

## Person to Person Profile

### Christine Goldbach, Artist/Educator



The visual arts program at the Weston Senior Center has been growing steadily in popularity and quality in recent years, thanks to guidance from skilled instructors like Christine Goldbach. Chris is a delightful person with a sly smile and sense of humor. She says she has been an artist as long as she can remember, drawing and scribbling on the walls at home as a child! She currently teaches at a variety of Fairfield County venues such as the prestigious Silvermine School of Art where she began teaching in 1992. One thing she required before agreeing to come teach at the Weston Senior Center was a good space and good light to teach in, which she says Weston has with many windows in the large art room. Chris adds, "...and the people are great!"

As an educator, Chris cares for her students in special ways, noting that some have been artists all their lives while others are picking up a brush for the first time. She says, "Everyone is welcome. My classes are known for camaraderie and experimentation. Sometimes I make students work with their opposite hand which frustrates them but helps develop brain power." She adds wryly, "Artists, myself included, are sensitive souls. They never like their own work!"

Classes offered at the Center include collage, drawing, watercolors, pastels, and gelli plate prints, which are taught by several talented artists. It is a fun and vigorous art program that the public is invited to sample during the upcoming open house called ART EXPO PARTY, on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1pm and a movie on van Gogh from 1pm - 3 pm (Note: The EXPO is indoors in AC in case of hot weather). Christine explains, "ART EXPO PARTY is an idea that Meta Schroeter, Wendy Petty and I came up with last year to bring in people who are unaware of the art programs at the Center. It was very successful. There's food, demos, raffles -- you can meet other artists, do hands-on stuff, or sit back and watch. Most of our art instructors will be there, and we are looking to involve new teachers."

Anyone interested in the arts program at the Center is encouraged to attend ART EXPO PARTY on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, meet the instructors, and become involved. You will see also how the Center supports Weston's art community with rotating art exhibits in the hallways. At the same time, you may indicate your interest in new programs, currently under discussion, such as a "Mastering the Masters" class combining art history and painting, a field trip to art museums in New Haven or Greenwich, and studio sessions with a portrait model. Please call 203-222-2608 to RSVP so that we know you are coming.