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STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

ART SHAPES IN STAMFORD DOWNTOWN



Stamford Downtown will be full of colorful shapes this summer as the Downtown's annual outdoor art exhibit, *Art in Public Places*, brings **Art Shapes in Stamford Downtown** to our city streets. Of the 121 designs submitted by 42 artists, 39 will be chosen by our sponsors to adorn the sidewalks and parks of Stamford Downtown! The fiberglass forms come in three shapes: pyramids,

cubes and spheres. The shapes will be on display from June through August. A party to kick off Art Shapes in Stamford Downtown will be held on June 13th. Tours of the sculpture exhibit will be conducted throughout the evening. In October, the cleverly designed shapes will be auctioned off, a portion of the proceeds going to benefit the Avon Theatre.

For more information on the exhibit, the opening party and auction or to view a map of the sculpture locations, please visit www.stamford-downtown.com

UConn STAMFORD DORMS OPENING



In Fall 2017, **UConn Stamford** will open its first residential housing at **900 Washington Boulevard**, adjacent to the Government Center and halfway between the

Stamford Transportation Center and UConn Stamford. The six-story building will have 116 apartment units with target occupancy of 290 students, an on-site Resident Director and on-floor Resident Assistants. The dormitory will alleviate the pressures that many UConn Stamford students face either by choosing to live in Stamford's market-level housing or by having a lengthy commute. This more affordable option will allow students to focus more on their academic studies, increase their independence, and enhance the enjoyment of being part of a college community in the heart of the Downtown.

2ND ANNUAL
FASHION NIGHT OUT
TRESSER
75 TRESSER BOULEVARD
WEDNESDAY APRIL 26, 2017 | 6-8PM



Join us for a fun-filled evening of fashion spotlighting the new spring collections from Stamford Downtown retailers. **FASHION NIGHT OUT** will showcase the new clothing lines from Pedigree Ski Shop, Fleet Feet Sports Stamford, Oceanblue Dive, Aziza Couture, Engel's Furs, Chic Jack's NYC Vintage Clothing, Footgear and The Stamford Town Center. Enjoy live music with DJ Banks, as well as tastings from many of Stamford Downtown's finest restaurants. This year, the show will include a charity component raising awareness for Dress for Success Mid-Fairfield County, an organization providing career advancement and mentoring for underprivileged women.

Check www.stamford-downtown.com for more details on the event.

STAMFORD DOWNTOWN
5TH ANNUAL

ART
MUSIC
DANCE

ART WALK

STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY JUNE 23RD, 2017
5:00 - 9:00 PM

Enjoy an exciting evening of "Art, Live Music and Dance Performances" at our 5th annual **ARTWALK in Stamford Downtown!** Created by Stamford Downtown, a phenomenal experience awaits **ARTWALK** patrons. Free to the public, the evening is an annual **ART PARTY** celebrating our seven Stamford Downtown art venues: all featuring artists' receptions and opening night exhibitions. Attendees will enjoy works by over 100 painters, photographers, sculptors and multi-media artists, all reflecting a diverse selection of mediums, styles and trends in the contemporary art world. The majority of the art work on display is available for purchase. Participants include: Fernando Luis Alvarez Gallery, Franklin Street Works, Stamford Art Association, R. Hollander Master Goldsmith Gallery & Studio Workshop, UConn-Stamford Art Gallery, the Loft Artists Association's pop up gallery at The Palace Theatre and the Ferguson Library Gallery.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, SANDY GOLDSTEIN

Women Who Have Made a Difference in the Downtown



It's been 25 years since the Stamford Downtown Special Services District was established. Our many unique programs, events, restaurants and retailers define the downtown, however, it's the people who have worked in our Downtown over the course of the last two and one half decades who have really shaped our Downtown community. There are hundreds of people who have contributed to our success. This article however, will highlight 16 women whose work and charisma have made a major difference in the Downtown.



SUSAN BRETTHAUER was a record-breaking basketball player at St. John's University and was named the school's MVP during her tenure at the college. She has been part of the Stamford Police Department for the last 35 years making an indelible mark on the force. She has many "firsts" to her name. A bright, vivacious and straight-talking public official, she was the first female Lieutenant on the force, the first female Captain and the first and only female Assistant Chief. She currently is Captain of District 2 (Downtown and South End) where she conscientiously ensures that our Downtown is safe and secure.



MARGARET CARLSON is Portfolio Director of RFR Realty, a 1.8 million square foot Stamford office building portfolio in Stamford Downtown. In addition to her high-powered job managing this real estate, Margaret has contributed her talent, fundraising ability and community commitment to many boards including The Palace and the Boys and Girls Club. She received the Corporate Partnership Award from the Boys and Girls Club and the Ovation Award from The Palace Theatre.



LYNNE COLATRELLA is Vice President of Events and Marketing for Stamford Downtown. She is the visionary who took a simple parade and concert series and turned them into dynamic signature Downtown events that attract hundreds of thousands of people a year. Lynne has significantly contributed to the city by founding Curtain Call and serving as its Executive Director from 1990-98, setting the stage for it to be the premiere community theatre in the region. She sits on several boards including Franklin Street Works and Stamford Legion Baseball.



KATHRYN EMMETT, currently Corporation Counsel for the City of Stamford, has played a major role in the Downtown. She is a graduate of Harvard College and Yale Law School and the founding partner of the distinguished Downtown law firm Emmett & Glander. Kathryn served as Judge of the Connecticut Superior Court and was a Visiting Scholar at Yale Law School. She is past Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Ferguson Library and past Treasurer of the DSSD. She is an avowed patron of the arts and founded the cutting-edge contemporary art gallery, Franklin Street Works, located on Franklin St.



NIKKI GLEKAS is owner and operator of two successful Downtown dining venues, EOS Greek Cuisine restaurant and Bank Street Events. She opened EOS on Summer Street in 2008 and catapulted it to the forefront of "must go to" Greek restaurants. Recognizing the need for unique event space, Nikki opened Bank Street Events at the historic bank opposite Old Town Hall and her creativity and drive made it a successful event venue. Nikki is recognized for her vision, enthusiasm, and expertise— not only at her restaurants but as regards Downtown issues.

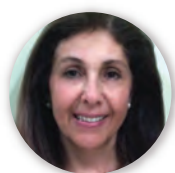


ALICE KNAPP is President of the Ferguson Library. She has had a robust career in the world of library administration serving as Executive Director of the New Canaan, CT Public Library and as Director of Public Services at the Ferguson from 2000-2008. In 2003, she was named one of Library Journal's Movers and Shakers and served as President of the Connecticut Library Association in 2005-06. Alice is a dynamic member of the Stamford community serving as President of the Stamford Rotary Club, and as a member of multiple boards: The World Affairs Forum, Stamford Public Education Foundation, Stamford Partnership and the DSSD. She was a critical member of Stamford's 375th Anniversary Committee.





DIANA LENKOWSKY is Vice President of Facilities and Administrative Services at Purdue Pharma L. P. She has devoted herself to community relations efforts for more than 20 years. She is the past chair of the Stamford Partnership and sits on the boards of the Mill River Collaborative, The Palace Theatre and the DSSD. Diana is a tireless proponent of philanthropy and volunteerism and was the recipient of the Business Council's 2011 Walter Wheeler Award for Business Volunteer Leadership.



MARJAN MURRAY is Senior Executive Vice President and Tri-State Market Manager of the Commercial Real Estate Finance Department at People's United Bank. She has served with distinction in a wide range of community leadership positions: contributing to each her dedication, vision and expertise. Marjan currently sits on the Boards of Directors of the Housing Development Fund, the DSSD and the Real Estate Finance Association. She has been the recipient of the Spirit of Volunteerism Award.



VALERIE PANKOSKY is one of the women who make all the wheels turn at City Hall. She is currently Executive Assistant to Mayor Martin where she keeps the administrative end of government working in the most efficient and effective way imaginable. Mayor Martin knowing a phenomenal talent when he meets one, spirited her away from the Board of Representatives where she was the Administrative Assistant for 17 years. She was the glue that kept the 40 person Board together and is recognized for her intellect, competence and easy going manner.



FRAN PASTORE is Founder, President and CEO of the Women's Business Development Council which is located in Stamford Downtown. Pastore is a catalyst for women's economic self-reliance and has helped launch thousands of women-run businesses locally and internationally. She sits on numerous boards that specialize in women's business and economic issues. In 2011, she was appointed to President Obama's National Women's Business Council.



CHRISTINE IRVIN RANHOSKY is the 15 year President of the Stamford Art Association. Its gallery graces Franklin Street in an historic brownstone with an extraordinary *trompe l'oeil* painting on the building. Christine is a distinguished photographer and printmaker whose work has been exhibited in numerous galleries across the region, including at the Mayor's Art Gallery in the Government Center. In addition, she is a successful businesswoman and consultant. Her commitment to the arts in the Downtown is evidenced by the work she has done to ensure that the SAA Gallery is a center for those who appreciate and value fine art.



DEBORAH ROYCE is Founder and President of the Avon Theatre Film Center on Bedford Street. She is an acknowledged patron of the arts and leader in the world of film and historic preservation. Her vision has catapulted the historically renovated Avon Theatre into the forefront of independent cinema houses in the region. More than 3,300 members and thousands of patrons support this film venue which is a major economic generator for the city and brings engaging independent film, education programs and enlightening lectures to the city. Deborah's determination and commitment to independent film is the driving force behind the success of the Avon.



MARY SCHAFFER personifies the words energetic, creative and entrepreneur. She has owned and operated two successful Downtown restaurants: Telluride and napa & co. Telluride defined quality southwestern cuisine and napa was the "go to" place for gourmet lunches and dinner. Mary's engaging chalk board with her choice wine selections and the quality of her meals distinguished her restaurants. Mary never said no to a request to sponsor an event or host a party; all done with her bright smile and winning way.



BARBARA SOROCA, CEO and President of the Stamford Symphony has elevated the image and quality of the Symphony so that it now ranks as the foremost orchestra in the region. Barbara brought the symphony to the Palace Theatre from its original home at Westhill High School, ensuring that the city would be recognized as the place to go for professional orchestral music in Fairfield County.



ANNIE SUMMERVILLE has represented the Downtown on the Board of Representatives for 40 years. As Clerk of the Board, she is a leader to be reckoned with and one whose opinions are respected and followed. As a Downtown resident, her vision for the Downtown is that of a 24 hour/seven day a week center of living, dining and recreating. Annie is an active member of the Union Baptist Church and her extraordinary voice graces the church's phenomenal choir.



TRACIE WILSON is Senior Vice President for Programming and Development at NBC Universal Domestic Television Distribution. She oversees "Harry", Harry Connick, Jr's daytime show, "The Jerry Springer Show", "Maury" and "The Steve Wilkos Show." As managing executive of the Stamford Media Center, Tracie has immersed herself in community activities including roles on key Downtown Boards such as The Palace and the DSSD. Her insights and commitment are invaluable and have made her a valuable member of our Downtown community.



Meet Greg Lindquist - Vice President of Operations for the Stamford Downtown Special Services District



Stamford Downtown welcomes **Greg Lindquist** as its new Operations Vice President.

Greg Lindquist comes to the DSSD from Jamestown, New York where he held the position of Executive Director of the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation. He has more than ten years of experience in economic and community development and eighteen years in residential and consumer lending, along with expertise as a successful development administrator and grant writer. As the new Stamford Downtown Operations VP, Greg's main priority will be to manage the physical environment in Stamford Downtown. He plans to continue the stellar level of services for our Downtown stakeholders and provide significant improvement to two of our mainstay programs: Downtown enhanced cleaning services and an invigorated Downtown Ambassador team.

Greg will be out and about in the Downtown on a regular basis and looks forward to a challenging year ahead. *Reach out to him to discuss any issues or ideas at (203) 348-5285 or at glindquist@stamford-downtown.com.*

Farm Fresh & Artisanal Food at the Stamford Downtown Farmers Market



Visit our farmers market for a wide variety of locally grown fruits, vegetables and flowers. You'll also find breads, jams, baked goods, cheeses, oils, prepared meals and more. Straight from the farm to your home!

STAMFORD DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
Prospect Street along Latham Park
Saturdays June 17-October 28, 9am-3pm.

A complete list of vendors can be found on our website: stamford-downtown.com/events.

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NEWSLETTER

STAMFORD DOWNTOWN EVENTS SUMMER 2017

BREWS ON BEDFORD
SATURDAYS, MAY 13
AND OCTOBER 14
1-5PM
Latham Park on Bedford Street

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JUNE-AUGUST

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ARTWALK IN STAMFORD DOWNTOWN
FRIDAY, JUNE 23

ALIVE@FIVE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RECKSON AND BEVMAX
Outdoor Summer Concert Series
THURSDAYS, JULY 6, 13, 20, 27, AUGUST 3, 10
5PM
Columbus Park

MORGAN STANLEY PRESENTS WEDNESDAY NITE LIVE
WEDNESDAYS, JULY 12, 19, 26, AUGUST 2
6:30PM
Columbus Park

STAMFORD TABLES SUMMER RESTAURANT WEEKS
AUGUST

A GRAND SUMMER NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9
UConn Stamford

BARK IN THE PARK
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
Latham Park

ARTS & CRAFTS ON BEDFORD
SEPTEMBER 16 & 17
SATURDAY, 11AM-6PM, SUNDAY, 10AM-5PM
Bedford Street