

Rowayton Library launches 2009 Summer Program: “Be Creative @ the Rowayton Library”

This summer, immerse yourself in the arts at the Rowayton Library. Everyone is invited to participate in and/or experience all forms of creativity: from artist exhibits, art education exhibitions, quilt and rug hooking exhibits, art workshops, concerts, music, dance, poetry, photography, origami, beading, books, movies, stories, and so much more.

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Wednesday, July 1 @ 4pm: Digital Photography Scavenger Hunt for Kids with Andrea Letters (ages 8 and up) – member of the Rowayton Arts Center. Kids, come explore the world through the lens of the digital camera. Come work with photographer Andrea Letters (from the Rowayton Arts Center) and catch a glimpse of the extraordinary in the ordinary. This program is free and open to the public. Space is limited, therefore registration is required. If you do not own a digital camera, please let us know and we will provide one for the session.

Thursday, July 2 @ 3:30pm: KnittingTime with Nancy Jo Rambusch (ages 8 & up) Every Thursday this summer. Please join in and learn the art of knitting with Mrs. Rambusch. Children ages 8 and up are welcome. Supplies will be provided or bring your current project in. A courtesy reservation would be appreciated.

Monday, July 6 – July 11: Art Education Exhibit – Diego Rivera

The Rowayton Library will be displaying this Teacher’s Discovery Traveling Exhibit featuring the spectacular murals of Diego Rivera which are considered a national treasure of Mexico. These giant reproductions feature the beautiful “*Sunday Afternoon in Alameda Park;*” the exhibit celebrates art, Spanish language, Mexican culture and history. The exhibit also features a scene from a mural painted in the University at Chapingo in Mexico in 1926 as well as a wonderful selection, called *The Flower Vendor* from the series that featured calla lilies and native Mexicans. There are free supplemental materials and activities to support the exhibit along with books and research articles.

Monday, July 6 @ 3pm: Acrylic Painting Workshop for Kids – Merion Frolich (ages 8 & up) learn how to use acrylic paints and paint a picture of your favorite stuffed animal – bring one along – *Ms. Frolich is a member of the Rowayton Arts Center.* Space is limited; therefore, a courtesy reservation is requested.

Tuesday, July 7 @ 2pm: OrigamiTime – learn to make wonderful creations from paper.

Tuesday, July 7 @ 6pm: Twilight BookTalk for Kids (ages 12 & up) – book discussion, pizza, games & prizes – “Bella Swan’s move to Forks, a small, perpetually rainy town in Washington, could have been the most boring move she ever made. But once she

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meets the mysterious and alluring Edward Cullen, Bella's life takes a thrilling and terrifying turn. Up until now, Edward has managed to keep his vampire identity a secret in the small community he lives in, but now nobody is safe, especially Bella, the person Edward holds most dear." Multiple copies are available at the Rowayton Library. This program is made possible – in part – through a grant from the *Connecticut Humanities Council*. Space is limited; therefore a courtesy reservation is requested.

Wednesday, July 8 @ 2pm: BeadingTime – Special Demonstration Class with Nancy Wall of Alden Beads (Beadworks Norwalk) and author of *Simply Silver, Simply Gold: Designs for Creating Precious Bead Jewelry*. Please join us for a demonstration in beading techniques and design with author/designer Nancy Wall. Materials are provided by Beadworks Norwalk. Everyone is welcome (ages 8 & up). A courtesy reservation would be appreciated.

Friday, July 10 @ 10:30am: Author StoryTime with the Muttmulligans – local author Archie Urciuoli "Grumpy" (ages birth & up). "*Little Brother's Narrow Escape* is the first Muttmulligan book. It introduces the Muttmulligans, and tells the story of the first adventure of little brother and sister. The Muttmulligan family goes off for a picnic, but little brother's love for dandelions leads him astray. The scent of his belch alerts the fox, and only father's alertness and little brother's courageous act saves the Muttmulligans from big trouble. There is a moral to the story."

Friday, July 10 @ 7pm: Lecture & Reception – On Diego Rivera with Yolanda Petrocelli – Yolanda Vasquez Petrocelli was born in Mexico D.F. in a family of artists. At very early age she knew she would become an artist. Petrocelli's education began at the San Carlos Academy (Zocalo) at the heart of Mexico City. She continued her studies at the University of the Americas Cholula Puebla where she studied painting with Joy La Ville in the 1970's. She received her BFA in photography and printmaking from the University of Texas at Austin TX where she studied with Gary Winogrand, H. Geresheim, and Lee Chesney. Vasquez Petrocelli has a running solo show at the Silvermine Gallery of Art June 14 through July 15. A new solo show is scheduled at Norwalk Community College for August 16 through September 15. *Ms. Petrocelli is a member of the Center for Contemporary Printmaking.*

Saturday, July 11 – July 17: Art Education Exhibit – M.C. Escher

Be amazed by Amazed by Tessellation Master M.C Escher! The Rowayton Library will be displaying this Teacher's Discovery Traveling Exhibit featuring the fascinating paintings and drawings of the master of artistic illusion, M.C. Escher. These giant reproductions celebrate fine art and the lifelike drawing that you can't tear your eyes from, including the famous *Drawing Hands* in which the two hands seem to draw each other! There are free supplemental materials and activities to support the exhibit along with books and research articles.

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Monday, July 13 @ 3pm: Collage Workshop for Kids with Hu Lindsay (ages 8 & up). "What If and Why Not?" (putting all the pieces together) The art of collage can be said to consist of juxtaposing - or "just supposing..." It entails a constant process of contrasting and blending: colors, textures, objects, feelings and the creation of moods. It can soothe or startle, evoke laughter or tears, and above all satisfy something the viewer did not expect. *Hu Lindsay is the president of the Rowayton Arts Center.* A courtesy reservation is requested.

Wednesday, July 15 @10am-2pm: Goodwives Rug Hooking Exhibition

Friday, July 17 @ 2pm: Tessellations! with Esta Berman-Price (ages 10 & up)
Experiment with shape and design and create your own Tessellations. What are Tessellations? The word 'tessera' in Latin means a small stone cube. They were used to make up 'tessellata' - the mosaic pictures forming floors and tilings in Roman buildings. Here, the term has become more specialized and is used to refer to pictures or tiles, mostly in the form of animals and other life forms, which cover the surface of a plane in a symmetrical way without overlapping or leaving gaps. *Ms. Berman-Price is an educator and also involved with the Artists' Market.* A courtesy reservation is requested.

Friday, July 17 @ 7pm: Lecture & Reception – On MC Escher with Jeffrey Price.
Walking up stairs and down stairs at the same time is perfectly understandable to Jeffrey Price. He has often seen birds turn into fish, and on his walls reptiles have been known to vanish into infinity. For over twenty-five years Jeffrey has collected and researched the unique art of the Dutch printmaker M. C. Escher, who died in 1972 and created images that are often seen on posters and tee shirts as well as in art museums. One of the few collections of original Escher prints is in Norwalk Connecticut at Artists' Market, the gallery Jeffrey Price has owned for over thirty years. "Escher's work is a peculiar combination of inspiration and analysis. He really solves left-brained problems - the mathematical ones - with the creativity of the right side of the brain. Perhaps that is why it appeals to so many people. Engineers, philosophers, scientists and poets all find something personal in his work. And for art collectors, Escher created some of the finest crafted and rarest of all twentieth century prints."

Saturday, July 18 – July 25: Art Education Exhibit – Hokusai

The Rowayton Library will be displaying this Teacher's Discovery Traveling Exhibit featuring the fascinating paintings and prints of Hokusai, one of the most famous Japanese painters in history. These giant reproductions feature *The Great Wave Off Kanagawa*. There are free supplemental materials and activities to support the exhibit along with books and research articles.

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Saturday, July 18 @ 12:30pm: Kids' Concert – the Talent Education Suzuki School (TESS) – everyone is invited. The students of TESS will perform for the community. “The Suzuki method was developed after World War II during Japan's recovery from the war. In the midst of his country's restoration efforts, Dr. Shinichi Suzuki was asked to teach a four-year-old to play the violin. He realized the child's great potential: a blank slate of fresh ability that was full of youthful hope. He believed that if children could learn to play expressively and with sensitivity to the spirit of music, they would develop benevolent hearts and become citizens of the highest character. He dreamt that such people would lead the way to a peaceful world. He felt that children have the ability to express themselves musically, given the proper instruction in a nurturing environment. The mission of TESS is to provide the highest level of music education for each student accordingly.”

Saturday, July 18 @ 2-5pm: BookSale @ the Rowayton Library UnderGround - \$10 entrance fee and you get to fill a bag with books (bags provided). \$5 for each additional bag.

Sunday, Jul 19 @ 2pm: Haiku, Sumi & Shakuhachi with Stephen Maye (poetry, brush painting workshop, music) – everyone is invited. Haiku is the non-rhyming poetic form made of three lines with syllables counted 5-7-5. The four major patriarchs are Basho, Buson, Issa and Shiki. Sumi is the Japanese word for black ink. Sumi-e means “black ink painting.” Sumi ink and compressed ink-sticks were invented in China around 5,000 years ago. There is nothing in the world like facing a blank sheet of white paper and jumping off onto the “Inknown” with a brush-tip drenched in ultra-black ink. The shakuhachi is a unique bamboo flute which was brought from India and China into Japan in the Sixth Century. Its name refers to its length in an ancient numbering system. Please join us for an afternoon distraction of Haiku poetry, Sumi brush painting and Shakuhachi music.

Monday, July 20 @ 3pm: Japanese Fan Painting Workshop for Kids with Edith McClean and Margo Packer (ages 6 & up) Using paints and your imagination, come decorate Japanese fans and enter the world of Hokusai – *Edith McClean and Margo Packer are members of the Rowayton Arts Center.* A courtesy reservation is requested.

Tuesday, July 21, 22, 23 @ 9:45-11:45am: Landscape Painting Workshop at Farm Creek Nature Preserve with Tom Ranges (ages 8 & up) - meet at the Rowayton Library each morning for 3 day workshop (weather permitting). "When a painting works, you know it right away. There's a harmony that's immediately pleasing to your eyes." *Tom Ranges is a member of the Rowayton Arts Center.* A courtesy reservation is requested.

Tuesday, July 21 @10am-2pm: Goodwives Quilters Exhibition. The Goodwives Quilters is more than 70 members strong, many with vast experience with quilting. Projects of the group include quilts for: NNIC Unit at Stamford Hospital, Birthright Norwalk, Veteran's of Rocky Hill CT, Malta House Norwalk, Veterans New Haven, AmeriCares, Aids, Hospice, Breast Cancer Groups including Whittingham Center, and many more. Gatherings include speakers, workshops, & some day trips. This exhibition will include more than 50

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handmade quilts from the membership. Goodwives Quilters meets every Tuesday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Rowayton Community Center.

Tuesday, July 21 @ 11am-1pm: Hot Dog Day @ the Rowayton Library – free hot dogs for everyone. Come join us!

Friday, July 24 @ 10:30am: Author StoryTime with the *Muttmulligans* – local author Archie Urciuoli “Grumpy” (ages birth & up). "*Little Sister's New Friends* is the second Muttmulligan book. It re-introduces the Muttmulligans, and tells the story of the second adventure of little brother and little sister. The two little Muttmulligans go off to play, but, contrary to their mother's instructions, separate from one-another. Farmer Corelli's bull "Big Thunder" chases little sister, but she is saved by some fantastic new friends. There is a moral to the story.”

Friday, July 24 @ 7pm: Lecture & Reception – *Hokusai* with Joan Peterdi as we learn about Hokusai in time and place, about Hokusai the man, about Hokusai in Japanese art and then take part in a demonstration of the craft of Hokusai. *Joan Peterdi is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Center for Contemporary Printmaking.*

Monday, July 27 – August 1: Art Education Exhibit – Jackson Pollock

The Rowayton Library will be displaying this Teacher’s Discovery Traveling Exhibit featuring the fascinating paintings of American artist Jackson Pollock. These giant reproductions celebrate American history, fine art, and the most famous Abstract Expressionist painter ever. Featured is a life size reproduction *Of Lavender Mist!* There are free supplemental materials and activities to support the exhibit along with books and research articles.

Monday, July 27 @ 3pm: Drips Painting Workshop for Kids with Margo Packer (ages 6 & up) Free up your spirit with expressive painting as Jackson Pollock taught us – drips and drops – *Margo Packer is a member of the Rowayton Arts Center.* A courtesy reservation is requested.

Thursday, July 30 @ 7:30am: Business & Bagels: *Taking Networking to the Next Level* with Diane Winston. Diane Winston is founder and principal of Winston Strategic Partners, LLC, a business strategy and communications consulting firm based in Norwalk, Connecticut. Winston Strategic Partners is a certified M/WBE with the S.B.A., State of Connecticut D.A.S. and the Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council.

She launched the firm after a 20-year career with Citibank that concluded after she led the Bank’s global Y2K Client Communications effort for the Cash & Trade organizations; following Citibank, she joined AXA Financial as the Director of IT Communications for a

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brief stint -- cut short by a corporate restructure after 9/11 – after which she was recruited to a two-year consulting assignment with Pitney Bowes to lead the company’s global communications strategy for their HR Transformation Project. Her experience in corporate roles has provided her a solid foundation upon which she builds communications initiatives to engage employees and help organizations to define revenue-impacting strategies for products, projects and change management efforts. She continues to be regarded as a practiced listener with strong interpersonal skills and strategic capabilities – qualities highly valued by clients seeking direction for their communications initiatives.

She is currently a member of the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC); a Racer in Make Mine A Million Program for women business owners, sponsored by Count Me In; and an active member of the Westchester/Greater Connecticut chapter of the National Black MBA Association (NMBBAA-WGC). Her community service includes launching the NMBBAA-WGC chapter’s Leaders of Tomorrow® (LOT) Youth Mentoring Program, serving as LOT Chair from 2006-8, and currently serves as a mentor in the program. She also supports the local Fairfield office of SCORE as an occasional workshop speaker.

Diane has a BA in political science from New York University, a MBA in finance from the University of Chicago and recently completed a course in the Executive Education Program at Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. She lives in Norwalk, Connecticut with her husband. This program is made possible – in part – through the generosity of SCORE.

Thursday, July 30 @ 10am & 11am: Music Together (pre-school) – two sessions. Music Together® began as an educational project of the Center for Music and Young Children in 1987. In the 20 years that have followed those first classes, Music Together has grown to a nationally taught, nationally acclaimed program that has reached thousands of families in 36 states and several foreign countries. Pre-schools and Day-care centers everywhere have integrated Music Together songs and activities into their programs. Our mission is to provide the highest quality music and movement experiences to as many young children as possible, involving their parents and other adult caregivers, including early childhood professionals. For more information on Music Together, visit www.mtfcinfo.com.

Friday, July 31 @ 10:30am: Author StoryTime with the *Muttmulligans* – local author Archie Urciuoli “Grumpy” (ages birth & up). “*Life changes of the Muttmulligans* is the third Muttmulligan book. The first book featured little brother’ temptations and heroics, and the second book followed little sister’s encounters with some very unusual creatures. This third book tells about their adjustments to their new siblings, and some harrowing moments caused by their curiosity about changes going on in their neighborhood. There is a moral to the story.”

Saturday, August 1 @ 10:30am: DanceTime with Kinderdance (pre-school)
Kinderdance® programs are designed to be an integral part of your preschooler’s “school

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day". They blend educational concepts with various forms of movement, dance, and gymnastics. The programs help develop gross motor skills, movement creativity, fitness, and body awareness. The class is taught incorporating original and traditional age-appropriate music and songs. The Library's program (for children ages 3-5) is a developmental dance, motor development and fitness program teaching the basics of Ballet, Tap, Acrobatics and Creative Movement while blending educational concepts.

Monday, August 3 – August 10: Art Education Exhibit – Pablo Picasso

The Rowayton Library will be displaying this Teacher's Discovery Traveling Exhibit featuring the fascinating paintings of Pablo Picasso, Spanish artist. Picasso is regarded as the father of the art movement called *Cubism*. These giant reproductions include one of the most famous of his paintings, *Guernica*. The exhibit celebrates art, Spanish language, history and culture! There are free supplemental materials and activities to support the exhibit along with books and research articles.

Monday, August 3 @ 3pm: Shapes Drawing Workshop with Annalisa Schaefer (ages 8 & up) There's a great big drawing secret I'll tell you that can open up a whole new world of drawing possibilities. Ready? I'll whisper it to you: Everything you see around you is made up of shapes; even the most complicated castle or sleek-looking cheetah is made up of small, simple shapes. They're working together to fool you into thinking they're hard to draw, but they're really not. Follow me and we'll learn how to draw anything you want, just by breaking things down into shapes. *Annalisa Schaefer is a member of the Rowayton Arts Center.* A courtesy reservation is requested.

Saturday, August 8 @ 10:30am: Book Launch for local children's author Jeremi Bigosinski and *Adventures in Hippoville*. *Adventures in Hippoville: Harry Hippo's Lake Party*, written and illustrated by Jeremi Bigosinski, is the second book in the Hippoville series. Thirty-two pages of whimsical adventure chase Harry Hippo and Icdabaa as they find unexpected new friends in their breakfast. Grateful for rescue, the animals invite Harry to a lake party. But Harry has a problem: he can't swim! Come help up celebrate this new episode in life in Hippoville. Fun for children of all ages. Reception and book signing.

Sunday, August 9 @ 4pm: Connecticut Chamber Orchestra – *Bach to Broadway*. A musical interlude – an ensemble of artists performing masterworks of all periods, Sayard Stone, music director and conductor.

Monday, August 10 @ 3pm: Pastel Drawing Workshop with Jessica Huse (ages 8 & up) Try out this drawing medium – a mixture of chalk and crayon with all sorts of stylistic possibilities – *Jessica Huse is a member of the Rowayton Arts Center.* A courtesy reservation is requested.

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Friday, August 28 @ 10:30am: Author StoryTime with the *Muttmulligans* – local author Archie Urciuoli “Grumpy” (ages birth & up). “*The Muttmulligans' Big Surprise* is the fourth Muttmulligan book. It tells the story of the latest adventure of brother and sister Muttmulligans, now with their new baby siblings. Big brother and big sister are proud to be teaching the new babies about life in their neighborhood. After playing in the snow, they overhear two little girls talking about their “big day” which is fast approaching. Although very curious about this, the four little Muttmulligans return to their burrow to sleep, but then something in little brother's dream prompts a nighttime exploration which leads to a very surprising encounter. There is a message to the story.”

Weekly Events for the Summer: *Be Creative @ the Rowayton Library*

StoryTime for Kids: Monday through Friday @ 10:30am beginning July 7

TeaTime: Tuesdays @ 2pm

OrigamiTime: Tuesdays @ 2pm beginning July 7

BeadingTime: Wednesdays @ 2pm beginning July 8

LateNight @ the Rowayton Library: Wednesdays open until 7pm

KnittingTime: Thursdays @ 3:30pm beginning July 2

MovieTime for Kids: Fridays @ 2pm beginning July 10

Art Education Exhibits @ the Rowayton Library

As part of the *Be Creative @ the Rowayton Library* Summer Program, each week a different art education exhibit will be displayed at the Rowayton Library. These exhibits have been created by Teacher's Discovery. Each exhibit contains 3 giant panels displaying the specific artist's work and information about the artist. The Rowayton Library will be exhibiting Diego Rivera, MC Escher, Hokusai, Jackson Pollock and Pablo Picasso. There are fun facts, books, games, puzzles, and projects to supplement the exhibit. Fun and learning for the entire family. Please join us. The exhibits will be available for viewing during normal library hours and special events.

Artist Exhibits @ the Rowayton Library

As part of the *Be Creative @ the Rowayton Library* Summer Program, each week a different local artist will exhibit their work in the window display at the Rowayton Library. These artists have volunteered their time and talent and will be offering free creative workshops to the community at the Rowayton Library during this summer program. All are members of the Rowayton Arts Center. This program is *community collaboration* between the Rowayton Arts Center and the Rowayton Library.

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The week of June 27:	Andrea Letters, photographer.
The week of July 4:	Merion Frolich, artist
The week of July 11:	Hu Lindsay, artist
The week of July 18:	Edith McClean, artist
The week of July 25:	Margo Packer, artist
The week of August 1:	Annalisa Schaefer, artist
The week of August 8:	Jessica Huse, artist

THE ROWAYTON ARTS CENTER was founded in February of 1960 for the study, creation, and appreciation of the arts. Its purpose is to exhibit the work of local artists, and to provide a meeting place for lectures, films, classes, and mutual exchange of ideas relating to all the arts. The RAC is a surprising little organization. Located in the former Rowayton Library, on the bank of Five Mile River, it forms a lively focal point for creation and appreciation of today's art in a setting that evokes the ambiance of yesteryear.

RAC counts among its six hundred members some of the most professional artists in the area, as well as talented amateurs and beginners. RAC exists to exhibit and sell the works of these creative people, conduct classes at all levels, and serve as a cultural center for the community. It is a non-profit organization, supported by modest membership's dues, classes, commissions on sales of arts and crafts, and fund-raising events. The RAC is located at 145 Rowayton Avenue, Rowayton, CT; www.rowaytonartscenter.org

THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY PRINTMAKING has become a unique cultural resource, acclaimed and respected by those interested in works on paper. It is a place to discover, to experiment, to learn. The entire spectrum of printmaking arts is here to be explored through workshops, collaborations with master printers, exhibitions, community programs, and an Artist-in-Residence Program. The CCP is located at Mathews Park, 299 West Avenue, Norwalk, CT; www.contemprints.org

THE FARM CREEK NATURE PRESERVE is a quiet place; a piece of open land shared by its wild residents with humans.

People are welcome there from sun-up to sundown; early morning runners, walkers, bikers, children of all ages, plein aire painters and photographers. With its changing light and vistas of the salt marsh, woodland, and stone barn there is much to catch on paper, canvas or film. Glimpses of wildlife such as egrets, herons, swans, woodchucks, deer and their spotted fauns are extra special subjects for children whose backyards are landscaped decks. The changing tides offer endless opportunities to study the inhabitants of the marsh and mudflats and perhaps even render them on paper with paint or charcoal.

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Locally known for 50 years as “Hart’s Castle” this land is treasured by Rowayton residents. To share it with everyone who enjoys passive pursuits is the goal of those who are working so hard to preserve it in perpetuity. The Farm Creek Nature Preserve is located at 34 Sammis Street, Rowayton, CT; www.norwalklandtrust.org/farmcreek.html

THE CONNECTICUT HUMANITIES COUNCIL is a public foundation incorporated in 1973 as a state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Their mission is: *...to provide opportunities for all the people of Connecticut to rediscover the joy of lifelong learning, to see themselves in the full context of their history and heritage, and to explore the infinite varieties of human thought and experience contained in our literature and expressed in our arts that give shape and direction to our lives; www.ctculture.org/*

THE ROWAYTON LIBRARY upholds the principles of intellectual freedom by providing people of all ages with access to information that reflects varying points of view. The Library strives to offer an attractive, comfortable setting in which to read, study, research, and learn with the help of a dedicated staff. The Rowayton Library aims to foster a lifelong love of words, language and learning among the community's youth. Finally, the Library serves to act as a resource to the local governing bodies, community associations and interest groups; www.Rowayton.org.

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National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). This grant is part of a free initiative that helps teach American history and culture by bringing some of the country's great art directly to communities through the schools and libraries. The Rowayton Library received 40 large, high-quality reproductions of great American art; "Creativity & Ingenuity" is the selection which is now being displayed in the storefronts in downtown Rowayton just in time to celebrate our nation's birthday and in celebration of the Library's Summer Program: *Be Creative @ the Rowayton Library*.

About the display: "Americans are a creative and resourceful people. Our exuberance and ingenuity have frequently found expression in everyday objects that both serve a practical purpose and please the senses. These objects capture Americans' talent for solving problems, and convey our forward-looking optimism as well as our regard for the past."

"Unique and highly skilled craftsmanship is a hallmark of American artists, and the Picturing America collection includes many fine examples--from soaring skyscrapers and massive bridges, to beautiful silver teapots and intricate pottery and quilts. These works helped pave the way for future innovations and highlight the triumph of the American creative spirit."

"Works of art are more than mere ornaments for the elite; they are primary documents of a civilization. A written record or a textbook tells you one thing—but art reveals something else. Our citizens deserve to see American art that shows us where we have come from, what we have endured, and where we are headed," stated Chairman Cole of the NEH.

Picturing America has received broad-based national support from federal agencies, the arts community, and educators, among others. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, (HHS) Office of Head Start, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and the National Park Service (NPS) partnered with the NEH and have been instrumental in expanding the reach of the program.

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