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### Area artists featured in Wilton Library's exhibition opening June 1

Wilton, CT – Whether from backgrounds of business careers or art school educated, the twelve artists from NEST Arts Factory will put on a dazzling display of their talents when Wilton Library welcomes them in an opening reception on Friday, June 1, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The featured artists are Kristen Ambrosi—Fairfield, Patrice Barrett—Easton, Carlos Davila—Bridgeport, Jane Davila—Bridgeport, Gwen Hendrix—Oxford, Phyllis Lee—Westport, Kristin Merrill—Easton, Meighan Morrison—Bridgeport, Jill Morton—Wilton, Susan Taylor Murray—Monroe, Denise Susalka—Redding, and Janice Sweetwater—Redding. The artists work in a wide array of media including watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel, graphics, mixed media, sculpture and framed jewelry. Their styles and choices of subject matter are as diverse as the artists' backgrounds, using portraits, still life, abstracts, botanicals, landscapes and more as the basis of their works.

Ed MacEwen, the library's art chairman, remarked about the group, "I was fortunate last year to catch an exhibition by this talented cadre of artists and felt that their diversity in style and form would be perfect for the library's walls."

The NEST Arts Factory is a community of artists inspired by their surroundings in a reimagined factory building in Bridgeport. According to the group's website, its mission is "to showcase and nurture artists, musicians, and the creative process. To provide a unique and inspiring environment to explore and discover art and music while enabling artists and musicians to experiment and collaborate across disciplines and media." The NEST began as an outgrowth of the Cricket Hosiery Co., the first company to combine computers with knitting machines to create graphically-designed socks. A number of graphic artists were employed to design the socks, thereby establishing an early relationship with the local arts community. As excess factory space became available, artists began to move into the space. With the decline of business, artist

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easels and drawing tables replaced knitting machines as the space gave over entirely to the new NEST Arts Factory.

The reception is free and open to the public. Most of the seventy works will be available to purchase with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the library. The exhibition runs through June 28. The media sponsor for the exhibition is *The Wilton Bulletin*.

Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center. Library hours are Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. The library will be closed for Sunday hours beginning June 24. For information and directions, visit [www.wiltonlibrary.org](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org) or call 203-762-6334.

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**Caption:** Wilton Library welcomes members of the NEST Arts Factory in an opening reception on Friday, June 1, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The twelve featured artists are Kristen Ambrosi—Fairfield, Patrice Barrett—Easton, Carlos Davila—Bridgeport, Jane Davila—Bridgeport, Gwen Hendrix—Oxford, Phyllis Lee—Westport, Kristin Merrill—Easton, Meighan Morrison—Bridgeport, Jill Morton—Wilton, Susan Taylor Murray—Monroe, Denise Susalka—Redding, and Janice Sweetwater—Redding. The exhibition runs through June 28. A portion of the proceeds benefits the library. Reception is free and open to the public. Pictured by artist – top row (l-r): Gwen Hendrix, Patrice Barrett, Meighan Morrison, Jane Davila; middle row (l-r): Jill Morton, Susan Taylor Murray, Denise Susalka, Kristen Ambrosi; bottom row (l-r): Kristin Merrill, Phyllis Lee, Carlos Davila and Janice Sweetwater. Wilton Library, 137 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton, CT, [www.wiltonlibrary.org](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org); 203-762-3950.