



ARTS ALLIANCE OF WOODBURY SCHEDULES MONTHLY ARTS WALK



The Arts Alliance of Woodbury will host its monthly Arts Walk from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, August 19, along Woodbury's Main Street South and Hollow Road. At last month's event, AAW member Cynthia Gillette (at right) was one of many artists who set up displays outside St. Paul's Church. The Arts Alliance will host its fifth and final 2021 Arts Walk on Thursday, September 16.

WOODBURY – The Arts Alliance of Woodbury's fourth Arts Walk of the season is set for 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, August 19, along Main Street South and Hollow Road.

Artists, musicians, poets and dancers will be on hand, offering demonstrations and works for sale, impromptu musical moments and pop-up performances in an informal, outdoor setting.

Walkable venues for this month's event include Studio Hill Gallery at 507 Main St. South, the Glebe House on Hollow Road, St. Paul's Church at 294 Main St. South, the Woodbury Library at 269 Main St. South, First Congregational Church at 214 Main St. South and other points along the way.

Pop-up artists working in many genres will be set up outside St. Paul's Church, and also outside the Glebe House, where tours of the Gertrude Jekyll Garden will be offered from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Connecticut Handbell Musicians, directed by Samantha Beschta, will perform at 6:30 and 7:15 p.m. on the library lawn. Formed about 10 years ago and featuring ringers from around the state, the group has appeared many times at the Big E and at various festivals. This will be their first performance before an audience since prior to the pandemic.

Dancers from Main Street Ballet will perform at 5:30 and 7 p.m., also on the library lawn.

New this month, singers from the Valley Chordsmen will stroll the area providing a barbershop serenade.

Area poets and writers will read from their works beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the shaded patio behind the Studio Hill Gallery.

The library's gallery will be open that evening, featuring abstract acrylic pour paintings by Gerry Sacks. The artist will be present from 6 to 8 p.m. to speak with visitors.

First Congregational Church will be the venue for performances on the Woodbury-Bethlehem Community Music Foundation's new piano, and the front porch of Manzi Insurance, 251 Main St. South, will provide a stage for singer-songwriter Noah Vincent at 5:30 p.m. and traditional folksingers Bob Gotta and Kim Hoffman at 6:30.

The Polar Sweets ice cream truck will be parked at Routes 6 and 317 and a popcorn stand will be available outside the library. Ample parking can be found at the town offices, at the Senior Community Center and along various side streets. Restrooms will be available at St. Paul's Church.

There is no cost to attend the AAW Arts Walk. One additional walk is planned for the third Thursday evening of September.

The all-volunteer, nonprofit Arts Alliance of Woodbury is committed to fostering the arts in Woodbury and surrounding towns.

Those seeking additional information may find the group on Facebook or email bill@artsallianceofwoodbury.org.