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MANCHESTER, CT - The Galleries @ WORK_SPACE are honored to exhibit VETERANS ART OF ALL KINDS, a showcase of the artistic creations of military veterans and their family members (18 years and older). Whether art is a vocation, hobby or therapeutic tool, we value the perspective of our Veterans and their family members. We welcome artists of all backgrounds and levels of proficiency to submit art of all kinds.

Show details and entry form can be found at: http://workspacemannchester.com/art-culture/. The form along with five digital submissions is due on or before August 6th.

We anticipate opening the weekend of August 21st to coincide with Art Füd's Silk City Art, Music & Beer Fest, although dates and format remain flexible due to the many unknowns we face in terms of social distancing. Below is our current timeline and we hope to add cultural events, educational workshops and docent led tours both in person and online. We are currently seeking Creative Community Ambassadors to help us implement these ideas and great visitors. We will also be working with the Manchester Elks Lodge to create “Art Packs” so that Veterans can have supplies to create from home.

Timeline:

Exhibit Dates: Fri. Aug. 21st - Sept. 26th 2020

Submissions Due: August 6th, 2020

Art Drop Off: Wed. Aug. 13th - Fri. Aug. 14th (10a-4p) and by appointment.

Open House: Fri. Aug 21st (5-8p) & Saturday Aug. 22nd (hours TBD)

In lieu of a traditional 2-hr art opening reception, we will have a 2-day open house so fewer people will be gathered at the gallery at any given time.

Gallery Hours: Mon.-Fri. (10a-4p) - except when an event is taking place in the Main Gallery

Sat. Sept. 26th (9a-1p) and other weekend hours by appointment.

Exhibit Curator: Christiane O'Brien, galleries@WORKSPACEmanchester.com, 860.647.3168
What We Are:
The Galleries @ WORK_SPACE include the traditional Main Gallery along Main Street, as well as the Loop Gallery connecting the meeting spaces on the 1st floor and Gallery 901, part of the 2nd floor collaborative commons.

What We Do:
Owned and operated by the Town of Manchester we are committed to celebrating art as a tool for social change, exploring diversity, fostering inclusion, provoking thought, shifting perspectives, building community, and inspiring creativity. We know and honor the power of art to heal, express emotions, stimulate conversation, and provide joy – both through its viewing and creation. We are dedicated to showcasing a variety of art and artists through exhibits, in-person programs, and virtual experiences. We strive to be home to a community of artists that meet, learn, create and work together.

What We Believe:
We believe that sharing ideas and supporting others within a diverse network leads to increased knowledge, inspiration, and success. We believe that by helping others to grow, when they "outgrow" us they will stay connected and give back to our WORK_SPACE family and the Manchester community. We believe all people deserve the right to benefit from the power of art to reflect and reimagine society.

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