

# MYSTICARTSCENTER

CREATIVITY CULTURE COMMUNITY

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **New “Artini Hour” Launched at the Mystic Arts Center**

**MYSTIC, CT – September 4, 2009** - On **Thursday, September 24**, the Mystic Arts Center will launch *Artini Hour*, a new kind of happy hour hosted in the Arts Center’s KTJ Studios.

From 5:30 – 7:30 pm, guests can sip on a cocktail and nosh on treats while engaging their creative side in a no-experience-required art project.

The first Artini Hour, *Thinking Out of the Box*, will give participants all the materials and inspiration needed to create a personalized and artistic storage box for photos, recipes or mementos. Instructor Diane Barcelo leads the class as they transform simple boxes into something meaningful and personal, using everything but the kitchen sink.

“There was a demand for this kind of low-pressure creative outlet focused as much as the social aspect as the educational component,” says Dawn Salerno, Director of Education at the MAC.

Each program will feature a different project designed for participants who enjoy creating, prefer a bit of guidance, and want to socialize while they do it. Future Artini Hours include Let’s Paint, on Thursday, November 12, which showcases easy painting techniques that can be used for creative exploration, and the Holiday Artini Hour on Thursday, December 3.

All programs are \$8 for MAC members, and \$12 for general public. To register or find more information, call 860.536-7601x209 or visit [www.mysticarts.org](http://www.mysticarts.org).

The Mystic Arts Center is located at 9 Water Street in downtown Mystic. The Arts Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to connecting community with current creative expression, cultural enrichment and Mystic’s rich artistic heritage. Open daily 11 am – 5 pm.

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