

AVON *Arts* Association

MAY 2024

*Deborah Velasquez Demo
Tuesday May 21, 6:30pm
Avon Town Hall, 60 West Main Street*



Deborah Velásquez will demonstrate at a free class on Tues. May 21, open to the public (*\$5 suggested donation*). She will hold a workshop on Sat. May 25, 10am – 2pm, (*\$45 for members and \$55 for non-members*).



Deborah Velásquez, is an award-winning artist, designer and the author of *Drawing in Black and White*. She loves mixing words with design, arts and crafts. Her work is modern, sophisticated, graphic, bold and reflects her love nature with the simplicity of line. She makes art digitally as well as using traditional methods, including gouache, watercolor and printmaking.

Deborah is a graduate of the Colorado Institute of Art and the University of Hartford Entrepreneurial Business program. She has studied textiles and fashion design at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) in New York, where she received her Millinery Certification, studying under hat legend Ann Albrizio. Her original artworks have been exhibited in numerous galleries and juried shows, and she teaches workshops in her Connecticut studio. A career highlight was when she was invited by The Smithsonian in Washington to speak and facilitate a workshop from her published book.

Her designs can be found on products such as rugs, wall art, ceramics, stationery, textiles, and mobiles. Her work has been featured in such magazines as: *UPPERCASE*, *Latina*, *Redbook*, *HGTV* and *Domino*. Deborah's hats were featured at New York's Henri Bendel store. Other Velásquez designs are carried by Minted, West Elm, Habitat UK, CarpetVista of Sweden, Bed Bath and Beyond, Wayfair, Walmart as well as various giftware and home décor licensing companies.

"Where Art and Beauty Meet Lifestyle"©

Visit her website at www.deborahvelasquez.com or follow her on Instagram [@velasquezstudio](https://www.instagram.com/velasquezstudio).

2024 Program

ARTIST DEMO WORKSHOP

Deb Velasquez... Tues. May 21.....Sat. May 25

Zbigniew Grzyb...Tues. June 18.....Sat. June 22

Demos at 6:30pm,
Workshops 10am - 2pm (*set up at 9:30am*).

If you have a suggestion for the Program next year, please contact [Lena Stein](#).

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Avon Arts Board meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 2:30 pm at the Avon Library, unless otherwise noted.



Kate Tortland gave an oil painting demo at Avon Town Hall in April.

Entries / Shows / Classes

Avon Town Hall Show Drop off is May 18 from 10am to Noon. Please submit up to two pieces securely wired and ready-to-hang.

The Community Gallery of North Canaan needs art to display and classes to be taught at the Great Falls Brewing Company, 75 Main St. North Canaan.

Contact Kara: kara@greatfallsbrews.com.

The Spectrum Gallery Call for Art: "Everything Grows" explores the theme of transformation. Receiving is May 12 - 16. Email up to 4 samples of your work in JPG format with title, materials used, dimensions and price. File size should be approximately 1MB and include "Everything Grows" in the subject line. Email: Barbara@spectrumartgallery.org

Avon Arts Members Spring Show is for members and their guests. Members may submit up to three pieces, one of which may be from another artist. Drop-Off: *Sat. June 1, 10 - 11:30am*. Reception: *Sun. June 2, 2-4pm* Pick-Up: *June 29, 10am-Noon*, Simsbury Library.

The Investors Center in Avon wants 10 to 20 pieces of artwork for 3-6 months. Artist contact information may be displayed and no commission is charged. Contact: **Brooke Salsbury** brookes@theinvestorscenter.com

Carla Niehaus invites Avon Arts members to attend a free online watercolor session, Fridays at 1pm. For more information, contact carlaniehaus@mac.com

The West Hartford Art League has classes and workshops taught by members Melissa Meredith, Karen Israel and Carol Ganick: www.westhartfordart.org.

Member News



Karen Israel received a BEST IN SHOW award at the West Hartford CT PLUS 6 Juried exhibition. 37 Buena Vista Rd. Thursday-Sunday 1-4pm.

Lori Racicot is having a Studio Open House May 4 & 5, 10am - 4pm at 43 Farmstead Lane in West Simsbury.

Shirley Mae Neu Neu, Roger Niland, Kate Emery, Arleen Pomaski, Meghan Shanley Waskowitz, Deborah and Michael Sacks have work on display in the "Recycled Art" show at the Gallery on the Green in Canton, running until May 18.

Membership

Member dues is for *Oct. 1, 23 – Sept. 30, 2024*. Student dues are \$25, Individuals \$35 and Families \$40. Please send a check, along with a membership form, and include your address, phone number and email address. (Note any changes or additions from last year.) Submit to: **Joan Brault**, 49 Byron Dr. Avon CT 06001 or bring it to the next demo meeting. **New members are always welcome; so bring along a friend.**

Membership Perks include:

- Program meetings featuring a demo by an artist
- Reduced workshop fee
- Having your news published
- Access to our membership list
- Exhibiting at Avon Town Hall, Spring & Holiday Shows
- Exhibiting on our Website and Facebook pages
- Becoming involved in our business and activities
- Renting our display racks for shows
- Opportunity to have your work in our calendar



We wish to thank **Jerry's Artarama** of West Hartford for generously providing gift cards for our monthly demo meeting door prize.

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