

# CONSTRUCTING CONSCIOUSNESS



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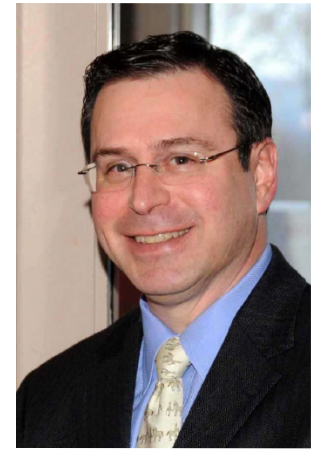
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Welcome to Brookfield Craft Center. Our mission to preserve the skills of fine craftsmanship and to promote creativity and personal growth through craft education takes many forms. While we teach many craft skills in our studios, we are more than a school. While we provide income for artists as well as the opportunity for the community to purchase unique gifts in our shop, we are more than a retail outlet..



We strive to engage all in our community; those of the public who wish to learn and explore their creativity and also to be a resource to artists and crafters who seek support in their pursuit of excellence in their craft and artistry. Our exhibitions in the Lynn Tandler Bignell Gallery allow us to provide emerging as well as established artists an opportunity to show the public the wealth and depth of talent and creativity in our region. We invite the public to participate in our exploration of the imagination and inspiration of all aspects of the creative process.

In 2023, we celebrate our 71st year since Nancy Dubois Hagmayer purchased the mill building, the foundation of what is now the Brookfield Craft Center. The past 3 years have been challenging, but our team rose to meet the challenges and with the help of our community we continue to honor Hagmayer's commitment to craft education and historic preservation as we find new ways to support our mission and the community.

You can be a part of that mission by joining a class to explore your own creativity or just to learn more about the creative process, gaining an appreciation for the artistry that surrounds us. We also have many opportunities for you to volunteer in our shop or our studios. And we encourage you to become a member. The support of our members and volunteers is vital to our continued success and every dollar you donate is fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

## ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

The question of what is human consciousness existed long before Descartes famously said “I think, therefore I am”. Even in prehistory, there was at least a minimal recognition of consciousness, and ultimately the lack of it. Despite humanity’s attempt to understand this phenomenon, there is still no definitive answer to questions such as what is consciousness? Is there such a thing as the quintessential conscious experience? Does consciousness create reality or vice versa? Perhaps there is no single explanation.

The exhibition *Constructing Consciousness* presents artists’ explorations of consciousness in a variety of art and fine craft media including photography, ink, watercolor, acrylic, oil, wood, and metal. In examining consciousness through artistic scrutiny, viewers will encounter a variety of perspectives on the subject, broadening their understanding of a universal phenomenon that has long eluded total comprehension.

## ABOUT THE CURATOR

Cailin graduated with a BA in Art History and Arts Management from SUNY Purchase and has completed internships at the Katonah Museum of Art and the Neuberger Museum of Art. Cailin was also awarded Purchase’s Art History Prize for the 2021-2022 academic year for her enduring commitment to the arts.

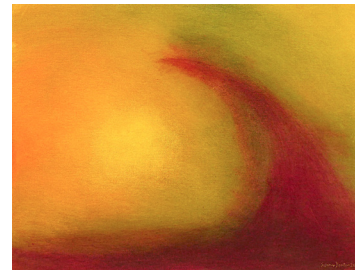
Cailin has worked on several exhibitions including *Louis M. Eilshemius* and *Dennis Oppenheim: The Assembly Line* at the Neuberger Museum of Art and the *2nd Juried Biennial* at the Katonah Museum of Art.

## THE ARTISTS & WORK

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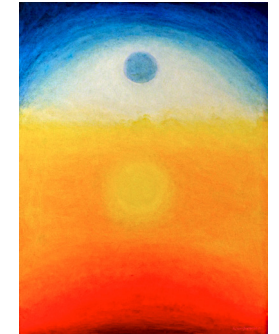
**Suzanne Benton**  
Ridgefield, CT  
*Shine On*  
Oil on canvas  
40” x 30”  
\$9,500



**Lucy Le Bohec**  
Coventry, CT  
*Who Would I Be*  
Oil on wood panel  
12” x 12”  
\$500



**Suzanne Benton**  
Ridgefield, CT  
*Yellow World*  
Oil on canvas  
24” x 18”  
\$3,200



**Suzanne Benton**  
Ridgefield, CT  
*Wave*  
Oil on canvas  
18” x 24”  
\$3,200



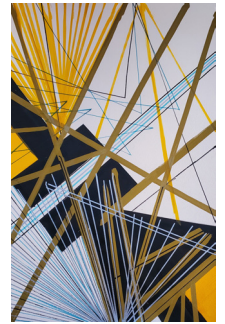
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**Lucy Le Bohec**  
Coventry, CT  
*Erosion I*  
Oil on MDF  
6.5" x 5.5"  
\$120

**Percy Cardona**  
Westminster, CO  
*Fractal Light II*  
Acrylic on paper  
24" x 18"  
\$1,200



**Lucy Le Bohec**  
Coventry, CT  
*Erosion II*  
Oil on MDF  
5" x 6.5"  
\$120



**Medha Chandwani**  
Purchase, NY  
*Ego: Inner Cruelty*  
Acrylic on canvas  
14" x 14"  
\$75



**Laura Boissy**  
Westwood, NJ  
*It Lives*  
Acrylic, epoxy resin,  
found objects on canvas  
16" x 20"  
\$100

**Kristen Condon**  
Brookfield, CT  
*Consciousness Compartmentalizing*  
Alcohol-based marker on mixed  
media  
12" x 9"  
\$65

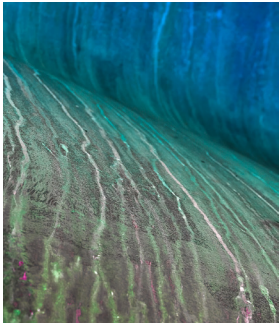


**Michelle Bond**  
San Francisco, CA  
*The Isolated Mind*  
Watercolor on archival  
paper  
18" x 24"  
\$900



**Kristen Condon**  
Brookfield, CT  
*Personalities Within a Single  
Consciousness*  
Acrylic on canvas  
12" x 12"  
\$75

## THE ARTISTS & WORK



### Nell Daniel

Brooklyn, NY

*Swell*

High resolution photograph

24" x 20"

\$1,000

### Nell Daniel

Brooklyn, NY

*Float*

High resolution photograph

20" x 24"

\$1,000



### Cora Davis

Guntersville, AL

*Azure Abuela*

Acrylic on canvas

14" x 11"

\$200



### Dante Fanelli

Windsor, Ontario, Canada

*Brain Fog I*

Print

11" x 8.5"

\$40



### Dante Fanelli

Windsor, Ontario

*Brain Fog II*

Print

11" x 8.5"

\$40



### Dante Fanelli

Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Untitled

Print

11" x 8.5"

\$40

### Magdalena Fin

Hamden, CT

*Fetch the Bolt Cutters*

Metal print

12" x 10"

\$360



### Magdalena Fin

Hamden, CT

*Weary*

Metal print

10" x 12"

\$360



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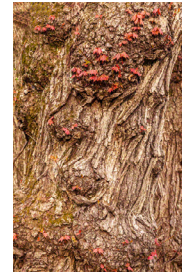


**David Flook**  
Bridgewater, CT  
*Not Not Paying Attention*  
Acrylic on canvas  
20" x 16"  
\$1,500

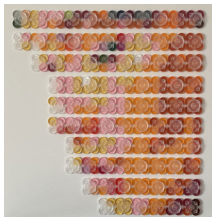
**Colin Harrison**  
Brookfield, CT  
*Looking Up and Down*  
Photograph  
6.5" x 9.5"  
\$30



**Val Guevarra**  
Wyckoff, NJ  
*Hue I*  
Recycled plastic medicine caps on  
wood panel  
15" x 15"  
\$500



**Colin Harrison**  
Brookfield, CT  
*Hidden*  
Photograph  
9.5" x 6.5"  
\$30



**Val Guevarra**  
Wyckoff, NJ  
*Hue II*  
Recycled plastic medicine caps on  
wood panel  
15" x 15"  
\$500

**Paul Hill**  
Caversham, UK  
*The Infinite Escape*  
Print  
14" x 11"  
\$60



**Oceane Hall**  
Irvine, CA  
*Embrace*  
Oil on canvas  
20" x 16"  
NFS



**Todd Hines**  
Houston, TX  
*Present Situation*  
Painted wood collage  
11.5" x 24"  
\$360

## THE ARTISTS & WORK

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### **Maria Johnson**

Middletown, CT

#### *Metamorphosis*

Ink and watercolor on paper

25" x 19"

\$200

### **Dawn Lombard**

Milford, PA

#### *Clover Brooch*

Enameled copper on stainless steel

3" x 2.5"

\$130



### **Karolina Mochniej**

Krakow, Poland

#### *Crack*

Print

20" x 16"

\$80



### **Dawn Lombard**

Milford, PA

#### *On the Mark Brooch*

Enameled copper on stainless steel

2.75" x 2.5"

\$150



### **Karolina Mochniej**

Krakow, Poland

#### *Nocturnal Creatures*

Print

12" x 12"

\$80

### **Lea Miller**

Rocky Point, NY

#### *In-between*

Acrylic on cardboard

20" x 20"

\$100



### **Kathleen Kralowec**

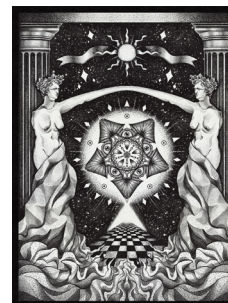
New York, NY

#### *Starchild*

Acrylic on wood

8" x 12"

\$800



### **Danielle Nielsen**

Bethel, CT

#### *Starlight*

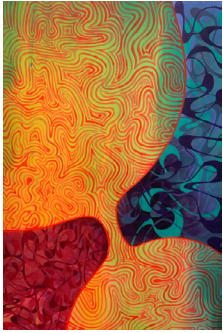
Digital print

24" x 18"

\$400

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### Olivia Preveti

Long Beach, NY

#### *Entities*

Acrylic on canvas

66" x 44"

\$675

### Syd Schiavo

New London, CT

#### *Self-Help*

Acrylic, India ink, charcoal on paper

16" x 16"

\$400



### David Rakhamim

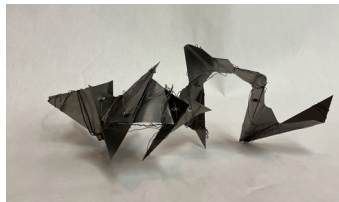
Purchase, NY

#### *Tunnels*

Sheet metal, wire

12" x 6" x 6"

\$200



### Victoria Tara

Bay Harbor Islands, FL

#### *The Light of Consciousness*

Acrylic on canvas

16" x 16"

\$1,100



### Andrea Rios

New Milford, CT

#### *Lati-dos*

Cut paper

14" x 11"

\$550

### Terrence Tougas

New Milford, CT

#### *Matrix*

Pigment print on archival paper

13" x 19"

\$350



### Pat Rios

Ridgefield, CT

#### *Quiet Minds*

Acrylic, gouache, ink on canvas

20" x 12"

\$800



### Terrence Tougas

New Milford, CT

#### *Faculty House*

Pigment print on archival paper

13" x 19"

\$350



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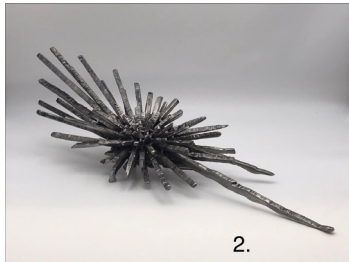
**Brian Walters**  
Bethel, CT  
Untitled  
Steel  
5" x 4" x 3"  
\$650

**Brian Walters**  
Bethel, CT  
Untitled  
Steel  
8.5" x 7" .25"  
\$900

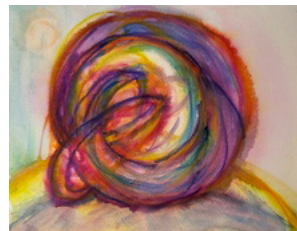


**Brian Walters**  
Bethel, CT  
Untitled  
Steel  
8.5" x 14" x 6"  
\$1,200

**Michele Wenzke**  
North Cadwell, NJ  
*Alertness*  
Watercolor, pencil on paper  
7" x 12"  
\$420



**Michele Wenzke**  
North Cadwell, NJ  
*Responding*  
Watercolor, pencil on paper  
7" x 12"  
\$420



## LEGACY AND MEMORIAL GIVING

Since its founding in 1952 and incorporation in 1954, Brookfield Craft Center has been shaped by visionary leaders, artists and supporters. They have paved the way for the craftsmen of not just their own era, but those of tomorrow. A legacy or memorial gift to Brookfield Craft Center is a wonderful way to remember a loved one or perpetuate your own family name, while honoring a tradition of excellence in creativity, innovation and fine craft. Your generosity today can help perpetuate the Craft Center's future and ensure that Brookfield Craft Center is able to continue to preserve the skills of traditional and modern craftsmanship and enable creativity and personal growth in people from all walks of life.

Planned giving is a charitable gift made in lifetime or as part of a donor's overall financial and estate plans. Listing the Brookfield Craft Center in your will is considered a charitable bequest. You can include Brookfield Craft Center for a percentage of the estate, a specific amount, or designating specific assets of stock or real estate. Consider gifts of appreciated stock which are becoming more popular and offer special tax advantages to the donor.

Tribute or memorial gifts are a special way to mark an occasion or honor/memorialize friends or loved ones. Your generosity today can help ensure Brookfield Craft Center's future and its mission. Your generosity today will help preserve Brookfield Craft Center's future tomorrow.

For more information on legacy or memorial gifts, please contact [info@brookfieldcraft.org](mailto:info@brookfieldcraft.org)

Recent legacy gifts:

Robert Joseph Alberetti Scholarship - Geraldine & David Hutchings  
Hilda Kraus – mid century modern craftsman  
Buster Shaw memorial woodturning scholarship  
In memory of Marilyn B. Cisek (Chonko)



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## 2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

### Constructing Consciousness Reception

April 22nd, 5pm-7pm

### BCC Artist in Residence Valerie Culbertson with Christian Collins Exhibition - Of Earth and Wood

May 13 - June 4

### Spring Open House

May 13

### Photography Exhibition - Effective Imag(in)ing

June 17 - July 9

### Summer Youth Program - July & August

Morning & Afternoon classes

July 10-14, and 24-28

August 7-11 and 21-25

### Exhibition by Artists who have resettled in the U.S.

July 22 - August 13

### Faculty Exhibition - A Tradition of Excellence

August 26 - September 13

### BCC Fall Open House

October 14

### BCC Holiday Sale Opening

November 10

### BCC Holiday Sale

November 11 - December 31

**BROOKFIELD CRAFT CENTER'S**

# **2023 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM**

**JULY 10-14 | JULY 24-28 | AUGUST 7-11 | AUGUST 21-25**

**MORNING SESSION: 9AM-12PM | AFTERNOON SESSION: 1PM-4PM**

**AGES 8-16 DEPENDING ON STUDIO**

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Tuesday-Friday 12-5  
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Sunday 12-4



