



silvermine arts center

ANNUAL REPORT



Fiscal Year 2011
July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Letter from the Chairman of the Board and Executive Director



The Silvermine Mission statement says it all:

Grounded in the belief that art is vital to the spirit, creativity and wholeness of human beings, the mission of Silvermine Arts Center is to cultivate, promote and encourage growth through the arts; to show case and serve artists; to foster arts education and appreciation opportunities for the greater community.



Today, the Silvermine Arts Center, a 501(c) (3) organization, is comprised of a Guild of over 300 professional artists, five galleries presenting new exhibitions every six weeks and sponsoring prestigious regional and national competitions; a gift shop; a School of Art providing a wide range of classes for all levels of experience from ages 2 to 92; public programs; and outreach programs in the Norwalk and Stamford schools. Silvermine is the preeminent visual arts center in Fairfield County with more than 4,500 annual enrollments at the School of Art and 11,000 visitors to the award-winning galleries. The center provides its artist members, faculty, students and visitors with a common location where they can share ideas, work on projects, teach, explore new areas and grow in their creativity and talents. The Silvermine Arts Center is supported by membership fees, school tuition, art sales, donations, grants and sponsorship for its many programs.



With the exception of Richard Cohen, who will be stepping down from the Board in October, having completed three years as an Officer and member of the Board, the current board is expected to continue, pending re-election at the annual meeting in October. The fiscal year 2011 annual report, which covers the period from July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011, summarizes the many programs offered by the arts center and highlights of the past fiscal year. We are grateful to the staff, members, volunteers and funders who make what we do possible.



Roger Mudre
Chairman of the Board

Leslee Asch
Executive Director



The Guild of Artists

Artists have been drawn to Silvermine since visionary sculptor Solon Borglum moved here in 1908 and established it as a place for artists to gather. The Silvermine Guild of Artists was founded in 1922 and formally incorporated in 1924 when the School of Art was established. Guild membership currently stands at 318 members.



This year, we were pleased to honor six new lifetime members at the Guild Holiday party. Lifetime members are those artists who have been members of the Guild for more than 35 years. This year we honored: Linda Adato, Tom Anastasio, Sally Aubrey, Dolly Curtis, Charles de Long and Gay Schempp. Silvermine Arts Center strives to present programming to fit all levels of experience. We believe that life-long learning results in a better society and community.

Galleries and Public Programs

The Silvermine Galleries mounted twelve two and one person exhibitions, and one group exhibition of Guild Artist members. Visitors were treated to a wide range of media and styles as well as year round artist talks led by exhibiting artists and Gallery Director, Jeffrey Mueller. The opportunity to learn about contemporary art in a relaxed atmosphere and through informal discussions is unparalleled at Silvermine.

In addition to solo and group exhibitions,

Silvermine Arts Center hosted a national juried photography competition/exhibition, SPECTRA, along with the annual juried competition/exhibition, Art of the Northeast.



Continuing the galleries' long standing reputation of securing renowned jurors, Silvermine was honored to have Brian Clamp, Director, CLAMPART; Tom Eccles, Executive Director Bard College Curatorial Studies Program; and Liza Statton, Artspace curator and Gallery Director, all serve as jurors in 2010-2011.

2011 also marked the *Art of the Northeast* celebrating its 62nd year. Established in 1949 by Revington Arthur and Miriam Broudy as the New England Exhibition, this juried competition is open to artists from the six New England states and now includes New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. This annual exhibition/competition is widely anticipated as new and emerging artists seek recognition by gaining entry to this exhibition. The juror this year was Tom Eccles, Executive Director Bard College Curatorial Studies Program. Cecilia Fradet chaired this exhibition with committee members Binnie Birstein, Scott Bricher, Katharine Draper, Lori Glavin, Susan Newbold and Su Tamsett.



In early January, the galleries added to the excitement of the always anticipated New Members show by juxtaposing the exhibition with a selection of work by long standing guild member Sergio Gonzalez-Tornero.

More than 11,000 visitors came to the galleries to view museum caliber exhibitions. Through the Gallery Committee, the Guild, led by Co-Chairs Roger Mudre and Leslie Giuliani, determines the annual calendar of exhibitions. The Gallery Committee completed jurying for six exhibitions.

Sales of art were slightly down from last year, reflecting the still unpredictable nature of the market. However, continual improvements to the gift shop have resulted in increased revenue.



Silvermine has two fundraising events each year to help support the many programs offered at the Arts Center.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered was a sold-out success and grossed over \$20,000. More than 278 original 4"x6" works of art were sold. The committee chairs for the ninth year were Tom Bernsten, Nash Hyon, Roger Mudre and Nancy Nikkal.



Jazz on the Sound was hosted by Board Member and Guild Artist, Don Axleroad, at his beautiful waterfront home. It was a fun and very successful sold-out event, which generated \$28,000 for Silvermine programs.

This year we expanded our presentations and performances to include: A screening of the film, "Years in the Making," a lecture on Mark Twain and his relationship to the area; the first annual Valentine's Jazz Brunch; a special film screening with live music by artist, Brent Green; and a jazz concert with Bennie Wallace in association with KEYS, Kids Empowered through Your Support.



The Silvermine School of Art

Even in this complicated economic climate, the school continues to thrive, under the inspired leadership of School Director, Anne Connell. The first class, offered in 1924, was a painting class taught by Robert Schmidt in the barn, now Hays Gallery. Using Guild Artist members as faculty, other courses were added including sculpture and ceramics. Today, the School offers over 250 courses and workshops in drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, digital imaging, printmaking and photography. The studios are fully utilized, as are the grounds for plein air painting and drawing.

In this past year, we welcomed 11 new faculty members: Susan Farewell – Creative Writing; Christy Gallagher – Watercolor Workshop; Jane Lubin – Collage/Book Arts; Chrissy Lush – Digital Imaging; Jesus Emmanuel Villarreal –

Painting/Drawing; Steven Parton – Painting; Leigh Ann Rooney – Digital Imaging; Alyse Rosner – Painting/Collage; Mark Schoon – Digital Imaging; Michael Torlen – Painting/Drawing; and Jessica Yankura – Digital Imaging.



Susan Frey and Cynthia Mullins chaired the 21st annual Student Exhibition, which opened June 11th. This year's juror was Rebecca Moran, Artist & Adjunct Professor, University of CT, Digital Media. This juried exhibition is open to all students and celebrates the talent, artistic achievement and diversity of our students and faculty. There were 180 accepted Adult Entries, and 130 accepted Youth Entries.



The ever popular travel workshops with David Dunlop traveled in August, 2010 to the Chianti wine growing area of Italy, just 20 minutes outside of Florence. In June, 2011 they explored the Maine coast.

We held nine Friday Youth Open Art Studios sessions.

Together, the Holiday Sale and the Annual Art Materials & Equipment Tag Sale raised over \$12,000 towards scholarships. The

Toland Scholarship and 63 scholarships awarded to students this year made it possible for talented youth and adults to continue their artistic pursuits.

The Student Gallery exhibitions change every two weeks affording students an opportunity to exhibit their work. Seeing art and learning about art is ongoing at the center. We were delighted to be able to extend the invitation to students from Arts for Healing and Family and Child Services to show their work in the student gallery. Both had well-attended opening receptions.



Enrollment:

Here are the numbers of enrollments for each semester for this past fiscal year:

Summer 2010:	1,102
Summer 2011:	1,050
Summer Camp '10:	607
Summer Camp '11:	604
Fall 2009:	1,405
Fall 2010:	1,455
Winter 2010:	1,372
Winter: 2011	1,547
Spring 2010:	1,172
Spring 2011:	1,050

Draw On! is a week long celebration of drawing. In partnership with the Aldrich Museum, workshops were organized for artists of

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all ages to encourage them to take up a pencil or charcoal, and draw. Each day presented uniquely diverse and exciting workshops where participants had the opportunity to work with Silvermine faculty members. In its second year, a record 85 people participated.



Other special presentations included Suzanne Benton's lecture/performance, "*Masks as a Portal to the World*," two David Dunlop lectures; and a Liquitex demonstration by faculty member, Derek Leka.

Art Partners

Thanks to our dedicated supporters, partners and instructors, Art Partners had another successful school year program. Bringing curriculum based, art infused instruction to urban schools in Norwalk and Stamford, as well as after school programs, Art Partners is designed to encourage critical thinking and help close the achievement gap that exists in Connecticut public schools. This year, Silvermine



taught classes in four elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school. In addition, we provided the opportunity to work in Silvermine's professional studios in two afterschool programs with the Norwalk Housing Authority, and new this year, Family and Child Services.

Adding classes for Family and Child Services was a highlight this year. Family and Child Services holds afterschool programs at the nearby Norwalk Community College. This year, they reached out to us to see if we could



help them add an art component to their offerings. This new initiative was a great success. For us it was a great learning and building experience as this program works with the same children over multiple years. These children are selected as the most in need from all of the Norwalk middle schools.

The Center's staff helped with observations and is helping us develop better long-term tracking and effectiveness metrics. They helped us add the vocabulary to express the observable changes in executive functioning, including: memory, self-monitoring and emotional control skills. The class sessions culminated in a student art show at Silvermine's Student Gallery. The reception was attended by all the participating artists and numerous friends and family members. The pride and sense of accomplishment in that room was palpable and infectious. We were delighted to be able to extend that experience to these children and their families.

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Financial Summary Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011

Silvermine Guild Arts Center received an unqualified opinion of its financial statements by its independent auditor, Dylewsky, Goldberg & Brenner, LLC. If you would like to receive a copy of the statements, please contact Executive Director, Leslee Asch.

Operating Information

REVENUE:

Tuition & Fees	1,540,766
Other Earned Income	332,243
Contributions & Membership	381,976
TOTAL REVENUE	2,254,985

EXPENSES:

Compensation/Benefits/Commissions	1,588,772
Scholarships	19,953
Program Expenses	335,370
Maintenance & Overhead	256,769
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,200,864

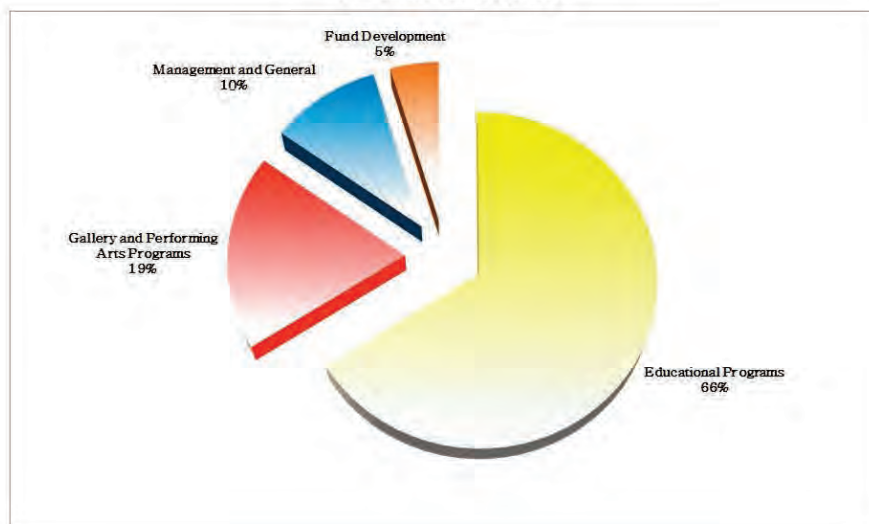
CASH OPERATING RESULT 54,121

Depreciation Expense 147,480

RESULT AFTER DEPRECIATION (93,359)

Silvermine Guild of Artists, Inc.

Functional Expense Distribution
Year Ended June 30, 2011



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Annual Gifts

\$10,000 and Above

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In Memoriam

Silvermine Arts Center acknowledges the passing this year of our dear friends:

David Burt
Laurence Fay
Mark H. Fleitzer
Joanna Friedmab
Karin Klink
Margaret Kunkel Ploss
Joan C. Reader
Abe Rothenberg

With Thanks

Silvermine Guild Arts Center's Board and Staff wish to thank the many supporters and volunteers who enable us to fulfill our mission. With the help of hundreds of people the arts center is able to manage a full calendar of programs that sustains our mission. The faculty work tirelessly to bring out the best in students in a supporting and nurturing way, the Guild Artists (many of whom are faculty as well) provide invaluable insight and volunteer hours to the arts center, and our student volunteers ably assist in exhibitions and fundraising events.

Interns

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Paris LaRock, Darien
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