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RDA's C.E.O., Randy Anagnostis, Steps Down After Nearly 4 Years

Randy Anagnostis, CEO, of the Rockville Downtown Association, Inc., has announced his pending resignation to the Board of Directors at their recent meeting held on January 13. The Board will meet again on February 10 to formally review his resignation request.

According to Anagnostis, his primary reason for joining the Rockville Downtown Association several years ago was to focus on economic development issues negatively affecting the historic downtown. He immediately established a long-range strategic vision to undertake a major Downtown Redevelopment Plan involving the major property owners in the historic downtown district. The plan was endorsed by both the individual property owners and the Vernon Town Council. This month, a selected real estate and property management development firm, HallKeen LLC of Norwood, Massachusetts, has begun their meetings with affected property owners to pursue the basic redevelopment concepts proposed by the RDA.

Anagnostis feels the timing is right for him to return full-time to his marketing consulting, graphic design and photography business now that the seeds have been planted to revitalize the downtown area. He has managed his own firm for 23 years and would like to commit his time once again to his numerous clients throughout New England.

RDA has seen an increase in its general membership and key sponsors recently and has managed to turn its various annual community events into revenue sources for the organization instead of operating losses. Many new programs and projects were created during Anagnostis' tenure, including the Gallery at Rockville General Hospital, the Annual Car Show, Cultural Arts Event, Community Message Board Project, a proposed Art In Public Spaces program, Downtown Locator Maps distributed to the general public, WiFi introduced into the downtown district, student internship positions in partnership with ECSU, new retail businesses established in the downtown, and many more services in support of the organization's membership. Anagnostis credits the RDA Board of Directors for its continuing commitment to the revitalization and restoration of the historic downtown Rockville community.

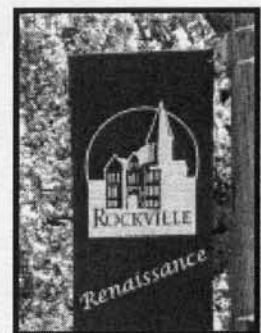
Governor Rell Proclaims February 10, 2009 as Connecticut Main Street Day

(Hartford, CT) - Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell has proclaimed February 10, 2009 Connecticut Main Street Day, observing the importance of vibrant downtown and neighborhood commercial districts to the state's economic competitiveness. The proclamation recognizes the contributions of many municipal and state officials, professionals in economic and community development and historic preservation and, most importantly, the thousands of Connecticut citizens who work together to revitalize their main street districts.

Connecticut Main Street Day 2009 will begin with a legislative networking breakfast at the state Legislative Office Building in Hartford. Connecticut Main Street members and their partner organizations and municipal officials will join state officials to discuss opportunities and challenges, the strategies and tactics they are utilizing to revitalize their main street districts, and what policies and regulations can be updated at the state level to ensure the success of these districts.

A Connecticut Main Street photo exhibit will be displayed in the cafe exit of the Legislative Office Building from February 2 - 13, 2009, featuring outstanding images of Connecticut Main Street Communities.

The Rockville Downtown Association, Inc. is a designated 'Main Street Community' under the auspices of the statewide Connecticut Main Street Centers.

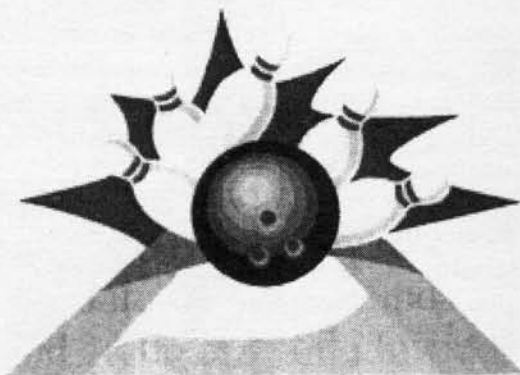




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Questions? Call our office at 860-875-7439

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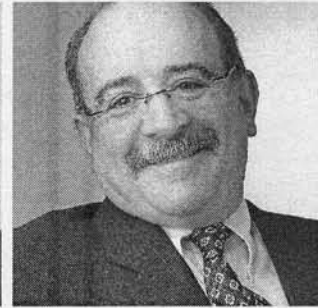
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Gallery at Rockville General Hospital – Current Exhibit Ends February 25 ~ 8th Exhibit to Open March 2 - Enter Your Artwork Now ~

The current quarterly art exhibit at the Gallery at Rockville General Hospital will run until February 25. The Gallery showcases local artists work and recent exhibits have featured hundreds of watercolor paintings, oils, acrylics and photography. Artist submissions for the next show beginning March 2 are now being accepted. Read the guidelines below and submit your work! Current winning artists are:

Watercolor

Elle Fagan - title: *Winter Arts Center Tolland*

Acrylic

Gisela Anagnostis - title: *Bamboo*

Oil

Eileen O'Connor - title: *Salzburg Christmas*

Photography

Tom Lynch - title: *Winter At Sturbridge*

The 'Best Of Show' award was presented to **Tom Lynch** for his photograph titled: *Winter At Sturbridge*



from l to r: Elle Fagan; Eileen O'Connor; Tom Lynch; Gisela Troisi; and Best of Show winner Tom Lynch with Andrew Beck, ECHN

Artist submissions now being accepted!

Call For Entries – Juried Exhibits – Acrylic, Oil, Watercolor Paintings, Photography

Original, contemporary and traditional 2-dimensional artworks in acrylic, oil, watercolor and photography will be considered from local Connecticut artists only. On-going open submissions will be accepted for three month exhibit periods. There is no entry fee. Up to 5 images may be submitted to be considered for exhibit.

Submission Format

1. Physical size limitation on the artwork is 36"x36" maximum dimension.
2. Electronic .JPG or .PDF file submissions are the only accepted format.
3. .JPG or .PDF files should be saved as: Last Name of Artist-Title.jpg or .pdf, for example: 'Jones-SunsetontheRiver.jpg' or 'Jones-SunsetontheRiver.pdf'. Adobe Photoshop or Acrobat Reader will be used to open these documents.
4. You must include in the body of your e-mail message: (1) Artist Name; (2) Title of Work(s); (3) Media; (4) Dimension; (5) Selling Price; (6) Contact Telephone Number; and (7) E-mail Address. Work not for sale must be clearly indicated "NFS".
5. Your submission must be sent via e-mail. No exceptions.

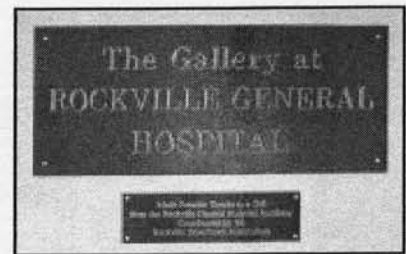
Send to rda@rdact.com with the Subject "Gallery Submission".

Submissions that do not conform to all of the above requirements will not be considered and you will receive no response.

Additional questions?

Contact the RDA office at 860-875-7439 or by e-mail to: rda@rdact.com.

Each exhibit will designate award ribbons for "Best Of Show"; First Place Acrylic Painting"; "First Place Oil Painting"; "First Place Watercolor Painting"; and "First Place Photography". There are no cash awards. Artists agree to drop off accepted artworks one week prior to an exhibition start date at the Rockville Downtown Association, Inc. offices at 30 Park Place, Rockville, CT or at Crystal Blueprint & Stationery at 21-25 West Main Street, or at the ECHN/RGH Community Relations office at 26B Union Street and pick up all artworks from the ECHN/RGH Community Relations offices at 26 Union Street within 10 days of the closing date of each exhibit.



VALENTINE BRUNCH To Support Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc.

The Hockanum Valley Community Council, Inc. will host a Valentine Brunch on Sunday, February 15, 2009 at Maneley's Banquet Facility in South Windsor. The brunch will run from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Tickets are available at \$28.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children 11 and under. PATRONS for the event are being invited to have their names displayed at the brunch for a cost of \$50.00. Reservation can be secured by calling 860-872-9825, or by completing the form below.

Please send me ___ tickets at \$28.00 each (for adults), ___ tickets at \$15.00 each (for children 11 and under) and ___ Patron tickets at \$50.00 each. I have enclosed a check made payable to HVCC for \$_____.

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The RDA Mission Statement:

The RDA is a grassroots, non-profit organization whose mission is to *Preserve, Promote and Enhance* Rockville's Historic Downtown and to create partnerships that stimulate economic activity and action for a renewed sense of pride and community.

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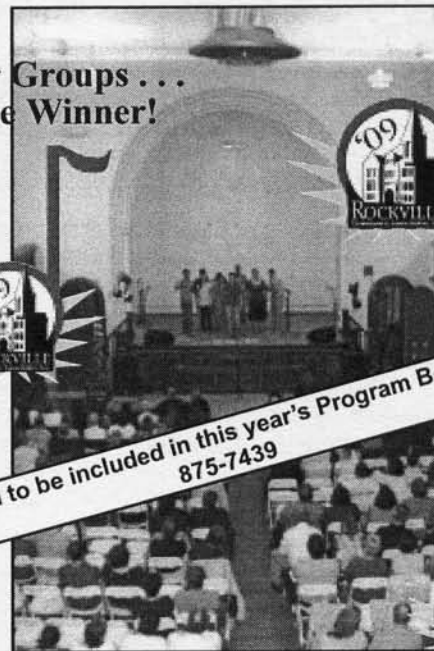
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