



# SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT CULTURAL COALITION

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*Groton-New London Art At the Airport "Open Spaces" Exhibit Celebrates Coastal Landscapes - the works of MacKay, McGee, Patnode, Stafford*

SEPT. 20, 2019 - NORWICH, CT - The Southeastern CT Cultural Coalition is pleased to announce the Art At the Airport program's fall exhibit, "Open Spaces" featuring the paintings from four local artists, that opens on October 2 and will be on view through December 16 at the Groton - New London Airport.

Renowned artists Susan MacKay, Liz McGee, Mark Patnode, and Susan Stafford present a celebration of Southeastern Connecticut's coastal vistas. "The inspiration for the exhibit comes from the beautiful landscapes we see all around us," artist Liz McGee notes, "these are the places we go to renew our souls, connect with nature, and just 'get outdoors.' What better way to capture and share these 'Open Spaces' than through a painting!"

**Susan MacKay** is a portrait and landscape painter who strives to convey the beauty and wonder of the world through color and light. Her work can be commissioned and viewed at: [susanmackay.com](http://susanmackay.com)

**Liz McGee** is an award winning artist and popular watercolor teacher. She finds that the best quality about watercolor paint is its ability to surprise and invites viewers to enjoy the subtleties and transparent qualities. Her work can be found in many local galleries and online via her website: [www.lizmcgee.com](http://www.lizmcgee.com)

**Mark Patnode** describes the goal of all his artwork as "powerful visual simplicity." He paints a variety of subjects, but finds great satisfaction working with landscapes to bring out the light from the sky. Find out more on his website: [marktheartist.com](http://marktheartist.com)

**Susan Stafford** moved to Mystic after graduating from Pratt Institute and has worked as a freelance artist since then. In addition to teaching, she accepted commissioned work for paintings as well as doing murals in homes and businesses in the area, including the U.S. Naval Submarine Base New London. You may visit her site: [www.susanbstafford.com](http://www.susanbstafford.com)

There will be a reception for the public to meet the artists on Thursday, October 10th, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the airport.

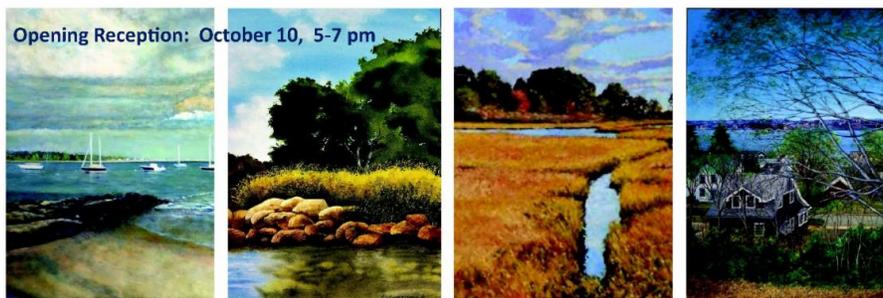
The Art At the Airport program's purpose is to showcase the region's uniqueness, history, industry, culture and geography through visual arts in the airport's main

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 [www.CultureSECT.org](http://www.CultureSECT.org) (<http://culturesect.org/art-at-the-airport/>).

## Open Spaces



The Connecticut Airport Authority and the Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition present "Open Spaces" a celebration of our beautiful coastline, featuring the paintings of four local artists, Susan MacKay, Liz McGee, Mark Patnode and Susan Stafford. The airport terminal is open daily from 7 am to 6 pm for public viewing of the exhibit. Parking is free and easily accessible.

**October 2 through December 16**

**At the Groton-New London Airport, 155 Tower Ave. Groton, CT**



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### ***About Southeastern CT Cultural Coalition***

The Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, contributes to the cultural identity, economy and quality of life of Southeastern Connecticut by advocating and supporting arts, heritage, cultural and business activities and organizations.

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