

Greater Danbury Open House Day Art, Culture, and History

June 9, 2012

at various venues in Danbury, Bethel and New Fairfield, CT

<http://greaterdanburyopenhousday.wordpress.com>

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On June 9, 2012, Arts Network of Danbury invites the public to Greater Danbury Open House Day (GDOHD), a celebration of art, culture and history in association with Connecticut's statewide Open House Day. Eleven venues around Danbury, Bethel, and New Fairfield will be open to the public with art and museum exhibits, dance classes, music, artist demonstrations, and sporting events.

Many of the venues and activities are free to the public and others are offered at reduced admission. A kids passport with questions and quizzes about each exhibit or activity will be available at the venues. Children can then have their passports stamped at each location after completing the challenge associated with it. A printable version of the passport will be available on the GDOHD website as the event date approaches.

GDOHD is the inaugural event coordinated by the Arts Network of Danbury (AND), a grassroots group devoted to promoting arts and culture in Danbury. AND's members are artists, arts businesses, teachers, and historical organizations. The organization formed in early 2012 with assistance from Housatonic Valley Cultural Alliance and CityCenter Danbury.

In brainstorming about creating an arts and culture-based event in Danbury, members decided to sign up as a group for Connecticut's Open House Day, an event sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Tourism, now in its eighth year.

"It's great to have Danbury area artists and cultural institutions working together to make something happen on the same day," said Mark Savoia, photographer and co-owner of The Gallery at Still River Editions. "Last year we participated and had a great turnout--we saw a lot of new faces."

Stan Madyda, Vice President of the Danbury Railway Museum, said "Each year, thousands of visitors tour our vintage rail equipment and view our exhibits. Open House Day is an excellent way to get the word out to more people in Connecticut and surrounding states."

The venues participating are:

David Boyajian Studio, New Fairfield, CT

A Common Ground Arts Center, Danbury, CT

Jim Felice Studios, Danbury, CT

The Gallery at Art & Frame of Danbury, Danbury, CT

The Gallery at Still River Editions, Danbury, CT
Danbury Museum & Historical Society, Danbury, CT
Danbury Railway Museum, Danbury, CT
The Mercurial Gallery, Danbury, CT
Molten Java, Bethel, CT
Rogers Park, Danbury, CT
YMCA ESCAPE to the Arts, Danbury, CT

See below for venue details and complete listing of events.

The event's website is <http://greaterdanburyopenhouseday.wordpress.com>
Arts Network of Danbury's website: <http://www.artsnetworkofdanbury.org>

For more information please contact Lys Guillorn at 203-791-1474, Amanda Bloom at 203-417-2215, or email info@artsnetworkofdanbury.org.

A Common Ground Arts Center

33 Crosby Street, Danbury, CT 06810
203.791.9850 / www.acommonground.net/
Free classes all day. All ages welcome! On display, art by Danbury High School students.
Classes starting at 8:30am through 7pm. See website for complete schedule.

The Gallery at Art & Frame of Danbury

60 Newtown Road, Danbury, CT 06810
203.748.0197 / www.artandframeofdanbury.com
“Wild!” original mixed media paintings by Nancy Moore & ceramic pottery by Marcia Taylor. Custom framing demos all day. Open 10am-6pm

Danbury Museum & Historical Society

43 Main Street, Danbury, CT 06810
203.743.5200 / www.danburymuseum.org
Exhibit opening “Covering All the Bases: A History of Danbury Baseball” Open 10am-4pm

Danbury Railway Museum

120 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810
203.778.8337 / www.danbury.org/drm
Large display of American historical rail cars and artifacts. Bring this brochure for a free train ride with paid museum admission. Also on display “Urban Totem” series by Brian Walters. Open 10am-5pm

The Gallery at Still River Editions

128 East Liberty Street, Danbury, CT 06810
203.791.1474 / www.stillrivereditions.com
Print exhibit “Intellectual Property” by Gene Gort. Have your portrait taken for “Faces of Danbury” by photographer Catherine Vanaria. Receive a free 8x10 after the event. Open

10am-5pm

Jim Felice Studios

15 Great Pasture Rd, Danbury, CT 06810

203.797.0230 / www.jimfelice.com

Artists Jim Felice, Katie Bassett, Kenny Hess, Dave Gesualdi, Eric Camiel and various graffiti artists. Sculpture and painting demonstrations throughout the day. Open 10am-4pm

The Mercurial Gallery

11 Library Place, Danbury, CT 06810

203.417.2215 / www.themercurial.com

Opening reception for "Body of Work" tattoo show. Artist meet and greet. Open noon-5pm

Molten Java

213 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel, Connecticut

203.739.0313 / www.moltenjavaevents.com

Free local art gallery upstairs. Live musical performance by Seth Lefferts at 8pm. Open 7am-10pm

David Boyajian Studio

3 Milltown Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812

203.241.8204 / www.davidboyajian.com/

Group show on display. Bronze casting demos all day by sculptor David Boyajian. Open 10am-5pm

Rogers Park (hosted by Danbury Museum & Historical Society)

21 Memorial Drive, Danbury, CT 06810

www.danburymuseum.org

Home of the Danbury Westerners. Vintage baseball game at Westerners Field @ 1pm

Danbury Westerners Game @ 6:30pm. Please see Danbury Museum website for admission prices and participation details.

YMCA ESCAPE to the Arts

293 Main Street, Danbury, CT 06810

203.794.1413 / www.regionallymca.org/escape_about.html

Join in designing a square for a community art project to be on display for the month of June. Exhibition of artwork by ESCAPE staff on display.

All ages welcomed. Open noon-4pm



Jim Felice, "The Three Tenors" (Artist exhibiting and giving demonstrations at Jim Felice Studios)



Nancy Moore, "Saturn" (Exhibiting at The Gallery at Art and Frame of Danbury, LLC)