

Weston Artist Andy Neilly in an Exhibit of Watercolors



Watercolor by Weston artist Andy Neilly featuring a work from his travels and interests in an exhibit sponsored by the Weston Commission for the Arts titled *"Tuscany, Maine and Weston."*

The Weston Commission for the Arts will celebrate the artistic achievements of Westonite Andy Neilly in an exhibit of his work Friday, Oct. 30th, from 7:00 – 8:30pm with a Dessert Reception in the Community Room of the Weston Library, 56 Norfield Road to which the public is cordially invited. The exhibit will be on display through November 13.

Inspired by his travels to Tuscany and Maine where he and his wife, Janet reside for the summer, and their life here in Weston, Mr. Neilly's canvas work captures his love for all three places. Another category of this exhibit will feature a series of his love for locomotives.

Andy Neilly retired in 1992 from a long and distinguished career as president and vice chairman with John Wiley and Sons, Inc. He then pursued a life long interest in painting having studied at Silvermine School of Art under Joan Heston, Charles Reid and Robert Bazter. Mr. Neilly was past Chairman of the Weston Commission for the Arts. Currently he is a founding member of Artwhirl who, along with five other local artists, exhibit throughout Fairfield County at galleries and libraries. He enjoys the camaraderie of other artists while painting regularly at the Elizabeth Gaynor Studio, until recently a dance studio, in Southport.

Mr. Neilly has shown at the Western Maine Art Group and throughout Fairfield County. He was part of a two-person show at the Harnett Gallery at the University of Rochester among others. His work is recognized when seen at Norfield's Art Show, the Weston Town Hall and in private collections in Weston as outstanding testaments to the natural beauty of the historical edifices about town, most notably the Town Hall, gazebo on the green, traditional Christmas tree lighting ceremony and carol-sing, the old Toy Factory on the Easton border which was dismantled a decade ago, many of which are memorialized on note cards available at the Weston Historical Society.

Call 222-2590 for more information.