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SELECTION FROM THE PERMANENT ART COLLECTION:

A Recent Acquisition



Joshua Nathanson (b. 1976)
***Feline*, 2022**
Oil, resin, paper on canvas
69" x 61"

Joshua Nathanson lives and works in Los Angeles, CA. He studied at The School of Visual Arts, New York, NY (BFA) and Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA (MFA). His work is included in the permanent collections of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA; the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, IL; and the Yuz Museum, Shanghai, China.

Feline is a generous gift from Sally and John Van Doren.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Thanks to the generosity of people like **YOU,** the support of corporate donors, grantors, and the hard work of Five Points Arts' dedicated board, staff, and volunteers, 2026 has proven to be yet another successful year in building community through the arts.

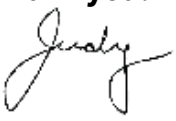
The Five Points Arts facilities in downtown Torrington **(Five Points Gallery, the Annex and the Launchpad Initiative)** continue to be celebrated as a cornerstone of Torrington's transition from an old industrial town into an arts destination. To date, **Five Points Gallery** has exhibited nearly 1,900 regional, national, and international artists representing all fifty states and nineteen countries.

With the exception of air conditioning in the auditorium, the former UConn campus, located five minutes from downtown Torrington at 855 University Drive, has been completely renovated into a 30,000 square foot arts center where people of all ages and experience engage in the magic of making art. **The Five Points Arts Center** offers memberships which include advance registration notice and discounts on workshops, as well as invitations to special events.

Your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal will help defray operating costs at all Five Points Arts locations, so that we can continue to provide meaningful art experiences at reasonable costs to our ever-growing diverse audiences.

None of this magic would have happened without the interest and support **YOU** and so many others have given.

Thank you!



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Judith McElhone
Founder and Executive Director

AT THE GALLERY:

Through Saturday, January 9

2026 Small Works Juried Exhibition

Patricia Carrigan, Juror

JUROR'S PICK: BEST IN SHOW



Luteus | acrylic, ink, graphite, wax, salt, asphaltum, harvested pollen on mounted arches and vellum | 9 x 7 inches

MARK BROWN

Greensboro, NC

I am drawn to materials that carry their own histories. Pollen is one such material: fragile, lightweight, and pervasive, occupying a space between dust and living matter. In this drawing, pollen exists alongside graphite, acrylic, ink, wax, salt, and asphaltum. Together, these materials create layered surfaces in which material and image become inseparable.

Gallery Hours: Tues. - Sun. 1 - 5 PM

AT THE ANNEX:

Through Monday, December 28

Launchpad Holiday Art Show



Please check the website or call the Gallery at (860) 618-7222 for

ARTS CENTER GIFT SHOP: HIGHLIGHT of the MONTH

The Arts Center Gift Shop is featuring the artwork of **Susan Hackett** during the month of December.

Susan Hackett is a Connecticut-based artist working in glass, metal, wood, paper, clay, photography, and printmaking. She has a BFA from MassArt in Boston and an MFA from the Nomad9 program at Hartford Art School. Using modest materials, she seeks to make catalytic objects and imagery creating most of these objects and in her studio in Granby, CT.

Hackett's work has been shown in several venues in Connecticut including Five Points Gallery in Torrington, the Slater Museum in Norwich, and the Palestine Museum in Woodbridge; as well as FiveMyles Gallery in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York.



From left: Sterling silver and glass earrings and pendant choker necklace; glass cabochon on metal with wooden stand wine bottle stoppers; and glass drop ring flower vases.

A 10% discount for Five Points Arts Center Members is being offered on Susan Hackett's work during the month of December.

AT THE ARTS CENTER: "SHARE THE JOY" DISCOUNT

SPECIAL OFFER FOR DECEMBER WORKSHOPS

Register for any of the December Workshops and invite a friend to the same workshop for half price.

Register at: www.fivepointsarts.org/workshops/