



### **The Arts Bloom in Weston May 21** By Aline Weiller

Emmanuel Church will celebrate local talent with its third annual community happening and exhibit, The Arts Bloom in Weston. A variety of artwork will be showcased at the event, which calls for Smart Casual attire and takes place on Saturday May 21 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. The evening kicks off with a silent auction, followed by classical music and a live auction. The event will be held in the Parish Hall, 285 Lyons Plain Road, Weston. The celebration's cause is two-fold: to provide local artists with the opportunity to share and sell their work, and to support nearby non-profits with a portion of the night's proceeds.

Notable features this year include a 30-minute performance by Deborah Wong, international violinist and concertmaster of the Greater Bridgeport Symphony. Ms. Wong led the Symphony last season with a Mozart concert, has recorded for Deutsche Gramophone and other labels, and is a dedicated violin instructor. Her program at The Arts Bloom will include Bach Partita No. 3 in E Major, and Ysaye Sonata No. 4 in E Minor.

Additionally, art-related door prizes, such as a mini original oil painting, a set of postcards of original works, as well as a 4-pack of tickets to an upcoming Greater Bridgeport Symphony performance, will be awarded.

The Arts Bloom in Weston will highlight works of professional and amateur artists hailing from Southern Connecticut. The categories are paintings, ceramics, mixed media, textiles, collages, sculpture, glass, drawings, printmaking and photography. Student work is also

welcome. Artwork should not exceed 4 feet in any dimension or 100 pounds. Entry fees are \$25 for the first piece and \$15 for subsequent work (includes admission to the event).

Art should be dropped off at Emmanuel's Parish Hall during these dates/hours: Monday, May 16 - Thursday 19, between 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Alternate drop-off times can be arranged by calling the Emmanuel office at (203) 227-8565. Details and applications can be found at Emmanuel's website at [www.emmanuelweston.org](http://www.emmanuelweston.org).

Participants will receive a minimum price requested for works sold and additional funds raised will benefit Weston's Friends of Lachat ([www.friendsoflachat.org](http://www.friendsoflachat.org)), WestonArts ([www.westonarts.org](http://www.westonarts.org)) and the Greater Bridgeport Symphony ([www.bptsym.org](http://www.bptsym.org)).

"We're thrilled to showcase and share the talent of Fairfield County's artistic community in a way that benefits local charities as well as the artists. All are invited to join us for this celebration of creativity," said Co-chair, Christine Juneau.

Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased via Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-arts-bloom-in-weston-tickets-23906538099>. Walk-ins are welcome; tickets may also be purchased at the door.

PHOTO CAPTION Emmanuel Church gears up for their third annual exhibit, The Arts Bloom in Weston, on Saturday, May 21 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. (From left) Weston artists Christine Juneau (also the event co-chair) and Joel Sobelson (with "Anita's Rose," a pastel he's submitted to be auctioned), join Rev. Katharine Piazza, Emmanuel's Priest-in-Charge. Tickets are \$35 per person, walk-ins welcome. For details, visit [www.emmanuelweston.org](http://www.emmanuelweston.org).