

West Hartford Art League holding online fundraiser

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A painting by Bill Simpson is one of the works of art being raffled in the art league's online fundraiser.

West Hartford >> The West Hartford Art League is holding a fundraiser/online raffle featuring three works of art by well-known artists associated with the Art League. Each \$20 raffle ticket will go towards one of three works by artists Sally Given, Bill Simpson and Paul Zimmerman. Three raffle tickets can be purchased for \$50. Tickets can be purchased online through midnight, May 30, with a major credit card at <http://westhartfordart.org/events-calendar/> or by calling the office at 860-231-8019.

The art is currently on display in the office of the West Hartford Art League Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. All money raised from this event will help support the West Hartford Art Leagues many programs and events held throughout the year. The West Hartford Art League is a 501(c)3 organization that was founded in 1934 and offers four sessions of affordable art classes through-out the year, a summer art camp and free monthly gallery exhibits in our two galleries. All works being offered are signed and framed. To view the work in person, inquire about the size, or for more information, please visit or call the West Hartford Art League at 860-231-8019.

"Porches," a cut paper collage, is by artist Sally Given. Sally has a BFA from Smith College, and has also studied with Paul Zimmerman, Bob Noreika and Zbigniew Grzyb. She has had many group and one-person exhibits, including the Wadsworth Atheneum for Hartford Architecture Conservancy, CPTV Gallery 24, Signature Gallery in New Haven, the Ragged Sailor in Block Island, Canton Gallery on the Green and at the former Paessaggio Gallery in West Hartford. She has won awards for her work at the New Britain Museum Members Exhibit, Connecticut Watercolor Society, Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts and many others.

"Aerial 1," an oil painting, is by artist Bill Simpson, an award winning artist who received second place in this year's CT+6 exhibit, and who previously won Best of Show in the 2010 CT+6 exhibit for a painting from his same aerial series. Bill currently teaches an oil painting class at the West Hartford Art League. In addition to exhibiting widely in the area, Bill is represented by galleries in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Maine.

"Still-Life" is an oil painting by the late Paul Zimmerman, who was an internationally known artist and professor at the Hartford Art School who retired in 1986. After his retirement, he taught at the West Hartford Art League up until he passed away in 2007. His oils and watercolors are found in numerous museums, as well as many corporate and private collections. During his career, his art work was represented by galleries in New Jersey, Maine and Connecticut. Among his many honors were an associate membership in the National Academy (1959) and full membership as a National Academician in 1972. He was the recipient of scores of awards for his artwork.

The West Hartford Art League is located at 37 Buena Vista Road in West Hartford. Visit [www.](http://www.westhartfordnews.com/entertainment/west-hartford-art-league-holding-online-fundraiser/article_6962c9f0-f176-5bcb-ae60-a3b81aecea16.html)

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