

Upper Crust Bakery and Café Features Paintings by Darien Native Peter Saverine

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Darien native Peter Saverine will be the featured artist at Upper Crust Bakery and Café (UCBC), 980 Post Road Darien now through Oct. 31.

— an announcement from Peter Saverine and [Upper Crust Bakery and Café](#)

Art Exhibits @ UCBC are a tradition promoted by local owner, Charly Sahlia,

“We are proud to showcase the stunning artwork and photography of local Connecticut artists,” Sahlia said.

“Our guests enjoy the ambiance and connection to the local art scene. Artists are appreciative of the opportunity to share their artwork and we are always supportive of artists like Peter who want to share a percentage of their sales with a local nonprofit,” he said. “In this case, the Darien Land Trust will be the lucky recipient when the show is over.”

Upper Crust also believes that being a local business, it is important to give back. A walk through UCBC and anyone can see the dozens of thank-you notes and family photos that line the walls.

UCBC Darien serves breakfast and lunch daily with a full menu including bagels and muffins, specialty sandwiches and freshly chopped salads that they have earned “Best of the Gold Coast” many times since the award was created in 1997.

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While Saverine is proud of the invitation to hang his artwork at UCBC, he is happy to continue his history of supporting local nonprofits by donating 10% of his sales to Darien Land Trust.

“It’s great to support a worthwhile mission preserving open space in Darien for future generations-forever,” Saverine said. “Always appreciating the privilege of growing up in Darien, it is important to use my hobby to help make a small impact on the community. I believe artwork should be affordable so I will be showing a range of original work, large and small, from \$20 to \$450.”

The Darien Land Trust permanently preserves and restores open space, providing the community with environmentally rich habitats, scenic vistas, opportunities for educational experiences and the quiet enjoyment of nature.

The land trust now owns or has conservation easements over more than 200 acres in Darien. We have permanently protected diverse natural environments such as wetlands along the Five Mile River, tidal salt marshes at Holly Pond and Scott’s Cove, upland forests in Dunlap Woods, and meadow habitat at Mather Meadows, Fox Run, and Brendan’s Meadow. For more information or to volunteer or donate, please visit www.darienlandtrust.org.

Peter was born and raised in Darien and currently resides in Fairfield with his wife, Holly. They are proud of their eight grandchildren aged seven years to two months-- all of whom live locally.

A graduate of Amherst College with a B.A. in political science, he is the director of philanthropy at STAR, Inc., a non-profit organization serving our neighbors of all ages who have intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Peter is a self-taught artist whose bright seascapes capture familiar scenes along Long Island Sound and favorite spots in Nantucket and Cape Cod.

Peter also authored and self-published three children’s books, his most notable about a mermaid at the Brant Point Lighthouse in Nantucket, titled "Jenny’s Pennies—A Nantucket Tradition," that has sold over 10,000 copies and is in its fifth printing. Signed copies will be available for sale at UCBC.

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