

WORK_SPACE

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Local gallery hosting socially distant tours of “VETERANS ART OF ALL KINDS” exhibit

The Galleries @ WORK_SPACE are showcasing the creative work of Veterans and their family members (ages 18+) in its *Veterans Art of All Kinds* exhibit which will be on display from Friday, August 21st thru Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 903 Main Street in Downtown Manchester, CT.

Housed in WORK_SPACE, the **Town of Manchester’s Coworking Space & Meeting Center**, the Galleries are honored to showcase the talents and share the perspectives of New England based Veterans who have served and sacrificed for us all. In addition, WORK_SPACE is offering online programs related to the healing power of art and is partnering with the **Manchester Elks Lodge 1893** to pack 100 tote bags with a variety of art supplies to give to Veterans interested in exploring their own creativity and to experience the therapeutic benefits of art. Individuals and organizations interested in sponsoring a tote bag for a Veteran and Veterans interested in receiving art supplies can call or email for details.

Exhibit and workshop information can be found at: <http://workspacemanchester.com/art-culture/>.

Due to social distancing measures, individuals and groups are invited to call the Galleries at 860-647-3168 or email galleries@WORKSPACEmanchester.com to set up a time to view the exhibit or arrange a tour. WORK_SPACE is a great place to host an education event for children and adults, our staff is available to facilitate a conversation with a Veteran artist and/or educator in-person or online.

The galleries are open **weekdays 10a -4p**, by appointment, and during special open houses on:

- **Friday, Aug. 21st (5-8p) & Saturday Aug. 22nd (9a-2p)**
- **Thursday, Sept. 3rd (5-8p) - to coincide with Imagine Main Street**
- **Saturday Sept. 26th (9a-1p)**

Workshop 1: Power Word Art – Tues. Aug. 25, 7p-8:30p on Zoom

Multi-Media Artist, Educator and Veteran, Michelle Thomas leads a virtual 90-min interactive art workshop on the power of words and images. Participants will be guided through a simple process to paint an abstract background on an 8x10 canvas and then paint an empowering word or words on top. Cost: \$5, Free for Veterans. Includes art supplies which will be available for pick-up at WORK_SPACE. RSVP via <https://bit.ly/WordArtAugust> (discount code for Veterans is: Veterans).

Workshop 2: Mandala Making – Thurs. Sept. 10, 7p-8p on Zoom (Veterans Only)

Artist, Educator and Licensed Counselor, Kim Heil, leads a 60-min workshop on the theme of “integration” specifically designed for Veterans. This program is free and complimentary art supplies will be available for pick-up at WORK_SPACE. RSVP <https://bit.ly/MandalasSept> (open to Veterans only)

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