

# MYSTICARTSCENTER

CREATIVITY CULTURE COMMUNITY

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## **New Exhibitions and Classes Begin in 2007**

**MYSTIC, CT – January 5, 2007** – The Mystic Arts Center’s **ANNUAL MEMBERS’ SHOW**, new exhibit **FURNITURE 2007** and a special **FACULTY SHOW** open January 12<sup>th</sup> and run through February 24<sup>th</sup>. A collaborative opening reception with Courtyard Gallery will be held on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7 pm, and is free and open to the public.

Along with the Annual Members’ Show, the Mystic Arts Center will start the New Year with a unique exhibit featuring the artistic creations of 10 local furniture makers: Clifford Busey of True North Cabinetry, Michael Gloor, Will Holden, Richard Humphreville, Mario Messina, Craig Nelson, Andy Peklo, William Rae, Thomas Troop of Black Creek Designs and Thomas Twichell.

Original works from the Mystic Arts Center’s teaching faculty will also be on display in the Center’s first Faculty Show. Teaching artists include Jack Broderick, Sarah Lucas, Jack Montmeat, Frances Topping and Jacqueline Phillips. Works by new members of the faculty, Paula Bradley, Jennifer Wheeler and Christopher Long, can also be viewed along with Sister Maria J. Nice, Eva Leong, Diana Baker and Pam Gordinier.

This is a sensational way to start the both the exhibition calendar and educational programs at the Mystic Arts Center. The year’s first session of art classes in the KTJ Studios will begin the week of January 21<sup>st</sup>. The Center offers a wide range of classes for children and adults, varying in art mediums with some exciting new additions as well as returning favorites. Adult classes in relaxed waterside studios include *Nude Figure Drawing* with Christopher Zhang, *Beginner Sculpture* with Christopher Long, *Painting in Pastel* with Paula Bradley, *Drawing a Portrait* with Jack Montmeat, *Indoor Landscape Painting* with Jack Broderick, and *Paint in Any Medium* with Jennifer Wheeler. All adult classes are suited for a wide range of artistic abilities, experience is not a prerequisite. Instructors will certainly challenge experienced and returning artists or will suggest experimenting with a new medium. High school students interested in art are encouraged to join adult classes to build their portfolio.

Creative after school art programs during the week are geared for children ages 6 and up and will include *Art Around the World*, *Cartoon Creatures*, *Studio Art Sampler*, *Chinese Watercolors* and *Draw Amazing Animals*. Thursday’s class targets middle school students who want to build their artistic talents and express their individuality. During this class, students will work on a special mural to be displayed in April’s **YOUNG AT ART** show, exclusively featuring the artwork of local children.

Mystic Arts Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting creativity, culture and community. Located on the Mystic River, the Mystic Arts Center houses a state-of-the-art education center that offers classes for both adults and children, stunning galleries which provide space for the permanent collection and varied juried, open, and invitational exhibitions throughout the year, along with the opportunity to purchase fine art. The Center is also available to rent for functions such as weddings, private parties, and corporate events.

Located directly off Water Street in Historic Downtown Mystic, Mystic Arts Center is open daily from 11:00-5:00 with ample validated parking. A donation of \$2.00 per person is requested for admittance. For further information please call 860.536.7601 or visit us online at [www.mysticarts.org](http://www.mysticarts.org) Visit today!

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