# STAMFORD DOWNTOWN

**MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER** 









### A WARM WELCOME TO STAMFORD DOWNTOWN'S NEWEST EXPERIENCE...

Kudos to owners Connor Rasmussen, Matthew Ventura and Sakarin Seedasome who together have come up with Stamford's very own unique version of the modern taproom. Opening in January, <u>Hop & Vine Taproom</u> at 30 Spring Street is the first self-pour taproom to open in lower Fairfield County, after Trumbull, Milford and Avon, CT. The owners, familiar with the coziness of legendary taprooms like The Griswald Inn Taproom in Essex, CT came up with the idea to open a pour-your-own taproom in Stamford Downtown, after seeing the concept in other states such as California, North Carolina and Texas. Their contemporary style two-story self-pour taproom features 69 taps, 44 rotating beers from over 100 Connecticut breweries, 16 wines and 9 non-alcoholic beer and wines.

The extensive menu of tapas, salads and sandwiches are all freshly made in house with locally sourced ingredients. The owners recruited Executive Chef Ashley Laurie, a master of elevated gastropub homemade fare, with extensive restaurant and catering experience. The airy space is accentuated by local Norwalk mural artist, Juliette Rivera, whose brush name is Tesa Arte. The space also lends itself to small or large groups with shuffle board, 3 dart boards and plenty of board games to keep everyone engaged. In the warm weather months, the extensive outdoor patio will serve as a beer garden, a first of its kind in Stamford Downtown.







### THE STUDIOBLANC BY SAM BUFALO PHOTOGRAPHY

Stamford Downtown welcomes a new addition to its community—The.StudioBlanc by Sam Bufalo Photography. Nestled in the house at 13 Spring Street, across the street from Bar Rosso, this newly designed studio redefines the photography experience, with a focus on creating a comfortable and relaxing atmosphere for new moms.

Renowned photographer Sam Bufalo brings her creative vision to life with The.StudioBlanc, a space meticulously designed to provide an inviting and serene environment for clients to document their families. While The.StudioBlanc is open to all intimate family sessions, it specializes in documenting the magic of motherhood and the tender moments with newborns. Sam Bufalo Photography is renowned for its ability to encapsulate the genuine emotions and connections that make each family unique.

As you step into The.StudioBlanc, you'll immediately notice the thoughtfully designed space that sets it apart. Sam has curated an atmosphere that combines elegance with simplicity, allowing the focus to remain on the precious moments being captured. The use of beautifully diffused natural light bathes the studio in a warm and flattering glow, enhancing the overall aesthetic of the photographs.

Whether you're a new mom looking to capture the fleeting moments with your little ones or a family seeking a timeless portrait, The.StudioBlanc by Sam Bufalo Photography promises an unparalleled experience. To check out Sam's work you can visit her website <a href="mailto:sambufalo.com">sambufalo.com</a> or Instagram page <a href="mailto:sambufalo.com">@sambufalo</a>.

### STAMFORD DOWNTOWN HOSTS "DECK THE DOWNTOWN" A HOLIDAY WINDOW/FAÇADE DECORATING CONTEST



To ensure that our Downtown looks dazzling and festive for the 2023 Holiday Season, and in the spirit of the holiday season, Stamford Downtown is once again hosting its 13th annual storefront facade decorating contest, "Deck the Downtown". This year's event features 23 Stamford Downtown businesses.

This popular event asks the public to select our winners by casting a vote online through Friday, December 22nd at 5pm. All voters will be automatically entered to win a \$100 Stamford Downtown Card (our digital gift card redeemable at 50+ downtown businesses). Shortly after, once all votes are tabulated, the Best of Show winner with a Grand Prize of \$750.00 and the Honorable Mention winner with a second-place prize of \$500.00, will be announced. Prize money awarded by Stamford Downtown will be dedicated to permanent spring façade improvements at the winning businesses in collaboration with Stamford Downtown.

### STAMFORD DOWNTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE & AMBASSADOR SERVICES **NOVEMBER STATISTICS**











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# WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST?

**ART EXHIBITION & WINE TASTING** 

The Townhouse Gallery 39 Franklin Street

February 8th, 2024 5:30-7:30pm



PRESENTED BY THE STAMFORD ART ASSOCIATION

The Stamford Art Association's historic Townhouse Gallery is located at 39 Franklin Street and opens its doors to the community for art appreciators to mix, mingle, and experience their latest exhibit "What Do You Love Most?" on Thursday, February 8th, 5:30-7:30 PM and enjoy a wine tasting sponsored by Withers Winery. This is a wonderful opportunity to view and purchase artwork by local artists and meet other art lovers. Suggested donation \$20. "What Do You Love Most"? will run through March 2024.

Gallery hours are 12-3 pm Friday-Sunday.







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