Groton-New London Art At the Airport Program Opens Graphic Design Exhibit Celebrating Local Towns and Events

JULY 24, 2019 - NORWICH, CT - The Southeastern CT Cultural Coalition is pleased to announce the Art At the Airport program's summer exhibit, posters and artwork from local artist and graphic designer Rita Rivera, that opens on August 2 and will be on view through September 30 at the Groton - New London Airport.

Rita Rivera, owner of Love & Pop Designs, is a graphic artist, writer and illustrator who has created artwork, logos and posters for many of the region's cities, towns and major events. She has received numerous awards for her designs and is a tourism marketing and communications consultant for the Eastern Tourism District.

Rivera has created designs for the Mystic Outdoor Art Festival, Connecticut Food and Farm Magazine, Niantic Main Street, Garde Arts Center, and the Children's Museum of Southeastern CT. Rivera is a Best of Readers Choice awardee for graphic design and a recipient of the Southeastern CT 40 Under 40 award. The Art at the Airport exhibit features posters, logos and artwork highlighting events, cities and towns including Mystic, New London and Niantic.

As part of Groton - New London Airport's Open House and Walking Tour on Saturday, August 17 from 10am to 2pm, visitors can "Meet the Artist" and view the art exhibit. This is a family friendly event, featuring aircraft static displays, guided facility tours, drone pilot education and more. It is organized in celebration of National Aviation Day which is recognized nationally on August 19.

The Art At the Airport program's purpose is to showcase the region's uniqueness, history, industry, culture and geography through visual arts in the airport's main terminal located at 155 Tower Avenue in Groton. The Art At the Airport program is a partnership of the Cultural Coalition and the Connecticut Airport Authority, which manages and operates Groton - New London Airport.

Groton - New London Airport's terminal is open daily from 7 am to 6 pm for public viewing of the exhibit. Parking is easily accessible and free.

For more information about the Arts At the Airport program, visit <u>www.CultureSECT.org</u> (<u>http://culturesect.org/art-at-the-airport/</u>).

Designs by Rita Rivera







