10 am to 5 pm
Tour art studios city-wide, at 4 artists’ buildings for Open Studios at American Fabrics Arts #1, Metro Art Studios #4, NEST Arts Factory #30, and The Knowlton #28.

American Fabrics Arts Building #1 has a number of events including Name Your Price, Wall of Art by Janine Brown, studio sales with Emily Larned, Ulla Surland, Linda Colletta, Holly Hawthorn, Roxy Savage, and others. The Wobbler is a sound-activated sculpture that makes Jell-O wiggle by Roxy Savage.

Showing at Metro Art Studios #4 and curated by Chris Perry, the Books on the Verge exhibit is a survey of book art made by 23 artists residing all over New England. Many of the works were created specifically for this exhibit. Some of the exhibiting artists will be speaking about their work throughout the day. And make sure to tour the three full floors of newly renovated artist studios to find some of your favorite Bridgeport artists.

ARTrade event #20A offers vintage & artisanal vendors and live music to shop by at the Arcade Mall #20.

The Coral Reef Principle in an eco-art exhibit featuring work by 50 artists at URSA Gallery #20D.

WPKN Radio #15 spins discs at their Vintage Vinyl sale at American Fabrics Arts Building #1.

12 pm to 3 pm
City Lights Gallery #21A has the It’s Complicated exhibit, and wax resist painting, a hands-on activity for children.

City Lights Vintage #21B holds their Seasonal Sale and a Sit and Sew.

The Freeman Center’s #24 open house from 11 am to 5 pm features Black Life Matters photography by Chelren Gray.

Make an appointment between 12 pm and 5 pm at the Bridgeport History Center #9 to view Bridgeport postcards and photographs, featuring the postcard art of Steve Gardner, and items of interest from the collections.

12 pm to 6 pm
At Gallery 9104 #4 view the gallery and studio of Iyaba Ibo Mandingos storyteller and master teacher specializing in paintings, drawings, sculpture, textile collage.

1 pm to 3 pm
See demos at the NEST Art Factory #30, including glass blowing, belly dancing, and puppet storytelling for children of all ages.

1:30 pm
For children of all ages and cultures, don’t miss Djell Village, folkloric storytelling with puppets by Iyaba Ibo Mandingos at 1:30 pm.

2:15 pm to 3:15 p.m.
Join the Vieros’ Talk at City Lights Gallery #21A. Curator Suzanne Kachmar and storyteller Nina Lesiga host a community conversation with viewers and visitors discussing what they see in the art on view. Art is interactive and viewers are encouraged to be actively involved in what the art is expressing, this breaks with the tradition of an artists’ talk, where the artists lead the conversation.

3 pm to 4 pm
Bridgeport Film Fest #20B is screening short films. Curator’s Choice, from 5 pm to 4 pm at the NEST Arts Factory #30.

3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
NLBAL’s #20 open house and presentation with artist/designer/entrepreneur Billi Kid. Learn about how NLBAL supports young entrepreneurs and see a variety of cutting-edge brand concepts and works by popular street artists.

Damon Wayans Jr. performs at downtown’s Stress Factory Comedy Club #13, starting at 7:30 pm and 9:30 pm.

At 8 pm enjoy a Chicago tribute show with Connecticut Transit Authority at the Bijou Theatre #14, Dragonfly Poetry Exchange Online Program #21A hosted by Shanna Melton, the Greater Bridgeport Symphony #25A at the Klein Auditorium #25, or BPT Creates’ #25G 8-year anniversary party.

Sunday, November 14, 2021

10 am to 5 pm
Tour art studios city-wide, at 4 artist buildings for Open Studios, American Fabrics Arts #1, Metro Art Studios #4, NEST Arts Factory #30, and The Knowlton #28 throw open their doors for the public. Open just one day a week, Mosers Market #31 is a vast warehouse of vintage, antique, and artisanal vendors, including furniture, lighting, architectural elements, and clothing. Rummage through an extensive inventory of salvaged industrial and antique items.

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In addition to open studios, American Fabrics Arts Building #1 artists also have a number of studio sales, including Name Your Price, Wall of Art by Janine Brown and Emily Larned, Ulla Surland, Linda Colletta, Holly Hawthorn, and others.

The Wobbler installation by Roxy Savage at American Fabrics Arts Building #1. The Wobbler is a sound-activated sculpture that makes Jell-O wiggle. Roxanne’s studio sale includes art, art supplies, art books.
B.A.T. 2021 Event Highlights at a Glance

City Lights Gallery #21A exhibits It’s Complicated and URSA Gallery #20B shows The Coral Reef Principle, an eco-art exhibit featuring 50 artists.

11 am to 3 pm
City Lights Gallery #21A

12 pm to 3 pm
At noon at the Bijou Theatre #14 there’s Inheriting the Well, a play reading by Lisa McCree, directed by Jan Mason.

City Lights Vintage #21B holds their Seasonal Sale.

Art for Everyone at The Knowltin #28 is a laser-guided live art experience, painters of all ages welcome.

12 pm to 5 pm
WPKN Radio #15 spins discs at their Vintage Vinyl sale at American Fabrics Arts Building #1.

12 to 6 pm
At Gallery #10 #36 view the gallery and studio of Iyaba Ibo Mandingo, storyteller, artist and master teacher specializing in paintings, drawings, sculpture, textile collage.

1 pm to 3 pm
Berlinetta Brewing Beer Brunch and Art, we figured it out, we found an art event that pleases everyone, art lovers and beer lovers. Breaking the wine and cheese reception model, Berlinetta Brewing and the Bridgeport Art Trail host a Beer Brunch and Artist Talk with renowned artist Tom Sanford, whose painting at Berlinetta enshrines Cliff from Cheers a.k.a. Bridgeport’s John Ratzenberger as the Patron Saint of Beer, or at least Berlinetta’s awesome Czech-style Pilsner. Meet the artist, enjoy his sardonic humor and R. Crumb aesthetic while enjoying good beer and good food. Berlinetta is located at 90 Golden Hill Street.

3 pm to 4 pm
Bridgeport Film Fest #29B is screening short films, Curator’s Choice, from 3 pm to 4 pm at the NEST Arts Factory #30.

5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Storytelling at the Bijou Theatre #14. Don’t miss this year’s version of PechaKucha storytelling. Catered food for sale will be available, by Chef Rachel.

8 pm to 9:30 pm
The amazing Ken Butler closes the BAT weekend at the Bijou Theatre #14 with an astonishing musical performance on instruments he’s constructed from discarded objects. He has performed on TV and arts centers, including the Jay Leno show and Lincoln Center. The Village Voice calls Ken “a crazy instrument builder who can get virtuoso riffs from anything.”

3 pm to 4 pm
Berlinetta Brewing Beer Brunch and Art

80 Golden Hill Street

Painting of Cliff from Cheers a.k.a. Bridgeport’s John Ratzenberger as Patron Saint of Beer by Tom Sanford

Watch the amazing Ken Butler perform with his one-of-a-kind musical instruments that he makes from discarded objects. His constructions are on view at URSA gallery, #20d. Ken performs on Sunday, November 14 at 8:30 pm at the Bijou Theatre, #14. FREE admission.

Go to Bridgeport-art-trail.org
Checks can be made out to:
City Lights & Company
Mailing Address:
130 Elm Street, Bridgeport CT 06604
THANK YOU!

Help sustain the Bridgeport Art Trail programs.
City Lights & Company is a nonprofit organization that serves the community through art, produces the Bridgeport Art Trail and provides free arts enrichment for youth.

ARTcade

Sunday, 1:00 pm to 3 pm
Berlinetta Brewing Beer Brunch and Art

Ken Butler and his Instruments, #14

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ARTcade

Saturday, November 13, 2021, 11 am to 5 pm
Meander and mingle through the three downtown blocks along Broad Street from City Lights Gallery at 265 Golden Hill Street and the Arcade Mall at 1042 Broad Street.

Enjoy art, design, vintage and artisanal vendors, live music, and demonstrations. ARTcade happens monthly, check the Bridgeport Art Trail website for dates and info. For more info see #20A in this guide.
The East Side

American Fabrics Arts Building

1069 Connecticut Avenue, Building 4, Bridgeport, CT 06607
203.357.6695 / artfabarts.com

Event: 18th Annual Open Studios
Saturday, December 11; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, December 12; 10 am to 5 pm

In its 18th year, American Fabrics Arts Building (AFA) Open Studios showcases over 25 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, jewelry, photograph, comics, 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, Joceylin Braxton Armstrong Ceramics, Berchir Morgan, and Ulla Surland will be holding their annual studio sales. Once again we are supporting the Bridgeport Rescue Mission (BRM). The mission serves those critically in need directly in our community. It 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 once again to donate an assortment of small works for the AFA Collector’s Raffle. An amazing collection of work will be raffled for $5 with a chance, all proceeds going to BRM. There will be food trucks, 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.

Event: Rony Savage, Studio #201
Saturday, November 13; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 14; 10 am to 5 pm

Hosting a studio exhibition and art sale: Framed digital prints (new work) and unframed monoprint portfolios to peruse & purchase. Studio art supply sale: printmaking supplies, artist books, paper, tools, misc. mystery art $5 /$10 grab bag!

Installation: interactive mold/pan sound sculptures and -a-misc. mystery art $5 /$10 grab bag!

Event: Holly Hawthorn, Studio #402
Saturday, November 13; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 14; 10 am to 5 pm

You will be Happy as a Clam to see whimsical pieces created in porcelain from local beach shells and finds. Each one is a unique portrait inside a shell, guaranteed to make you smile and want one of your own!

Event: Three Mates Studio Sale, Studio #402
Saturday, November 13; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 14; 10 am to 5 pm

Pop-up boutique featuring Ulla’s pillows, bags, and scarves in amazing and unusual fabrics. Vintage clothing, leather belts and bags, sterling silver jewelry, wood and metal boxes, art, and other interesting paraphernalia. Ulla’s interior design portfolio will be available for viewing. Tiny lemon cupcakes and coffee, both days.

Event: Emily Laren, Studio #301
Saturday, November 13; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 14; 10 am to 5 pm

7th Annual Tag Sale Vintage and used clothes, knickknackery, and audio phernalia. Ulla’s interior design portfolio will be available for viewing.

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Saturday, November 13; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 14; 10 am to 5 pm

Paintings, pottery, prints, and porcelain. A unique collection of art and artists in one studio.

Event: First Dibs Studio Swap, Linda Colletta, #406
Friday, November 12; 5 pm to 7 pm
Saturday, November 13; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 14; 10 am to 5 pm

First Dibs Studio Swap - get first dibs on mid to larger scale abstract art for $20.

Event: WPKN 50 Year Archive Record Sale
Saturday, November 13; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 14; 10 am to 5 pm

The record archiver of WPKN will be on site at AmFab and WPKN programmers will be spinning an eclectic mix of music on-site.

Painting by Brechlin Morgan, #1 American Fabrics. Photo by Francis Pressey.

Event: Three Mates Studio Sale, Studio #402
Saturday, November 13; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 14; 10 am to 5 pm

Select pieces discounted.

Event: Thanksgiving Stuff-A-Truck with Food and Coats!
Saturday, November 13; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 14; 10 am to 5 pm

The Bridgeport Rescue Mission will bless more than 4,000 needy families with turkey and all the fixings, plus a coin box 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
- Shells
- Nuts
- Canned gravy
- 1 lb. cans of coffee
- Powdered fruit drink mixes

Bags for donations will be placed at both entrances.

South End

Seaside Park

Entrance at the southwestern end of Park Avenue, Bridgeport
www.bridgeportct.gov/content/34107/34145/342203.aspx

1069 Connecticut Avenue, Building 4, Bridgeport, CT 06607

Event: Emily Laren, Studio #301
Saturday, November 13; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 14; 10 am to 5 pm

7th Annual Tag Sale Vintage and used clothes, knickknackery, and audio gear from special guest Preservation Sound!

Event: Print Your Own: Letterpress, Studio #301
Saturday, November 13; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 14; 10 am to 5 pm

Pull your own letterpress! (for a suggested donation of $5. Proceeds are donated to Bridgeport’s Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County.

Event: "Name Your Price" Wall of Art, Janine Brown, Studio #302
Saturday, November 13; 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 14; 10 am to 5 pm

Part conceptual artwork/part study of value/part art sale - The ‘Name Your Price’ wall gives you a chance to take home a piece of art at a price you want. Just take a picture of the work, text it and the price that you want to pay to the artist. If the price is too low, the answer is “no”, but if the price is acceptable, you go home with a piece of art that is valued equally by the artist and yourself.
Metro Art Studios

345 Railroad Avenue, Bridgeport CT 06604
metroartstudios@gmail.com / metroartstudios.com
Executive Director: Jane Davea

Opening just in time for this year’s Bridgeport Art Trail is Metro Art Studios, a three-story building of premium art studios. Originally built in 1907 as the Crown Corset Factory and historically important as one of Bridgeport’s finest factories that took part in the 1913 labor strike that lead to the adoption of today’s most important national labor laws, the renovated factory once welcomed 500 mostly female workers each day and is now home to 80 loft studios for professional fine artists. The nearly 5 year journey to thoughtfully renovate this lovely South End landmark has resulted in an ideal space for artists to thrive. Contact us for information about studio rentals. Parking is available in the parking lot, and along Railroad and Myrtle Avenues. Fully ADA accessible.

NOTE: At Metro Art Studios, the most current local, state, and federal guidelines will be followed to ensure the safety of all. Before visiting, please check our website (metroartstudios.com) for the most up-to-date information about possible restrictions such as timed entry, limited capacity, and more. Masks are required for all visitors.

Event: Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting
Friday, November 12; 4 pm to 6 pm
Join the artists and owners of Metro Art Studios for the official Grand Opening of Bridgeport’s newest art building! Get a preview of the books on the Verge exhibit in the gallery. Hear about the journey to sensitively renovate a historic corset factory into modern studio art. Celebrate the renaissance of Bridgeport’s South End neighborhood.

Event: Open Studios
Saturday, November 12; 10 am to 6 pm
Sunday, November 14; 10 am to 5 pm
Come see some of your favorite Bridgeport artists in their new home at Metro Art Studios - nearly 40 fine artists working in a wide variety of disciplines, from drawing to painting, sculpture to jewelry, printmaking to photography, and much more. View the work in the environment in which it is created, talk to the artists about their inspiration, techniques, and process, and find art to buy, collect, gift, and display!

Event: Books on the Verge Art Exhibit
Saturday, November 12; 10 am to 6 pm
Sunday, November 14; 10 am to 5 pm
Regular Gallery hours: Wednesdays through Saturdays from 12 pm to 4 pm

Books on the Verge is a survey of book art made by 25 artists residing in New England that has been curated by Chris Perry. It is but a small sampling of the variety of work that is being produced by artists around the world today. On Saturday, several of the artists in the exhibit will be speaking about their work, methods, and inspiration. Check the Metro Art Studios website for specific artists and times (metroartstudios.com).

Event: Invitational Artist Kristen Ambrosi
Friday, November 12; 4:30 pm to 6 pm
Sunday, November 14; 10 am to 5 pm

Kristen Ambrosi’s intuitive abstractions are characterized by juxtaposed hues and linear marks alongside softer masses. Embracing integration, aesthetics, beauty, and balance, these harmonious canvases reflect the richness of human experience communicated through color and form. View Kristen’s work outside the gallery at Metro on the first floor.

PenRod Studio

235 Lafayette Street, Unit 9105, Bridgeport CT 06604
PenRod Studio represents the photography of Penrhyn and Rod Cook.

Penrod Studio

203.992.1001 / penrodcook@gmail.com / penrodphotographs.com

Art Studios website for specific artists and times (metroartstudios.com). Peninsula features a series of large-scale paintings by contemporary Taiwan artist, Eric Chiang. Eric Chiang is a visual artist whose work is characterized by a keen eye for composition, color, and light. With a background in art, music, and music education, Chiang draws inspiration from a wide range of sources, including nature, music, and the urban landscape. His work is known for its bold, vibrant colors and intricate details, and he has exhibited in galleries and museums around the world. Chiang’s paintings have been featured in numerous exhibitions, and his work is held in private collections and public institutions around the globe. Chiang’s work is celebrated for its expressive, lyrical qualities, and he has developed a unique approach to painting that combines traditional techniques with contemporary sensibilities. Chiang’s paintings are often characterized by their expressive, emotive qualities, and he uses a range of techniques and materials to create works that are both visually striking and deeply meaningful. His work is known for its ability to evoke a sense of wonder and awe, and it has been described as both powerful and transcendent. Chiang’s art is a testament to the power of creativity and imagination, and he continues to push the boundaries of contemporary art with his unique vision and approach. Chiang's work is currently on display at Metro Art Studios in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He will be discussing his work and answering questions about the art-making process on Saturday, November 12, from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.
12 Art's Space & Ground Floor Gallery

10 Gallery@99

The Mayor’s Gallery at Margaret E. Morton Government Center
999 Broad Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604
203.576.7209 / bridgeport.gov

A sculpture of Lewis Latimer studying his lightbulb design greets you as you approach the Bridgeport City Hall Annex at the Margaret E. Morton Government Center. Latimer worked on both patents and designs with Thomas Edison on the lighthouse and Alexander Graham Bell on the telephone. At one point in his life, Latimer lived in Bridgeport’s South End. This spacious exhibit area in the Government Center consists of walls on the first and second floor of the City Hall Annex. Visitors can view the art during regular business hours. Museum hours are Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Exhibits change monthly, featuring the work of Bridgeport artists, schools, and community groups.

11 The Firm

17 Lafayette Circle, Bridgeport CT 203.576.7209 / verdantarts.com / thefirmartgallery.com / Instagram / thefirmartgallery Owner/Curator: Van Daysha Taylor

The Firm’s aim is to uplift the community through the sale and exhibition of fine art and engaging the community in artistic endeavors to bring art to all people. The artists represented are established community artists, promising up-and-coming artists and often established artists of note from other areas. The Firm is a Black, woman-owned business. Gallery hours are Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays by appointment, Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Requirements to remain relevant and flexible to address needs and opportunities.

During the Covid shutdown City Lights and the Bridgeport Art Trail provided $80,000 to artist/entrepreneurs who lost their gig-economy source of income. The CL/BAT team found new ways to serve artist/entrepreneurs who lost their gig-economy source of income. The CL/BAT team also adapted to online programs to enrich the learning experience for Bridgeport students. We rely on contributions to remain relevant and flexible to address needs and opportunities.

13a Farmer’s Market

info@bridgeport.com / facebook.com / IggiFarmerMarket

Every Thursday from mid-July to mid-October, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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13b Market Nutrition Program checks, Bridgeport Bucks, cash, credit, and debit. Through the Bridgeport Farmers Market Cooperative, the market offers SNAP-eligible programs so for every $1 in SNAP spent at the market, you can purchase $2 in fresh fruits and vegetables.

13c Stress Factory

167 State Bridgeport, CT 06604
203.576.4242 / stressfactory.com

Vinnie Brand’s Stress Factory Comedy Club brings the nation’s top headliners to Bridgeport every Saturday night. The Stress Factory Bridgeport hosts open mic night every Monday at 7:30 p.m. and Daytime Thursdays for dinner, dessert, drinks, and a good laugh for a special price. The special: Food and entertainment – dine, drink, laugh

Event: Shakra & Enrique Iglesias Tribute
Friday, November 12; starts at 8 p.m.
Saturday, November 13; starts at 8 p.m
Sunday, November 14; starts at 8:30 p.m

A high-energy act performing the hits of the King and Queen of Latin Pop, Shakra and Enrique Iglesias live instruments and incredible vocals. Get ready to experience the biggest Latin party around brought to you by LTT Entertainment! Tickets $27 to $42 at eventbrite.com or e-shak-ra-and-enrique-iglesias-tribute-event

Event: Chicago Tribune - Connecticut Transit Authority
Saturday, November 13; starts at 8 p.m


Event: Play Reading Inheritance The Wel by Lisa McCree, Directed by Jan Mason
Sunday, November 14; starts at 12 p.m sharp

The old saying holds true for the Jackson family. “Everyone who drinks from the same snifter, shares the same sickness.” Midsummer, 1970– Sopha, a colored woman, has just returned home from the funeral of her lover Matte, a white woman from Camelorn, Mississippi. Expecting her guests to arrive before the sun has set, Sopha is shocked on the door changes everything; inside and out. Masks required.

Event: Pechakucha Night Bridgeport
Saturday, November 13; starts at 6 p.m.

The art of conversation and community connection is celebrated through the sharing of personal stories at Pechakucha Night Bridgeport. Attend in-person or virtually for the final event and closing party of the 2021 Bridgeport Art Trail. Pechakucha Night Bridgeport brings people together from diverse backgrounds. Bridgeport Art Trail artists will be among those presenting. The Nov 14th Pechakucha Night Bridgeport cast is posted at pechakucha.com/city/bridgeport

Pechakucha means “chat-chat” in Japanese. Speakers present their stories accompanied by 20 slides, shown for 20 seconds each, resulting in a total time of 6 minutes and 40 seconds. This licensed format keeps presentations focused and fast-paced. Pechakucha Night Bridgeport is intended for adults. Food and Raquel Rivero of A Pinch of Salt are available for purchase. The event is free. Contributions are accepted to defray operating costs. One dollar of each contribution goes to the support the international Pechakucha organization. Pechakucha Night Bridgeport is organized by the Bridgeport History Center and City Lights Gallery, the Downtown Special Services District, and Nina Lesiga. In-person ticket (required): eventbrite.com/e/170224968463

Virtual free ticket: eventbrite.com/e/170224968463

Event: Ken Butler’s astonishing musical performance on instruments made of found objects
Sunday, November 14; starts at 8:30 p.m

“A crazy instrument builder who can get virtuoso riffs from anything.” The Village Voice

Ken Butler’s musical performance closes out the BAT weekend on a high note, truly reflecting the theme of the 2021 BAT, Diversity and Re-invention. His creations are on view at Ursa Gallery #20D in the exhibit that addresses global warming and economic and social justice issues related to it.

Ken Butler builds and performs with instruments made of found objects. You know the saying one man’s trash is another man’s treasure. Ken Butler blends aspects of Mid-Eastern, Indian, Flamenco, and Roma modes with jazz, rock, funk, and blues, all held together by an open, eclectic, and virtuosic sensibility. Virtually indestructible and unassailable, Butler mixes high and low technology and audio-visual antics to create an ancient future music that forms a provoking cultural portrait of human / machine adaptations and transformation.
General Manager: Steve di Costanzo “Real People-Real Radio. Serving Fairfield-New Haven-Litchfield-Suffolk (NY) counties and communities around the world at wpkn.org.” WPKN 89.5-FM is a listener-supported, community radio station. WPKN 89.5-FM is a listener-supported, community radio station. In the summer of 2021, an article in The New Yorker Magazine’s “Talk of the Town” said “WPKN, to be honest, is the greatest radio station on the world.”

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 more than 55 years with a potential listenership of 1.5 million people. While operating on the campus of the University of Bridgeport, in 1989 WPKN became an independent, non-profit corporation. In November 2021, WPKN relocated from U1B to a downtown Bridgeport location in Bijou Square adjacent to the Bijou Theatre. With three studios and a Community Room, WPKN is also adding podcasting, livestreaming and video content. WPKN now streams on the Internet at wpkn.org and on other internet radio platforms. WPKN also has its own free app for Apple and Android products – WPKN Live. Archived shows are available via the website for two weeks. More than 2000 Podcasts for WPKN’s Series public affairs, news and interview shows are available through Apple Podcasts, Soundcloud and podcast apps via WPKN Community Radio. Look for interviews with artists and musicians via podcasts. WPKN programs 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 informal mix of 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 combination of genres, eras, and eras. From the obscure to the recognizable, it is presented by informed programmers who help listeners discover the best in live and recorded performances.

WPKN actively participates as a media partner in many cultural organizations including theaters, festivals, and events such as The Bridgeport Art Trail, Long Island’s Great South Bay Music Festival, New Haven’s International Festival of Art & Ideas and City Wide Open Studios, Litchfield Jazz Festival, Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, Blues & Views Festival in Westport and many others. WPKN is the founder of New York’s largest one-day record fan- Music Mash-Record Fair held annually the first weekend in March at Bridgeport and recently launched Music Mash New Haven as well, and its film series Music on Film at The Bijou Theatre. Event: Open House, check out our new studio space Thursday, November 11; 5 pm to 7 pm

The Open House will feature our new studio space on the first floor of the Historic Arcade Mall. Join us for refreshments and samples from local artists and musicians.

Event: WPKN Vinyl Collection Sale and DJ Music at American Fabrics Arts Building Saturday, November 13; 11 am to 5 pm Saturday, November 13; 11 am to 5 pm

95.4-FM community radio spins discs and sells vinyl at the American Fabrics Arts building (see listing #13) as they present a sampling of their vast vinyl collection for sale. Proceeds support the non-profit radio station programs.
services also include floral design and custom table linen designs and dinner and cocktail parties for clients in CT, NY and New Jersey. His or small, absolutely amazing and utterly unforgettable. He infuse just believes there is an art to entertaining. He is ardent about ensuring that

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Bridgeport Art Trail weekend celebration on a high note. He will per -

Event: The Art and Music of Ken Butler at the Bijou #14

social justice issues related to it.

The eco group was created to become the world's first art community

While this event is an ambitious beginning, we are most eager to begin

a self-organized, and self-generating structure that maintains individual

whereby every component makes it possible for each other to survive

without modifying its own needs. There is no master architect because it

literally builds and maintains itself once all the correct conditions exist. It

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laughs, & Lyrics at BPT Creates. Featuring The Never Say No Improv

Event: Love, Laughs, & Lyrics

Friday, November 12; 12 pm to 6 pm

Saturday, November 13; 8 pm to 1 am

Event: The Legacy of a Collector, Remembering Harry Laurie

museum, park, and community leaders that have produced the Bridgeport Art Trail for

City Lights Gallery is a nonprofit organization that serves the com-

munity through art and is the lead organization of the Bridgeport Art

Trail attracting visitors from greater Bridgeport and the region. City lights is committed to the promotion of art of all genres and community partners that have produced the Bridgeport Art Trail for 13 years. Pick up your Art Trail program guide/annual artists’ directory at City Lights Gallery and City Lights/Art Boulevard: BPT Creates can offer info and answer questions.

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Event: The 8 Year Anniversary of BPT Creates

Saturday, November 13; 1 pm to 3 pm

Employing an older already built eco-focused art groups, then engineering a "living" reef of like-minded entities sharing resources, information, and funding possibilities. Thus, the concept of a self-organized, and self-generating structure that maintains individual needs also. And "I think back into the whole is our ultimate goal. This exhibition is the first step in creating a "living" organic community of like-minded artists and community united to begin a process of addressing global climate change and all the associated economic and social justice issues related to it.

Event: The Art and Music of Ken Butler at the Bijou #14

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Richoh Boutique

Shoprichual.com / Poshmark @richual

Richard Boutique Aka The Glamorous Thrift Shop offers a variety of cu-

rated thrill and vintage clothing from all eras. Through the art of thrifting, we aim to offer nostalgic and unique finds to enhance your wardrobe.

Event: Saturday Virtual Writers’ Group

Saturday, November 13; 2 pm to 4 pm

BPT Bike Tour Schedule

8:30 am Meet at City Lights Gallery, 265 Golden Hill, Bridgeport. Join us for a free bike tour of artists’ open studios along the 2021 Bridgeport Art Trail. BYOB: Bring Your Own Bike (+ money for lunch, art, donations)

Urban Bike Tours of Bridgeport aims to use the bicycle to connect the dots of Bridgeport’s history and architecture while highlighting local artist -

events, businesses, and activism. Throughout the year, Urban Bike Tours of Bridgeport leads free semi-monthly bike tours adventures in and out of the city of Bridgeport. Find more details and updates at Facebook: @urbannicetours

Event: Art for Kids - Wax Resist painting with yolanda Vasquez Petrocelli

Saturday, November 13; 1 pm to 3 pm

To better understand the process involved in making some of the art on the exhibit we chose to learn about painting through wax resist with crayon and watercolor.

Event: It’s Complicated Viewer’s Talk

Saturday, November 13; 2 pm to 3 pm

Artists talk, visitors are encouraged to do the talking, sharing what they see in the art on view and asking questions. Exhibit Curator Suzan Kachmar and professional storyteller Nina Lesiga host a conversation before the closing of the exhibition. If we see on the works, we try to make sense of things, remember that existence of any form is an ex-

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Event: It’s Complicated Art Exhibit Opening Reception

Thursday, November 11; 5 pm to 7:30 pm

Fiber paper, painting, drawing, and assemblage in this exhibit contain con-

tradictory, ambiguous content with complex imagery and composition. Although materials and techniques vary, all artists in this exhibit practice the sincere process of artmaking, combining automation, criticism, and plan.

“Creativity is messy. Life is complicated.” Curator Suzan Kachmar sug-

gests we practice sitting with complexity and find the beauty there: “I suggest we look to each other and know that our condition of coexisting is a

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**Readership: 21a City Lights Gallery**

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*Saturday, November 5; 11 am to 5 pm*

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**Event: Open House**

**Readership: 21b City Lights Vintage**

Event: **Open House**

*Saturday, November 13; 1 pm to 3 pm*

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**Event: Open House**

**Readership: 24 Downtown Cabaret Theatre**

Event: **Open House**

*Saturday, November 13; 11 am to 4 pm*

Create your style with vintage clothes, accessories, radios, camera, toys, antique, collectibles, nostalgic art and housewares - the inventory is always changing. Regular shop hours are: Thursdays and Fridays 12 to 5 pm, and Saturdays 12 to 4 pm. Enjoy a nostalgic shopping experience in downtown Bridgeport. Come during the Bridgeport Art Trail and meet the shop owners.

**21a City Lights Gallery**

**Readership: Creative Exchange**

Event: **Creative Exchange**

*Saturday, November 13; 11 am to 4 pm*

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**Event: Art of Everyone**

*Saturday, November 12; 1 to 3 pm*

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**Event: Open House**

**Readership: 26 NBALAB**

Event: **Open House**

*Thursday, November 11; 5 pm to 9 pm*

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**Event: Open House**

**Readership: 27 The Archive**

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We've used the time away from live concerts to learn and grow, and GBS returns to The Klein after the long dark night of the pandemic.

The Knowlton

Event: Emily Swift Studios Film Processing Demonstrations
Saturday, November 13; 1 pm to 3 pm
Join Emily Swift from Studio 7 on the third floor at the Knowlton for a darkroom technique demonstration! Between 1-3 the lab will be open to visitors to showcase either how to make a cyanotype OR how to process black and white film! Darkroom processes are becoming a lost art, but at Darkside our only team wants to share the exciting experience with you!

Event: Visma Visions
Saturday, November 13; 11 am to 2 pm
Join Sarah Visina from Visma Visions as she does a full character transformation which will include prosthetic application and airbrush techniques. This is not to be missed!

Event: Live Music
Saturday, November 13; 1 pm to 3 pm
Band will be announced

Event: Gallery Exhibit
Saturday, November 13; 11 am to 4 pm
Sunday, November 14; 11 am to 4 pm
Join us for this Annual Open Studios and Art Sale of the NEST Arts Factory. Over 15 artist members of the Black Rock Art Guild will be exhibiting work in a variety of media. Light refreshments will be served, free onsite and street parking is available.

Event: Make Your Mark / Collaboration Wall
Saturday, November 13; 11 am to 2 pm
Lots of amazing new pieces from our community of visual artists will be on display and for sale.

Event: Mural Park Photo Moments
Saturday, November 13; 11 am to 4 pm
Sunday, November 14; 11 am to 4 pm
New mural, a land of jumbo painted spoons and moos. Come take photo galore.

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Event: NEST Arts Factory
1720 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605
800.424.0180 / info@nestfactory.com / nestfactory.com
Welcome to the NEST Arts Factory, a long-standing cornerstone of the West End arts scene. Established over 30 years ago, the NEST is located in a former 19th century home, as the art house for over 30 artists and musicians. From glass blowing and abstract painting to landscapes and mixed media, the NEST has welcomed several new artists to its creative community. Come and discover what’s new at the NEST!

During the annual Bridgeport Art Trail, the artists and musicians of the NEST will be hosting open studios and a gallery show. Visitors are invited to stop by, ask questions, and see/hear how the art is created. In addition, there will be live music, art demonstrations, and much more! Free onsite and street parking is available.

Event: NEST Open Studios & Art Sale
Saturday, November 13; 11 am to 2 pm
Sunday, November 14; 11 am to 2 pm
Meet the NEST artists, tour their studios, and experience the variety of art and music created in this collaborative space. Work of all sizes for sale; just in time for the holidays.

Event: Secret World of Honey
Saturday, November 13; 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
A sensory journey into the secret world of honey. Learn how to taste five varietal honeys like a sommelier. Workshop is limited to 20 participants. Please RSVP via nestfactory.com to reserve your spot.

Event: Glass Blowing
Saturday, November 13; 11 am to 3 pm
Have you ever seen melted glass transform into art? Experience a live demonstration of the lampwork style of glassblowing by Strive Glass.

Event: Djeli Village, Storytelling with Puppets
Saturday, November 13; 1:30 pm to 2:30pm
Djeli Village, a community arts project in Bridgeport, CT, will present a project that uses the stories of Black people to lift up the cultural identity in our community. This project is led by local artists using the stories of Black people to celebrate the richness of our history, culture and identity.

Event: P-ART-Y at the NEST and Latina Americana, Latin/Bluegrass fusion
Saturday, November 13; 4 pm to 6 pm
View a building full of art. Enjoy live music by the Latin Americana ensemble with Rick Reyes, Dick Neal and friends with reception, bites and drinks.

Event: Belly Dancing Demo
Sunday, November 14; 1 pm to 2 pm
Prepare to rock the casbah! Experience the ancient art of belly dancing. Demonstration will be led by Camila Pina in the NEST Community Room. All ages welcome.

Event: Gallery Talk with Mercedes Arensberg
Sunday, November 14; 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Local art and art history teacher Mercedes Arensberg, who is also a practicing artist, will be sharing her insight and passion for art at the NEST. Come join her for a thought-provoking gallery talk regarding the work on exhibit for the Art Trail: Open to all ages.

Event: Pop-up Jewelry Boutique
Saturday, November 13; 11 am to 2 pm
Sunday, November 14; 11 am to 2 pm
Hand-crafted jewelry, perfect for holiday gift giving. The NEST boutique will feature the amazing work of jewelry artists MaryAnn Provey and Amy Bock.

Event: Colorful Collages... Just for Kids
Saturday, November 13; 11 am to 1 pm
Sunday, November 14; 11 am to 1 pm
Calling all kids... Learn about artist Henri Matisse, see his colorful paper collages, and then create your own collage to take home. (Please note: this is not a drop-in event.)

Event: Black Rock Art Guild Members’ Art Exhibit
Saturday, November 13; 11 am to 4 pm
Sunday, November 14; 11 am to 4 pm
Over 15 artist members of the Black Rock Art Guild will be exhibiting work in a variety of media. light refreshments will be served, free on site and street parking is available. Opening artists include: Donna Osterley, Iren Harold Davis, Linda Donnell, Julie Fathery, Susan Fehlinger, Mary Gibbs, Geri Gould, Rita Daley Hannafin, Pat Jenkins, Noah Laurent, Barbara Loss, Judy Noel, Ada Van Duyn, Lee Wabler, Bruce Williams.

Mongers Market

1156 Railroad Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605
203.326.0035 / info@mongers-market.com / mongers-market.com
Event: Open Showroom
Thursday, November 11; 10 am to 5 pm
Friday, November 12; 10 am to 5 pm
Saturday, November 13; 10 am to 5 pm
Over 20 years experience in the industry and an amazing one-stop 55,000+ square foot gallery showroom, Black Rock Galleries is the area’s premier source for quality fine and decorative art, antiques, unique home furnishings, and accessories at excellent and fair price points. The business is based on a passion for scouting hidden, forgotten, and newer treasures and offering them with honesty and integrity. BRG specializes in the auction, appraisal, and resale (through online estate auctions and consignment) of antique and contemporary works of fine art from world renowned and local artists, quality vintage and contemporary home furnishing, and home décor items. Come explore the treasures that Black Rock Galleries offers.
new state of the art sound system from L-Acoustics, a new kitchen, and new improvements now underway include a more than 500 square foot ex-

Music Hall intends to carry that mantle well into the future.

November 14, Sunday 11 am to 4 pm
November 13, Saturday 11 am to 4 pm
914-837-2603
42 Prescott Street, Bridgeport CT 06605

Source Coffeehouse
2889 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport CT 06605
203.522.5626 / drinklocal@sourceoffeetown.com / sourcecoffeehouse.com

The cutest coffee shop in Black Rock made the Best of CT list for Connecticut Magazine. "Sharing coffee is how we love our neighbors. We’re completely committed to excellence in the art of coffee, tea, and food.” Sourcing high quality ingredients, locally whenever possible, they treat coffee as a science and an art carefully curating a selection of single-origin, wholesale, tasty food and beverage and regularly visiting their coffee roaster, Passenger Coffee, in Lancaster PA.

Event: Bridgeport Art Trail Sampler
Thursday, November 11; 7 am to 1 pm
Friday, November 12; 7 am to 6 pm
Saturday, November 13; 7 am to 6 pm
Sunday, November 14; 1 am to 6 pm
Source Coffeehouse proudly hosts a Bridgeport Art Trail Sampler exhibit. Grab a cup of fresh local coffee and view the art here before hitting the Trail for the day.

For 13 years!

Beardsley Zoo is a non-profit organization approaching its 100th year of serving the public. We believe in the finely crafted objects of today as well as yesterday. We proudly support the local arts and regularly feature exhibits from local visual artists.

Event: Black Rock Art Guild Members’ Art Exhibit
Friday through Sunday 10 am to 5 pm
Museum Hours: Monday through Thursday 10 am to 6 pm; Friday through Sunday 10 am to 5 pm

Sterling House Community Center, 2283 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615
artsallocationstratford.org

The Arts Alliance and Sterling House features the art by those with a connection to the area. The show runs through December 5. Gallery hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 9 am to 6 pm. Call (203) 578-2660 to be sure the room is not in use for Sterling House activities.

The Arts Alliance and Sterling House features the art by those with a passion for the arts who work in occupations unrelated to the arts. The exhibit celebrates the creative souls who make art after hours, finding their mojo creating music, visual arts, dance, writing or expressive pursuits. The show runs through December 5. Gallery hours are Thursdays and Fridays from 9 am to 6 pm. Call (203) 578-2660 to be sure the room is not in use for Sterling House activities.
American Fabrics Arts Building
2nd Floor
Rory Savage, #212
Interdisciplinary artist & teaching artist
rorysavageartist@gmail.com / RorySavageArt.com
Instagram: RorySavagergColorful
Mila Latrance, #202
Crystal artist
Affordable colorful paintings with subtle energy
infused crystals
William P. Duffy, #203
Landscapes, urban and coastal painting.
In-studio and pleasant painting instruction:
williampduffy@gmail.com
Crystal Heiden, #204
All the art all the time
heidenguru@gmail.com / crystalheiden.com
Joanie Landras Designs, #206
Fine art, jewelry, decorative pillows, and home
accessories
joanielandrasdesigns.com / 203-253-9553
Jay Petrow, #208
Abstract expressionist painting
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abstract art / Facebook @Jay Petrow art
jaypetrow@gmail.com / 203-863-5553
Ayn Kraner, #213
Abstract artist, painter oil, acrylic and mixed media
Exploring abstract shapes and deconstruction.
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**South End**

Metro Art Studios
345 Railroad Avenue, Bridgeport CT 06604
metroartstudios@gmail.com / metroartstudios.com
Artists’ working studios

**Downtown**

City Lights Vintage/City Lights Gallery
263 Golden Hill Street
CL Vintage just steps from City Lights Gallery
Next to the Downtown Cabaret Theater
Phone: 203-334-7748 / Alt Phone: 203-449-2187
Hours Thursday and Friday 12-5 pm / Saturday 12-4 pm
Open later during some of the Cabaret shows
FB: City Lights Vintage
Instagram: @citylightsvintage

eyeshop: www.etsy.com/shop/citylightsvintageplott

Vintage and boutique clothing, cameras, furniture and art, this vintage and collectibles shop was created as a means to help fund the many City Lights/Bridgeport Art Trail arts programs and education projects, enhance placemaking and connect with community.

The Emporium
305 Fairfield Avenue, Downtown Bridgeport CT 06604
Phone: 203.330.8051 / academybooksandrecords.com
mike@academybooksandrecords.com
Regular Hours: Friday and Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm or by appointment

A showcase for products and services from students and startups: a book and record store; and a coffee and pastry shop.

Historic Arcade Mall / ARTcade
Ursa Gallery / Paradox Ink
Richual Boutique
1101 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604
203.385.1399 / facebook.com/arcademall

The Arcade is a stunning gem of Victorian architecture, with glass conservatory ceiling. Its charm and scale make it a perfect location for social gatherings, events and shopping experiences like ARTcade.

ARTcade happens monthly, enjoy an art, music, and shopping experience featuring artisanal and vintage vendors at the Downtown Arcade mall and nearby participating shops. ARTcade takes place 11/19/21 during the BAT weekend. Check bridgeport-art-trail.org for monthly info and dates.

**West End**

Mongers Market
1155 Railroad Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605
203-326-0604 / info@mongers-market.com / mongers-market.com
instagram.com/mongersmarketusa

Business Hours: Sundays 10 am to 4 pm
A collection of diverse mongers selling vintage, industrial salvage and antique items in a 7,000-square-foot refurbished factory space.

NEST Arts Factory
1720 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605
203.690.1335 / nesbpt@gmail.com
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**Black Rock**

Pious Bird
2901 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport CT 06605
Contact: Deseree Witt
203.540.5175 / piousbird@me.com / piousbird.com
Store hours: Tuesday through Friday, 11 am to 5 pm, Saturday, 12 pm to 5 pm, alternate Sundays, 12 pm to 4 pm
(see Pious Bird website for specific dates), closed Mondays.

**East Side**

American Fabrics Art Building
1069 Connecticut Avenue, Building 4
Bridgeport, CT 06607
203.237.6695 / afabarts.com
Artists’ working studio

The Knowlton
305 Knowlton Street, Bridgeport, CT 06608
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Witch Bitch Thrift
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Search & gender inclusive thrift & witch shop, woman & queer owned!

Pickles Thrift Store and Creative Space
505 West Avenue (corner of Fairfield Avenue)
203-332-1555 / Thrifftesa@gmail.com
Hours Monday to Friday 11 am to 6 pm
Supportthethriftesa.com

**Stratford**

Stratford Antique Center
400 Honeysett Road, Stratford CT
203-378-7754
Open Daily 10 am to 5 pm
stratfordantiquecenter.com

Tasha’s Nearly New Shop
2323 Barnum Ave, Stratford, CT 06615
203-349-8775
Tuesday thru Saturday 10 am to 3 pm
theshakespearemarket.org/

The market runs the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 10 am to 2 pm.

https://bridgeport-art-trail.org/art-of-the-find/
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www.amfabarts.com
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