

Public Invited to Opening Reception Jan 26 for Silvermine Arts Guild New Members Exhibition

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Silvermine Arts Center will welcome more than 50 new members (including three from Darien) to its Guild of Artists in January 2020 with a New Members Exhibition presenting a broad spectrum of innovative work.

The public is invited to the opening reception, which will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 26. The event is free. The New Members Exhibition runs Jan. 19 through Feb. 15.

— *an announcement from* [Silvermine Arts Center](#)

A nearly century-old non-profit organization, Silvermine Arts Center encompasses an award-winning School of Art, five contemporary art galleries, an extensive educational outreach program, and one of the nation's

oldest and most prestigious artists' guilds.

Guild membership has grown in recent years to over 300 members, and has included such renowned artists as Abe Ajay, James Daugherty, Carlus Dyer, James Flora, James Grashow, Robert Kaupelis, Alice Neel, Gabor Peterdi, Charles Reiffel, and honorary member Faith Ringgold.

The annual New Members Exhibition always offers visitors an exciting opportunity to explore the vitality of contemporary art in a variety of media and styles by a remarkably diverse array of artists.

In James Buxton's sculptures, found objects are incorporated into bold visions that engage with issues of politics, ecology, and race. Donna Namnoun's surreal and colorful ceramics based on organic forms delight and mystify at the same time. Laura Pflug's experimentations with acrylics and other media produce luminous, atmospheric paintings.

Gregg Welz's intricately configured works made of cut paper dazzle with nuances of color, texture, and shadow.

Guild membership at Silvermine is a selective peer jurying process for artists. Many members have work represented in permanent collections of major museums, as well as prominent private and corporate collections.

For professional artists looking for a supportive community of nationally and internationally exhibiting artists and an opportunity to exhibit their work in Silvermine's galleries, the membership committee is currently welcoming applications with a deadline of March 19. For information on applying, [click here](#).

The New Members

The Silvermine Guild of Artists is pleased to welcome as new members:

Angela A'Court of New York City; Lisa Berger of Newtown; Caroline Bergonzi of New York City; Miriam Bisceglia of Woodstock, New York; Emily Blundell of Westport; Sonia Bombart of Weston; Lisa Brody of South Kent; Janine Brown of Fairfield; Bev Bullwinkel of Fairfield; James Buxton of Farmington; Louise Cadoux of Bridgeport; **Donna Collins of Darien**; Marcia Cooper of Brooklyn, New York; Ivy Dachman of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; Marina Daneva of Stamford; Beatrice del Perugia of Westport; **Jan Dilenschneider of Darien**; James Dormer of Fort Collins, Colorado; Loren Eiferman of Katonah, New York; Pamela Einarsen of Westport; Francine Even of Norwalk; Donna Forma of Southport; Sally Frank of North Salem, New York; Catherine Freudenberg of New York City; Ronnie Gold of Stamford; Rachael Grimm of Larchmont, New York; April Hammock of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Vincent Hawley of Staten Island, New York; Christopher Healey of Norwalk; Renee S. Hughes of Simsbury; Richard Hughes of Sleepy

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Hollow, New York; Arnold Kastenbaum of Mamaroneck, New York; Elizabeth Killgore of Stamford; Barbara King of Hastings-on-Hudson; Marlene Krumm-Sanders of Piermont, New York; Karleen Loughran of Hamden; Lynn Mara of Greenwich; Faye Mylen of Fairfield; Donna Namnoun of Canton; Julie O'Connor of Weston; Michael O'Hara of Norwalk; Jay Petrow of Westport; Laura Pflug of Fairfield; Russell Ritell of Cold Spring, New York; Ellen Schiffman of Weston; **Suzanna Schlemm of Darien**; Debbie Smith of Westport; Susan Stillman of White Plains, New York; Susan Cutler Tremaine of New Canaan; Pamela Tucker of Rye, New York; Scott Tulay of Amherst, Massachusetts; Ginny Waters of Cos Cob; Gregg Welz of Norwalk; and Edward Zerdy of New Canaan.

About Silvermine Arts Center

Silvermine Arts Center is one of the oldest artist communities in the United States. Its five-acre campus in New Canaan consists of a nationally renowned artist guild, an award-winning school of art offering classes for all ages, an arts and fine crafts shop, and a gallery offering over twenty contemporary and historic exhibitions annually.

Silvermine is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that also offers an Outreach Education Program, Art Partners, and hosts lectures, film screenings, and special events.

Silvermine Galleries are open seven days a week from 12 noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call (203) 9669700 ext. 20 or visit [the website](#).