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*Art At the Airport's fall exhibit "Peace in Nature"
presented by Artreach, Inc.
at Groton-New London Airport*

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The Cultural Coalition is pleased to announce the Art At the Airport program fall exhibit *Peace in Nature*, a mixed media gallery exhibit of artwork created by Artreach, Inc.'s program members.

The exhibit is free and available to view from September 10 to November 15 at the Groton - New London Airport.



Photo: "by Cynthia Adams from *Peace in Nature* by Artreach"

Artreach heals through creativity. During the pandemic, all programs moved to virtual platforms. This summer, Artreach began holding in-person visual arts workshops outdoors with sessions focused on the theme 'peace in nature.' Master teaching artist Faith Satterfield guided the artists in exploring the natural elements, focusing on earth, sky, and water. Each week the workshop traveled to a different outdoor location to work *en plain air* using watercolor, pencil or medium of the artists' choice.

Faith Satterfield is an internationally-trained illustrator and visual artist, the owner and founder of By Faith, under which she does Murals By Faith, Paint Parties By Faith, art classes, curates art shows and takes commissions. She is a teaching artist who facilitates large murals, art projects involving from one to over three hundred people, and classes. Faith has been teaching with Artreach since 2016.

Peace in Nature will also feature original artwork that was published in the zine formatted volume *Creativity Heals: Art & Poetry by Artreach*. It will be the inaugural showing of this 2020 project following the pandemic postponement last year.

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. The program's newest partner, Groton Public Library, plans to host a companion event with Artreach during Mental Health Awareness Week in early October.

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. Face mask use and 6 foot distancing protocols in effect.

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

About the Cultural Coalition:

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

About Artreach:

Using the creative arts, Artreach supports sustainable recovery from psychiatric disorders and raises awareness about mental health in the community-at-large. By providing theater, music, visual arts, and recreational opportunities to members, Artreach enhances the quality of its members' lives and teaches skills that help them achieve and sustain recovery after experiencing mental illnesses. Artreach's public performances and art exhibits engage attendees in conversation about mental health and serve to bust the stigma of mental illness, creating social change in the community. Founded in 1985, Artreach is known for the Second Step Players sketch comedy troupe, the Music Heals Coffeehouse, and Mixed Bag performances of comedy and visual arts. www.ArtreachHeals.org.

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