

Exhibits

Parks & nature centers

Northwest Park — Nature center and library, hiking and nature trails, playground, animal barn, maple-sugar house and picnic areas. Gallery hours: Tues-Thurs, noon-5 p.m.; Sat, 10-3 p.m.; Sun, 2-4 p.m. Nature Center hours: Mon-Thurs, noon-5 p.m.; Sat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; closed holidays. Park grounds open dawn to dusk. Free. 145 Lang Road, Windsor (285-1886).

Galleries

Arts Exclusive Gallery — "Today's Treat, Tomorrow's Treasure," ends Sept. 15. "Summer Show," ends Sept. 9. Hours: Tues-Sat, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 1-6 p.m. 690 Hopmeadow St., Route 10 (Shawmut Bank Building), Simsbury (651-5824).

Artworks Gallery — "19th Annual Members Exhibit," opens Wed; reception, Sept. 8, 6-9 p.m.; ends Sept. 30. Hours: Wed-Fri, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat, noon-3 p.m. 233 Pearl St., Hartford (247-3522).

Bristol Art League — "Fall Show featuring Richard Santoro," opens Fri, ends Oct. 31. "Summer Collection of Art," ends today. Hours: Mon, Thurs-Fri, 6-9 p.m.; Sat-Sun, noon-5 p.m. Bristol Centre Mall, 100 N. Main St. Bristol (582-8380).

Carriage House Gallery Ltd. — "Shoreline Scenes," ends today. "Etchings: Introducing the Rembrandts of Today," ends Sept. 15. Hours: Mon-Sat 10-5 p.m. 891 Boston Post Road, Guilford (453-3243).

Connecticut River Artists Cooperative — "Works by photographer Margaret Burgess," ends today. "Works by Warren Hastings," furniture. Wed-Sun, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 69 Main St., Chester (526-5575).

CRE's Craftery Gallery — "Caribbean Art Exhibition," hosted by Hartford's West Indian Foundation; ends Fri. Paintings and drawings by Hartford-based artist James Copeland, hosted by Hartford Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., ends Fri. Hours: Tues-Fri, noon-4 p.m.; Sat, 1-4 p.m.; 1445 Main St., Hartford (520-1038).

Creative Arts Workshop — "Special Olympics Exhibit," through Aug. Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 80 Audubon St., New Haven (562-4927).

ETC — The Ellen Trout Collection — "Kaleidoscope," photographs by Christopher Navin, ends today. Hours: Tues-Fri, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sun,

Emporium Gallery — "Muddy Waters," opens Fri; reception, Fri, 7-9 p.m.; ends Oct. 4. Hours: Mon-Fri, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 15 Water St., Mystic (536-3891).

Essex Art Association — "49th Annual Juried Show," opens Sat; reception, Friday, 5 p.m.; ends Sat. Hours: daily 1-5 p.m. 10 N. Main St., Essex (767-8996).

Frame Dimensions — Display of serigraphs signed and numbered by Thomas McNight, through December. Works by Eric Holch through December. Signed and numbered screen prints by Calman Sherni through December. Hours: Tues-Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 995 Farmington Ave., West Hartford (232-2120).

Gallery on the Green — "Members Celebrating Canton," opens Wed; reception, Sept. 8, 7-9 p.m.; ends Sept. 24. "Of Human Nature," ends Sun. Hours: Wed-Sun, 1-5 p.m. Canton Green, Route 44 (693-4102).

Gallery 44 — Fine paintings of 19th and 20th centuries. Hours: Tues-Fri, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; other times by appointment. 540 Main St., Route 44, New Hartford (379-2083).

Gallery/Shop at Wesleyan Potters — "Exhibition of Faculty Works," opens Tues, ends Oct. 7. "Current Works in Clay by Susan Mahler," ends Sat. Hours: Tues-Sat, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun, noon-4 p.m. 350 S. Main St., Middletown (344-0039 or 347-5923).

Glastonbury Art Guild — "Anything Goes," ends Sun. Hours: Fri-Sun, noon-4 p.m. 1396 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury (659-1196).

Greene Art Gallery — "Recent Works by Peter Zallinger," through Sept. 30. Hours: Mon-Sat, 10-5; Sun, noon-5 p.m. 29 Whitfield St., Guilford (453-5995).

ICR Gallery — "The Ties That Bind: Cambodian, Vietnamese, and Lao Wedding Traditions in New England," ends Sept. 15. Hours: weekdays, noon-4. Institute for Community Research, 2 Hartford Square West, Suite 100, Hartford (278-2044).

La Falce-Freshler Fine Art at Balcony Antiques — Traditional paintings by 19th and early 20th century artists, also recent works by artist Victoria Peacock and selected Russian artists. Hours: Mon-Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun, noon-5 p.m. 81 Albany Turnpike, Route 44, Canton (693-4478).

Marcus Gallery — "Paintings by Sharon Butler and Stoneware by Peter Leiberl," opens Sat; reception, Sat, 1-5 p.m.; ends Oct. 21. "Paintings by Janice DiBattista and monotypes by Saeed DeVore," ends today. Hours: Thurs-Sat, 1-5 p.m.; or by appointment. 10 Main St., Noank (572-9188).

Petrini Art Gallery — "Watercolors by Robert Noreika," ends today. Hours:

Provenance Gallery — "Landscapes and River Drawings," by John Ford and Jim Lee, reception, Sept. 8, 4:30-6:30 p.m., ends Oct. 29. Hours: Wed-Thurs, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; other times by appointment and during performances. Bushnell Memorial, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford (527-3123).

Real Art Ways — "The Green White House," monumental public art project by artist Karin Giusti; ends Sept. 22. Hours: Wed-Sat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority, 211 Murphy Road, Hartford. Gallery hours: Tues-Fri, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat, noon-5 p.m.; other times by appointment. 56 Arbor St., Hartford (232-1006).

Rose Farm Gallery — "At Home and Abroad," works by Robert McKnight; opens Fri; reception, Sept. 10, 1-5 p.m.; ends Oct. 15. Hours: Sat-Sun, 1-5 p.m. or by appointment. Route 82, East Hadam (873-9885).

Shippes Fine Art — Paintings by American impressionist Roger W. Dennis, sculpture by James Michael Tripp. Hours: by appointment. Mile Creek Road, Old Lyme (434-5108).

Very Special Arts Connecticut Gallery — "Young Artists With Pervasive Developmental Disabilities," ends Sept. 8. Hours: Mon-Fri, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Civic Center Mall, second floor, Asylum and Trumbull streets, Hartford (236-3812).

Wave — "Metal Clocks by Steven Buss, Glass Perfume Bottles by Beth Melecci and Shadow Box Collages by Graceann Warn," ends Mon. Hours: Mon-Sat, 10-6 p.m.; Sun, noon-5 p.m. 1046 Chapel St., New Haven (782-6212).

West Hartford Art League Inc. Galleries — Saltbox Gallery: "The Art of Love," works by Melinda Camber Porter, ends Sept. 24. Exhibit presents by Alliance Francaise de Hartford Inc. Hours: Tues-Sun, 1-4 p.m. 37 Buena Vista Road, West Hartford (521-3732).

West Hartford Public Library — "Pen and Ink Drawings," works by Charles Shulman, through Aug. Hours: Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun, 1-5 p.m. 20 S. Main St., West Hartford (523-3277).

Zuzu's Basement Gallery — "Coffee Talk," works by John F. McCormack, ends Sept. 24. Hours: Mon-Thurs, 6 a.m.-1 a.m.; Fri, 6 a.m.-2 a.m.; Sat, 11 a.m.-2 a.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. 103 Pratt St., Hartford (286-0665).

Schools & Colleges

Eastern Connecticut State University — "Traces: Ancient and Contemporary Art," opens today; reception, Sept. 10, 2-

of Children Who Need Legal Assistance," featuring paintings by A.N. Wyeth; Hours: Mon and Fri, 11-4:30 p.m.; Thurs 11-2 p.m., 4-7 p.m.; Sun, noon-4. Akus Gallery, Shafer Hall, 83 Winham St., Willimantic (465-4659).

Middlesex Community-Technical College — Pegasus Gallery, Chapman Hall: "Travel Sketches and Collages," by Diane Rubacha, ends Sept. 14. Hours: Mon, Fri, 2-4 p.m. The Niche, Founders Hall Lobby; "Primfire Pottery," raku ware by Tim Scull, through Sept. 29. Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:30-6; Fri, 8:30-4:30. 100

University of Connecticut — Homer Babidge Library, 369 Fairfield Road, Storrs (486-2219); "Uncertain Boundaries — Singular Destinations," opens Tues; reception, Wed, 3-5 p.m. Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8 a.m.-midnight; Fri, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

St. Joseph College — Art Study Gallery in Marcy Hall: "Vistas and Flora," ends Oct. 15. Hours: weekdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; other times by appointment. 1678 Asylum Ave., West Hartford (232-4571, Ext. 367).

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Arlo Guthrie and son to reopen Iron Horse

By ROGER CATLIN Courant Rock Critic

Things looked bleak last January when the Iron Horse Music Hall in Northampton, Mass., announced it was closing.

One of the best-known and best-loved music venues in the region, the hall went dark after a June 4 show by Garnet Rogers, ending 16 years of bringing the best in folk, jazz, rock and world music — as well as launching a full-scale musical renaissance in Northampton.

On Tuesday, the club, which is also a full-service restaurant, reopens with a two-day stint by one of the Berkshires' best-known residents, Arlo Guthrie, in concert with his son Abe. The two begin a solid two-month schedule so packed, it sometimes includes two shows the same night.

The Horse was purchased by Eric Suher, 30, who won a Massachusetts Young Entrepreneur Award last year for his successful screenprinting and apparel company in Holyoke. Suher (pronounced

"Sure") also has a longtime affiliation with NRHQ; he's been the band's manager for the past two years. (Therefore, the 'Q' has the distinction of being the second act to play the newly reopened club Sept. 7, in a show with Papa Chubby.)

Suher's biggest move came in hiring Iron Horse founder Jordi Herold as talent buyer on a consultant basis. Herold's connections and taste have resulted in a huge roster of talent for the revived club in just a matter of weeks.

One three-day stretch of shows alone features former Blondie star Debbie Harry performing with the Jazz Passengers Sept. 12, Leon Russell Sept. 13 and Brazilian jazz star Tania Maria Sept. 14.

Among the separate shows packed for the same night is a dizzying night of guitar juniors Sept. 22, when a set by country guitar scorcher Junior Brown is followed by an acoustic evening by alternative-rock guitar hero J Mascis of Dinosaur Jr.

The club pledges to bring even

bigger names for rare performances at the 170-seat venue. The biggest name next month is country star Hal Ketchum Sept. 23, in a show that's attracting interest from as far as New Jersey.

Other highlights in September include: Luther "Guitar Jr." Johnson Sept. 8, David Wilcox with Cosy Sheridan Sept. 9, Cheryl Wheeler Sept. 10, Mose Allison Sept. 15, Sir Roland Hanna Sept. 16, Richie Havens Sept. 17, Maury O'Connell with Darden Smith Sept. 18, the Innocence Mission Sept. 19, Leon Redbone Sept. 21, the Scud Mountain Boys with Five Chinese Brothers Sept. 24, Robert Earl Keen Jr. Sept. 25, Duce of Life Sept. 28, Ronnie Earl Sept. 29 and John Hartford Sept. 30.

Further down the road, the club has booked Haiti's Boukman Eksperyans on 1, Diamanda Galas Oct. 9 and 10, Jane Siberry Oct. 20 and 21, Jonathan Richman Oct. 23 and 24, Bela Fleck Oct. 31, Guy Clark with Townes Van Zandt Nov. 5 and Iris Dement Nov. 16.