

Join Us

October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

Student Dues: \$25

Individual Dues: \$35

Family Dues: \$40

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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Student, Individual or Family Dues _____

Volunteer Interest _____

We appreciate your support. Avon Arts is a 501c (3) organization. Donations can be sent to our Treasurer:

Joan Brault

49 Byron Dr. Avon CT 06001



General meetings are held in the Avon Town Hall Program Room at 6:30pm on the third Tuesday of the month, with a workshop held the following Saturday (*unless otherwise noted*). Professional artists may demonstrate an individual technique or medium, providing an opportunity for others to explore a new approach to their work.

Profits from shows and other fundraisers make possible annual scholarships for art students graduating from local high schools. The Art Department Director of each school identifies talented seniors who plan to further their art education in a qualified college program. Scholarships are funded by donations, proceeds from the sale of our annual calendars and a holiday show in December.



Deborah Velasquez gave a demo in May of 2024



Kate Tortland gave a painting demo in April 2024

Our History

The Avon Arts Association was formed in 1959 under the leadership of Dr. Carl Westerberg. As one of the oldest art associations in CT; it fostered awareness of the visual arts in the local community. At that time, few art classes were offered on a casual basis, and there were no community colleges or arts centers providing art education courses. This left little opportunity for the work of local artists to be appreciated.

During the 1960s, the Association sponsored evening programs for the general public at Avon High School. The group then organized its first outdoor Fall Show for arts and crafts. Members strung storm fencing behind the rocking chair in Old Avon Village. Artisans brought card tables to display their crafts; others hung paintings on the fencing using picture wire. When it rained, heavy plastic sheets were used to cover the artwork. If the storm fencing got wet, it would stain the backs of the pictures. Initially, only members exhibited, but over the years the show grew in both size and stature. Mary Wooten, a juror for the Fall Show, worked with Art Chouinard to assure a well-organized quality event. Art could be counted on for keeping the vendor show going on for years, as he had a good relationship with the town of Avon. Mariann Weiss, Roger Niland and Barbara Butterworth eventually took over and ran the show successfully for many years.

2024-2025 Calendar

Avon Town Hall has exhibits all year

As well as other special events

Demos: Tuesdays 6:30 – 8pm

Workshops: Saturdays 10am – 2pm

Sept. 17 & 21, 2024

Oct. 15 & 19, 2024

Nov. 19 & 23, 2024

Feb. 18 & 22, 2025

Mar. 18 & 22, 2025

Apr. 15 & 19, 2025

May 20 & 24, 2025

June 17 & 21, 2025 (*Annual Meeting*)

Holiday Show in December

Spring Show in June

Board of Directors Show in July

Demonstrations are open to the public (suggested donation \$5). Please check our website for more news and events: www.avonarts.org

Member Benefits

- Program discussions and demonstrations by local artists
- Reduced fees for workshops
- Having your news published in our monthly newsletters and on our Facebook page



- Access to our artist membership list
- Exhibiting at Avon Town Hall, Spring and Holiday Shows
- Your gallery page on the website
- Meeting area artists through monthly events
- Borrowing display racks when needed
- Chance to be published in our annual calendar

For more information Email: AvonArtsAssociation@gmail.com



Art: Karen Israel, Lori Racicot Burrous, Justine Coleman