

West Hartford Art League/Celebrate West Hartford

Art Show ~ May 17 – June 10

Twenty-five works of art featuring scenes from West Hartford neighborhoods are currently on display in the lobby of West Hartford Town Hall during regular business hours until June 10. The West Hartford Art League organized the show in conjunction with Celebrate West Hartford, which marks its 25th annual event in June. The artworks highlight some aspect of community engagement and represent any neighborhood in West Hartford. The show launched the countdown to the 25th Celebrate! West Hartford.

“I think it’s a great idea to celebrate West Hartford by displaying the exhibit in the Town Hall lobby, where it can be seen by everyone who enters the building” said Roxanne Stachelek, Executive Director of the West Hartford Art League. “It fits right in with our mission of bringing art into the community.”

Nancy Hoffman was awarded Best of Show, out of the 25 artists selected by the Art League. A photo of Ms. Hoffman and her winning art can be seen on art blogger Rusty Hammer’s website www.arthart.blogspot.com. Popular vote will determine three honorable mentions. Votes may be cast in Town Hall lobby through June 10th.

VanWinkle enjoyed the art show. “From the art on our bus shelters to the sculptures on public property, the West Hartford Art League has been the leader in bringing public art to West Hartford. The art displayed in the Town Hall atrium is another wonderful example of the Art League’s efforts to bring more art to the public spaces.” He also thanked the Celebrate West Hartford committee for its role in highlighting the Town’s neighborhoods through the show’s theme.

West Hartford Mayor Scott Slifka also expressed excitement about the show. “I can’t think of a better way to highlight Celebrate West Hartford’s 25th anniversary. Interacting with art in a public space helps nurture the soul of our community. I’m glad the lobby of Town Hall is the setting for this splendid collaboration between Celebrate West Hartford and the West Hartford Art League.”

Celebrate West Hartford will be held Saturday, June 11 from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday, June 12 from Noon to 6 pm. “For 25 years, Celebrate West Hartford has encouraged citizens, businesses and non-profits to come together as a community. Therefore, it is so fitting that the collaborative art show – planned by the West Hartford Art League and Celebrate West Hartford to mark Celebrate’s 25th anniversary – will feature art that highlights our Town’s diverse neighborhoods,” said Ron Van Winkle, West Hartford Town Manager. “It is also fitting that the art will be available for the public to enjoy in Town Hall’s lobby for 25 days leading up to the weekend of Celebrate,” he concluded.

For more information on the show, or to view the images online, visit the West Hartford Art League’s website at www.westhartfordart.org. For more information on Celebrate West Hartford, please call 860-561-7512 or visit www.celebratewesthartford.com.