

Join us at our Monthly Meetings

Our April 13th meeting will be
7:00pm - 9:00pm at the Knowlton
Memorial Hall in Ashford.
Steve Gerling will be our Presenter.
The public is welcome to attend.

Ashford Arts Council Celebrates
Anthony Patichio on beginning his
second year as our town's Poet Laureate.
He wrote the poem below upon being
named Poet Laureate last year.

Becoming

Sometime in March or April,
The Mount Hope, near its headwaters
down below the house, turns river again;

grows loud each day; spills its winter
stream in a full-on cold clear
silver river rush;

threads a new watercourse run
across a thick-grown marsh that once was
a beaver pond;

pours out through a rock channel carved
in the ruin of an old button mill dam;
and finds its way.

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**POETRY WORKSHOP: The 2nd & 4th
Monday of each month, starting April 25th.
6:30-8pm Contact Tony for Zoom Link**

Up to 6 writing participants who are willing
to share and workshop their own poems.
I will also hold up to 4 additional reading
only slots for those who are interested in
reading and discussing poetry, but don't
now have work of their own to share.
Please indicate your preference when you
contact me at **04AJPATI@GMAIL.COM**

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: Steve Gerling

Steve Gerling has been doing relief woodcarving since the mid-1970's. He has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from UConn, with a major in sculpture. After school, he was drawn to the additional challenges of relief carving. Not only did an object have to be sculpted but it had to be skillfully distorted in scale, perspective, and space to create an image convincing to the viewer.

Traditionally, most relief work was intended as decoration or embellishment to works of architecture or fine cabinetry. Steve chooses to make the carving the primary object. While much of the work were objects of fine woodworking, using them as a utilitarian frame, the main focus of attention has always been the carving.

Steve will be our presenter for the April 13th meeting at 7pm.

WORKSHOP: CANING A FOOTSTOOL

Two-Session Workshop
Wed., April 27 and May 4, 6:30-8:30pm
Ashford Senior Center

Have you ever wanted to learn to cane chairs? Join us for an entire 7-Step chair caning process and complete a 10" x 14" solid oak footstool during the workshop. No caning or limited caning experience needed, just the desire to learn.

1. Register with Bob Johnson, an experienced and passionate chair caner and seat weaver at **rejohnson117@gmail.com** or **860-455-6503**.
2. Materials: Participants will purchase online a "Chair Caning Footstool Kit". Cost is \$44.95 and contains all of the materials you will need for the class. Order asap.

https://basketweaving.com/shopsite_sc/store/html/chair-caning-footstool-kit.html

3. Class fee: free for AAC members; \$5 for non-Members. Exact cash or check made out to Windham Arts Organization. In Memo line: AAC Workshop.



SAVE THE DATE! A Summer's Palette Art Show -July 9th
at Westford Hills Distillers. Details coming soon!

Visit us @ www.AshfordArts.org & on Facebook.com/AshfordArts
The Ashford Arts Council is in partnership with Windham Arts

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

You do not have to be an artist or live in Ashford. Join our fun dynamic group!

Membership: \$20 Donation
October 1st – September 31st

For more information contact our
Membership Director, Darcie Boiano
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or (860) 798-1738

Your Name:

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