



The ^{ARTS} Bethel Lark

The artisans newsletter of the Bethel Historical Society

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Artisans & Vendors Festival - Bethel, CT

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Welcome to the 2013 Artisans & Vendors Festival



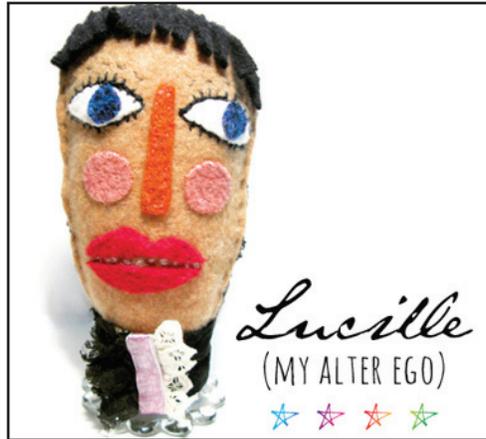
A Collection of Artists, Makers, Collectors, Curators... "A Celebration of Neat Stuff!"

We have, and we hope you agree on this point, brought together today in this space some of the most wonderful and talented and creative people in our area.

In putting together this event, it was impossible not to be awed, to have jaw dropped to the floor, and just marvel at what each person here has added to this day. Like a bazaar of old, in the building that holds such a large center of Bethel's history, an artisans festival with all sorts of shiniest and amazings and histories has sprung to life. It seems perfect and beyond.

The arts and love of beauty and imagination and support of the same, sometimes is difficult to achieve - if you found something today, if a piece tickles your mind, then this small supplement to The Bethel Lark will potentially provide the impetus to reach back out to one of our vendors and even if but to say hello, and tell them that something they had, today, is still on the mind months later. Has moved you to remember, and recall. For isn't that the heart of art and beauty after all?

Enjoy!



I've always been a collector and a maker. I often work with textiles that have a past - an old sweater, a lost mitten, a shirt that's no longer wanted by its original owner. I like to sew by hand, enjoying the meditative repetition of the stitches in the soft old cloth. I also love texture and color. I am drawn to pretty, sparkly jewels, shiny metal, lustrous silk, homespun linen. So, sometimes I hammer and sometimes I stitch. Making things keeps me centered.

Morna Crites-Moore - www.wickedwaif.com



The ancient art of the blacksmith lies in shaping hot iron with hammer and anvil. I try to keep that tradition at the core of my work. It's all about the subtle curves, the tapers and graduated twists that can only be achieved working at a red heat. I make tools and kitchen utensils and fixtures but when I get it right they are also an exploration of form and the frozen plasticity of cold iron.

Semiosis Forge - Chris Doherty
Artist/ Blacksmith
www.etsy.com/shop/SemiosisForge



I like to observe and record in my pastels and watercolors the beauty I find in nature. Nature is a divine source of creation and inspiration. Wanting to preserve its beauty and help people see that beauty in hopes of preservation. My Jewelry is inspired by the symmetry and design in nature. Spirals of shells, vines, flowers, patterns. All are reflected in my jewelry art.

Karen Ciocca
Moonflower Studio
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For many years I did different crafts. For gifts at holiday time with my daughters. Some were candles for school projects. Then I discovered candles burnt half way and then thrown out. I started the Eco-Friendly Candles. Made from recycled candle wax. It gives me great pleasure to make something beautiful from the left overs.

Candles by Cathy
Cathy Golankiewicz
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A resident of Brookfield, Lorraine Ballato acquired her skills at the renowned Brookfield Craft Center. LadyBeadZ jewelry is known for the use of Swarovski crystals, fresh water pearls, gemstones, semi-precious stones, vintage glass, specialty beads, polished quartz, and cubic zirconia. Stones and beads are presented in sterling silver, Argentinium and Bali silver, gold filled, vermeil and alternative metals. Special orders and customized jewelry for smaller or larger sizes, special events, etc. are services LadyBeadZ offers her customers.
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Monthly programs are presented on varied historical subjects. Also offered are programs geared toward the education of children such as monthly historical craft classes, Walking Tours of Bethel and a Child's Victorian Christmas Tea.



The Bethel Lark

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Wendy Smith
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I've been painting for many years and been a poet and writer. The two came together when I created a book of satirical animal poems call 'The Chicken Club.' The chickens formed an investment club, and took on all sorts of women's issues, as a send-up of the women's movement.

My first watercolor illustrations were for 'The Chicken Club.' Now I am represented by the Virginia Barrett Gallery in Greenwich, CT and I do custom work. The buyer and I will discuss the painting's subject matter before I begin -- just to make sure we agree as the work is meant to be humorous and one-of-a-kind.

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Kathy McDonald - Chalkware



In need of a lovely venue with a full kitchen, to hold an event or party? The 2nd Meeting House can be rented for an afternoon or evening! Contact Marc at 203 794 1050



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"Noesis" is knowledge that spills from the aether into the mind, and the mind recognizes it to be pure, and come from higher sources. This is not so much about reason and logic, but more akin to the idea that the mind feels a noetic current, in the world, (akin in a way to feeling a sort of zeitgeist, if you will) and thus immediate understanding comes upon the beholder.

Noetic Light Photography
www.noetic-light.com



Bethel Photoworks Gallery offers a large variety of photos, posters prints, and original art. We have new shows and events planned throughout the year featuring many artists. If you are interested in exhibiting at the gallery, contact us for a portfolio review or for more info. The gallery is also available to lease for special events, meetings workshops and more.

Bethel Photoworks
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...the stories eternally divine, the essence essentially entwines, and the words which wind the wonderment of a whimsical and imaginative world, rely... Thus, in a world of plenty when so many are so quick to trade in the tales of darkness, we are here to dare to speak of the stories of light.

Seraphemera Books
www.seraphemera.org
www.garbanzoliteryjournal.org



Although working with a diverse range of media, Simon Tyszkó's work is a unity.

The artist's materials include neon, video, bookworks, film, fabrics and assembled objects, whose area of exploration tends to a retrospective enquiry of the emotions-usually autobiographical, and often based around the family.

Simon Tyszkó
www.theculture.net



I started turning pens eight years ago as a hobby. I use all types of wood in my turnings. I also turn acrylic and stamp pens. The pens are all hand turned in Bethel Connecticut.

Christopher A Bray Jr

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A Little History of Bethel - A Unique Holiday Treasure

Blank Journals That Are Also Full of Numerous Photographs from the Archives

The Bethel Historical Society in conjunction with Bethel bookmakers Seraphemera Books, announces a collection of handmade Bethel-themed journals that will be available starting in October 2013.

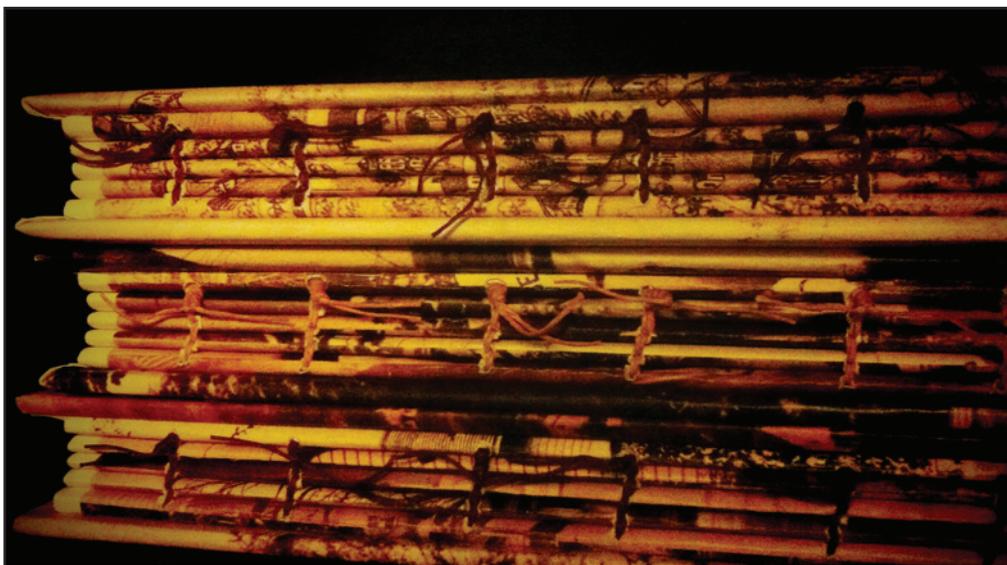
There will be six different journals with the themes:

1. The Barnum of Barnums
2. The O.H. Bailey 1879 Map
3. Hatters Amongst Us
4. Railroading Through Bethel
5. Buildings 'Round Town
6. The People We Knew

The journals measure approximately six inches wide by nine inches tall and contain 200 pages of high-quality linen paper. Each book is hand-stitched and created by Seraphemera Books. Each journal has twelve full color or black and white images from the archives of the Bethel Historical Society - images that span the entire history of Bethel and beyond. Many of these images are either unpublished elsewhere or not readily available outside of research facilities.

About the name of the journals being "A Little History of Bethel" (from inside the books):

The act of recording stories is one of our oldest traditions. Even before language and paper, paintings on cave walls recounted events, recorded dates, expressed dreams.



And so, within "a little history of Bethel" not only do the photographs throughout give us a glimpse of the past, but they entwine with the present - the words we write - that minute by minute, year by year, lifetime by lifetime, become a part of history - recounted, recorded, expressed - as well.

Here, in blank pages, we leave traces and faces for those who come after us to read about,

to learn from, to remember. When we remember, our stories continue to grow and never become just a part of the past. This journal is a hope for our tales to walk with us every day so they might last forever.

Come see the debut of the journals on October 5th from 10am til 5pm at the Artisans and Vendors Fair at 40 Main Street, in Bethel (see schedule page 7).

List of Artisans & Vendors

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