

Join us at our Monthly Meetings

Our May 11th meeting will be
7:00pm - 9:00pm at the Knowlton
Memorial Hall in Ashford.
Joan Blade Johnson will be our Presenter.
The public is welcome to attend.

Writer's Crawl, June 18, 2022, 10:30-1:30.

Meet at Storrs Center with Marian
Matthews, leader of the expedition.

Feel like being inspired through sharing your
writing done in-the-moment and to the location
with others? Then come to the Writer's Crawl.
We will be writing to art, nature, food, or what-
ever moves you. You do not have to be a writer
to participate; just bring something to write
with and something to write on. No pressure, no
critique, just writing about whatever you want to
write. Find the writer within you.
AAC members - Free, \$5.00 for non-members.
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860-420-8544.

Emma Jayne Smith - Literary Arts

I am a composer, lyricist, playwright, and
director! I've spent the last few years pour-
ing my heart and soul into the creation and
execution of two original musicals, Oh, Fair
Maiden and Antlersong. Through this process,
I've learned about my interest in working with
children, and hope to continue directing and
teaching theater and music. This summer, I
will be music directing The Addams Family at
Newington Children's Theater, and in the fall,
I will be attending Sarah Lawrence College
and making use of their open curriculum to
study music composition, playwriting, di-
recting, and child development. Thank you so
much to all of the amazing teachers who have
supported me in my endeavors. It's such an
honor to be recognized in this community of
creative and jaw-droppingly talented people!



Emma Jayne Smith

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: Joan Blade Johnson

Joan is a Hampton, CT-based fiber artist who exhibits
nationally and internationally. Joan will talk about her
journey from a traditional quilter to a contemporary fiber artist.
She enjoys the creative process involved in composing fiber art
pieces using non-traditional methods and materials to achieve her
artistic vision, most often inspired by nature and her original nature
photography. The surface design materials that she regularly works
with on fabric include: paint, foraged natural plant dye, rust, fiber
reactive dye, and photos printed onto fabric. She'll share samples of
her work to show her personal evolution in fiber art.
Joan will be our Presenter at our May 11th meeting.



The AAC Scholarship Recipients for 2022:

Each year the AAC awards scholarships to graduating art students at EO Smith High School. The
students chosen have taken two or more courses in their area and produced quality work viewed or
open to the public. The recipients plan on pursuing their interest vocationally or as an avocation.

MacKenzie Sherman - Visual Arts

There is nothing quite like the feeling of holding something you've
made from scratch with your own two hands. I create to make myself,
as well as others, smile. During my time at E.O. Smith, I've shown my
artwork at UCONN's Dodd Center as part of the Artist As Witness
exhibit affiliated with ECSU's NEA BIG READ. I also performed in
two E.O. Smith Drama Club productions; I played Cheshire Cat in
Alice in Wonderland and Mary Warren in The Crucible. On March 12,
2022, I won an Honorable Mention in Acting at the Connecticut Dra-
ma Association Festival for my performance as Mary Warren. We all
need an escape sometimes and if my work makes even just one person
laugh or smile, that's all I can ask for.



MacKenzie Sherman

Madelyn Bonkowski - Performing Arts

I'm a singer, actor, and director. Theater has
always been exciting to me. It's a safe place for
me to go to express myself and showcase my
talent. I've taken coursework in acting, voice,
and ensemble singing at E.O. Smith. I was in
Guys and Dolls and The Dream Rehearsed.
I played Myrtle Wilson in The Great Gatsby,
Abigail Williams in The Crucible, and Brin
and Ro (lead singer) in the debut musical Antler-
song. I directed Jason Pizzarello's Alice in
Wonderland and co-directed/choreographed
The Crucible with three other seniors. I plan to
continue my studies in acting and voice and to
pursue a career in musical theater.



Madelyn Bonkowski

SAVE THE DATE! A Summer's Palette Art Show -July 9th (July 10th raindate) 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
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