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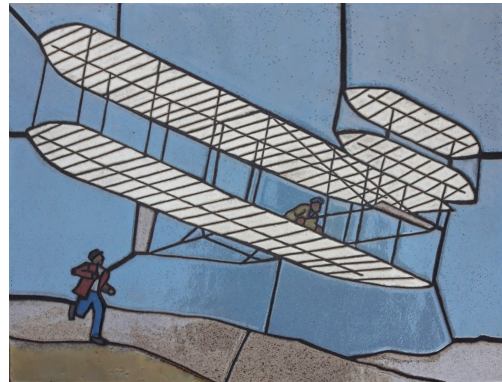
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*Art At the Airport's spring exhibit "Take Flight"
at Groton-New London Airport inspired by
moments in aviation history presented by
local artists Paul & Esther Halferty*

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The Southeastern CT Cultural Coalition is pleased to announce the Art At the Airport program spring exhibit *Take Flight*, featuring aviation-inspired, colorful mosaic tiles hand-crafted in clay by local artists, Paul and Esther Halferty of Lilywork Artisan Tile in Stonington. The exhibit is now open and will be on view through June 30 at the Groton - New London Airport.



For thousands of years, people have looked up at the sky and imagined what it would be like to fly. On the morning of December 17, 1903, the Wright Flyer, the world's first powered plane, slid down a guiding rail, soared into the air, and forever changed the course of history. *Take Flight* explores the pioneering people, their breakthroughs, and the inspiration that led to the world of flight we know today.

Each mosaic depicts a specific moment in aviation history. From hot air balloon to glider, and from passenger plane to space shuttle, each unique mosaic is created individually by hand. The Halfertys use traditional techniques to craft their tile - starting with a hand-carved mold, and a block of clay.

A view of this spring exhibit is being planned for April 21 as part of the **Art At the Airport Virtual Live Event**, spotlighting the work of the U.S. Coast Guard's International Ice Patrol which was the Art At the Airport's winter exhibit.

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. A new partner, the Groton Public Library, will provide companion programs and suggested materials to complement the exhibits on view at the 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. Mask use and social distancing protocol required as per Covid-19 guidelines.

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

About the Southeastern CT Cultural Coalition:

The Southeastern CT Cultural Coalition, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, with the mission to improve the economy, vitality and quality of life in Southeastern Connecticut by supporting the arts, cultural and creative community.

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