

Greenwich Celebrates Arts and Culture

The town of Greenwich supports, promotes and celebrates the arts and culture.

Beginning in 1908, Robert Moffat Bruce deeded his property to the town of Greenwich, stipulating that it be used as “a natural history, historical, and art museum for the use and benefit of the public.” The Bruce Museum plays an integral role in the cultural life of area residents and attracts approximately 100,000 visitors annually, reaching out to families, seniors and students, the handicapped, at-risk children and community organizations. The Bruce Museum presents more than a dozen new exhibitions in art and science every year.

The Bendheim Gallery at the Greenwich Arts Center hosts major exhibitions every six weeks. This venue includes established as well as emerging artists and is located in the heart of Greenwich’s central business district.

The Flinn Gallery is a nonprofit, education-oriented exhibition space that presents art in all mediums from a wide range of periods, visions and techniques. Over 11,000 people view its exhibitions each year. The Gallery committee, comprised of volunteers, curates and mounts six exhibitions a year from September through June.

The Mission of the Greenwich Arts Council is to promote the visual, performing and literary arts in our community by encouraging artists, presenting their work and building audiences for the arts. Each May, GAC hosts “Art to the Avenue” whereby artists showcase their works in businesses in downtown Greenwich.

The GAC provides space for a broad range of visual and performing arts from the Greenwich Art Society, Greenwich Choral Society, Greenwich Symphony Orchestra and Alliance Francaise of Greenwich

Greenwich Symphony Orchestra is directed and conducted by David Gilbert. David is acclaimed for his dynamic performances with orchestras throughout the United States, the Far East and Europe.

BackCountry Jazz was founded by internationally renowned saxophonist Bennie Wallace and hosts concerts with some of today’s most celebrated jazz artists.



Greenwich is blessed to have an array of cultural and artistic programs for residents and visitors to enjoy. We welcome you to come and experience all that Greenwich has to offer as a place to live, work and play.

Peter J. Tesei
First Selectman
Town of Greenwich

The mission of the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County is to support cultural organizations, artists and creative businesses by providing promotion, services and advocacy.

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Arts & Culture of Fairfield County

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT GREENWICH

TWO NEW SUMMER EXHIBITIONS AT THE BRUCE

“Greenwich Collects: Wyeth, Italian Renaissance Drawings, Chinese Antiquities,” a rare assembly of three private Greenwich collections, will be on view at the Bruce beginning July 6 –Aug. 31. This show serves to illustrate the diversity and beauty of three local collections.

“Being, Nothingness and Much, Much More: Roz Chast, Beyond The New Yorker,” begins at the Bruce July 12 and continues through Oct. 19. The show will present approximately 30 works by Roz Chast, an American cartoonist. The works, on loan from the artist and the archives of The New Yorker, will include many examples of Chast’s iconic work from The New Yorker as well as prints and drawings from other projects.

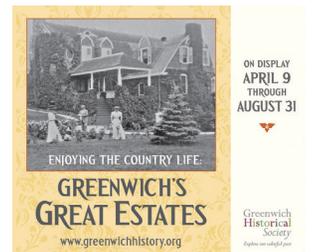


Roz Chast, “Other Rembrandt Misattributions,” 1995. Ink and wash on paper, Bruce Museum. Gift of the Melvin R. Seiden Collection. Photo by Paul Mutino.

THE GENESIS OF GREENWICH’S GREAT ESTATES

By 1921 Greenwich had the highest per capita income in the country. How did this once-quiet, rural coastal community of farmers, shopkeepers and oystermen become an enclave for the rich and powerful that would rival Newport? An exhibition at the Greenwich Historical Society examines the era between 1880 and 1920, when America’s elite – with small armies of builders and retainers – created estates of staggering proportions and changed the face of Greenwich forever.

The exhibition draws on the Greenwich Historical Society’s collection of clothing, photographs and objects to explore the impact the newcomers’ unbridled spending had on the town’s landscape, culture and place in history. The exhibit is up through Aug 31. For more information visit greenwichhistory.org.



RETHINK THE ORDINARY

The Greenwich Art Society opens a new exhibit, “Rethink the Ordinary,” July 24, with an opening reception 6-7:30 p.m., at the Flinn Gallery in the Greenwich Library. The show is a juried member exhibition of original work. Elizabeth Sherman, associate curator at the Whitney Museum of American Art, juried the show. Sherman has worked on the Whitney Biennials as well as serving as curatorial liaison to the Whitney Contemporaries.



The Greenwich Art Society presents annual exhibitions in the Bendheim Gallery of the Greenwich Arts Council, the Flinn Gallery of the Greenwich Library, the Gertrude White Gallery of the Greenwich YWCA and at the Garden Education Center of Greenwich. For more information, visit greenwichartsociety.org.

SUMMER ART CAMP IN GREENWICH

The Greenwich Arts Council is pleased to announce our Youth@Art summer enrichment program. Students age 7-12 will join practicing artists and professional art educators



for an immersive five-day art-making experience. We begin by constructing handmade, hand-bound journals and discuss what is important about journaling: to chart individual progress through our studies and to help retain and acquire knowledge. The overall program looks at art as a means of storytelling and challenges each student to explore the different ways that stories are told. Each day will focus on a different medium. The goal is to establish a foundation for looking at and making art. Session: July 1-11; 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Location: Greenwich Arts Council, 299 Greenwich Ave., Greenwich. Price: \$175. Registration: call 203-862-6754 or email TatianaM@greenwicharts.org.

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