

## Kent Art Association's Annual Appeal

**F**or those of us who love the visual arts and for those of us who find enjoyment and fulfillment in the pursuit of making art, the KAA has been a mainstay and hub for our local community and its visitors for 100 years.

Founded in 1923 by renowned artists, Robert Nisbet, George Lawrence Nelson, Willard Paddock, Frederick Waugh, Elliot Clark, Spenser Nichols, Rex Brasher, Floyd Clymer and Luis Mora, KAA was ushered into being by Carl Hirshberg and later joined by the likes of William McKillop, George Newell and Eric Sloan. These esteemed artists set a standard for the local art scene that we continue to encourage.



Since the pandemic, KAA has been on the upswing with exciting shows and new members. We have once again become a vibrant community. We are committed to being a welcoming network of support, encouragement, and learning, but most importantly, to offering the venue for local artists to show, sell artwork and network with others.



The past year was a busy one with a full show for our students in February, a celebration of Women's History Month with a Women's Invitational Show in March, an April Photography Show curated by two of our professional photography members and a full house for our Spring Juried Show in May.

June and July showcased the exciting exhibition of our Founder's historic artworks along with our annual Member's Show. We welcomed our friends at the Sherman Artists

Association for their own show in August. September was the first time for KAA to hold a Fiber Arts Invitational Show where we pushed the boundaries of creativity in medium and form.

The annual Northeast Watercolor Society's show in October was a great way to usher in the fall. November saw our Fall Juried show which ran through an extra week with good sales. December features our Men's Invitational Show with new and wonderful area member artists. Throughout the year, Second-Saturday Coffee Talks provided another opportunity to gather to talk and learn about art, featuring among other topics, the history of KAA and its founders.

And, the Centennial Gala was a great time to celebrate with dancing to the Al Fenton Big Swing Band. This was a successful fundraiser with a silent auction of artwork donated by our wonderful member artists!

Our future plans include goals for improving accessibility to our building. While keeping its historic integrity intact, we are fundraising to install an elevator to access the second floor. We are looking to renovate a large area for classes and workshops. And we would love to be able to restore and stabilize our collection of original art work by our early members.



As a non-profit, we rely on donations and memberships to keep our organization alive and operating. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We are so appreciative to our member donors this year who have contributed cleaning of our beloved historic building, landscaping and memorial show awards.

Please consider a donation to the KAA this time of year to help us continue into the next 100 years!

Many thanks and we hope to see you at the KAA Gallery!

Joan Macfarlane, President  
Kent Art Association

(Your tax deductible donation can be mailed to Kent Art Association, Annual Appeal, PO Box 202, Kent, CT 06757.)

### Links & Resources

**KAA Website** — [www.kentart.org](http://www.kentart.org)

**KAA Facebook Page**

—<http://www.facebook.com>

**Membership Form** —

[KAA.MemApp.2023.pdf](#)

**Calendar** — [KAA.Calendar.2023.pdf](#)

**Y**ou can always find the most current in-formation on KAA events and activities on our website at:  
<http://www.kentart.org>



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