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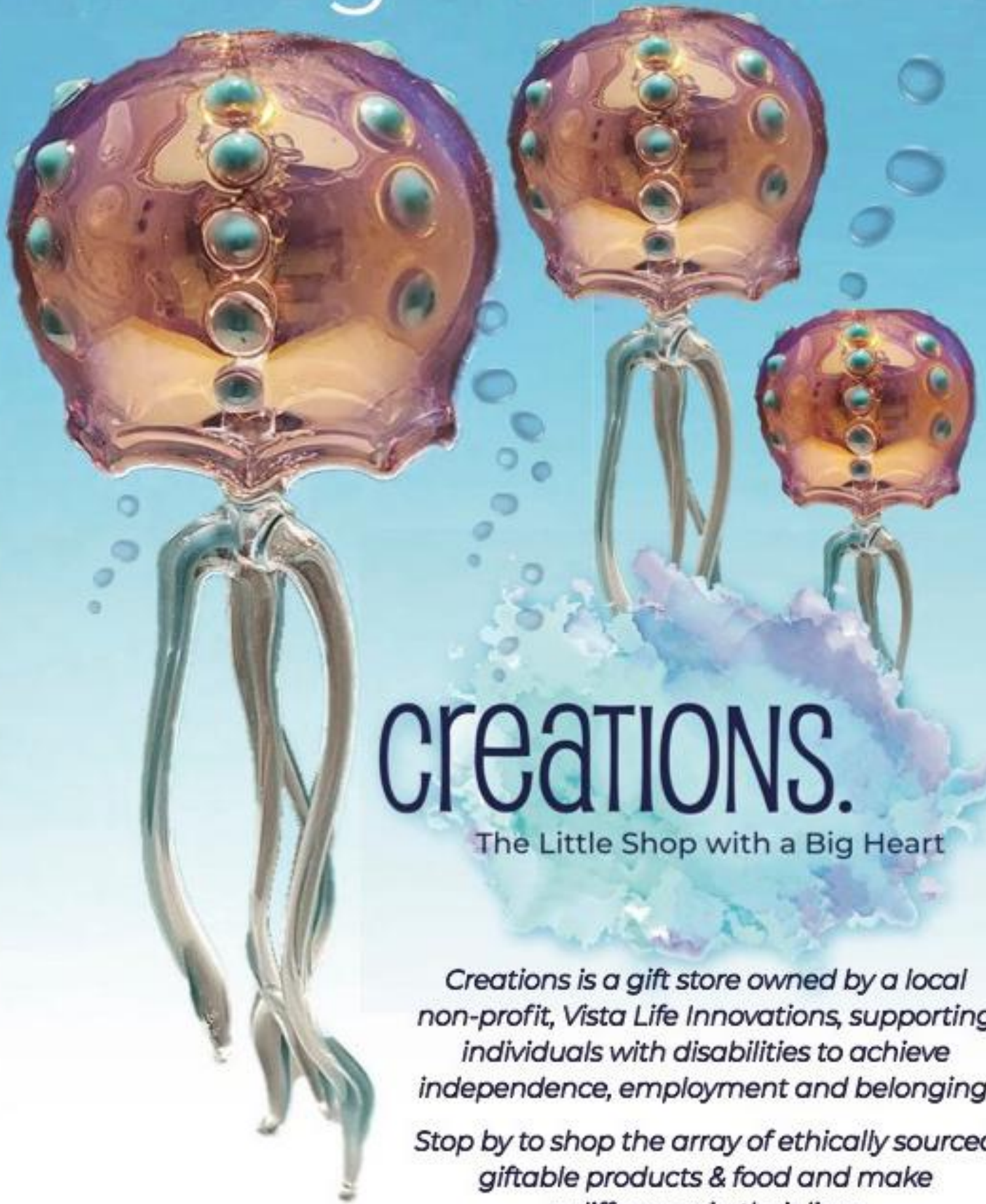
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Cat Francucci Art, "Summer Jewel Of Madison," Watercolor Fine Art Original (2023)

A watercolor illustration of a porch at sunset. The scene is viewed from an elevated position, looking down onto a wooden deck with a railing. The railing is in the foreground, and the deck extends into the distance. The sky is a mix of warm colors, including orange, yellow, and pink, suggesting a sunset. The overall style is soft and painterly.

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**Welcome to Madison!** We hope you enjoy all the activities and events our charming coastal town has to offer this summer. Get outside and take a walk along the Shoreline Greenway Trail ([www.shorelinegreenwaytrail.org/calendar](http://www.shorelinegreenwaytrail.org/calendar)), visit one of Madison's beautiful beaches, or enjoy a night under the stars camping at Hammonasset Beach State Park. Visit the Friends of Hammonasset website ([www.hammonasset.org](http://www.hammonasset.org)) for more information.

Don't forget to explore all that Madison has to offer! With many wonderful clothing, gift, and home stores along Boston Post Road, Wall Street, and beyond, we also have a variety of dining options at our local restaurants. Ranging from casual bites on the beach to more upscale experiences, there's something for everyone. Please feel free to stop by the Madison Visitors Center, located at 12 School Street inside our Chamber office building, for more information on how to enjoy all that coastal CT has to offer!

All the best for a wonderful summer -

Dawn Jackson  
Executive Director

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### **Special thanks to Madison artist: CAT FRANCUCCI**

for allowing us to feature her watercolor painting, "Jewel Of Madison," on the cover

Madison's coastal areas offer some of the best inspiration! When I create a coastal painting, I aim to capture the feeling of standing at a specific location and experiencing the natural beauty. I focus on the colors I want the painting to bring to those who see it. One of the things I love most about a coastal themed painting is the way it can prompt a calmness in those who view it. There is something extraordinary about that, and it's something I try to capture in every piece I create.



For more information: [www.catfrancucci.com](http://www.catfrancucci.com)

# Madison Events & Things To Do



## Madison's 2024 Summer Concert Series:

[www.madisonct.org/concerts](http://www.madisonct.org/concerts)

**Sunday from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on the Green** in Madison.

Feel free to bring lawn chairs, picnics. No alcoholic beverages allowed on the Green.

**July 7:** The Taxmen

**July 14:** Larry Stevens Band

**July 21:** Cover2Cover

**July 28:** The KSF Tribute Band

**August 4:** 1 Wild Night Bon Jovi Tribute Band

**August 11:** The Kenn Morr Band

**August 18:** Last Licks

**August 25:** Take Two and Call Me in the Morning

**Madison Beach and Recreation:** Community programs, events information & registration

Call: 203-245-5623

Visit: 87 Surf Club Road, Madison

<https://www.madisonct.org/165/Beach-Recreation-Department>

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Transportation is available in a 14 town region for Madison residents who are age 60 or older and disabled over the age 18 having certification of a medical disability.

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# Madison Events & Things To Do



## 2024 Grassy Strip Music Series Madison Beach Hotel Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM

**July 11**, John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band

**July 18**, Psychedelic Beatles, featuring Dave Lefkin

**July 25**, Peter, Jim and Brendan Mayer

**August 1**, Masters of the Telecaster, featuring G.E. Smith and Jim Weider with special guest Jake Kulak

**August 8**, Jeff Pitchell and Texas Flood

**August 15**, Brothers Doobie, Tribute to the Doobie Brothers

**August 22**, Panorama, Performing The Music of The Cars

**August 29**, Cliff Goodwin's Rhythm and Blues Union, featuring Mitch Chakour and Ric Cunningham

### Madison Rotary Carnival:

Academy Field

**July 17 - July 20, 2024** 6:00 to 10:00 PM

### Acoustic Evenings with Joe Mazzarella

Garvan Point at The Surf Club

**Thursday's: July 18th, 25th and August 1st**  
6:00 - 7:30 PM

### Meigs Point Nature Center:

July 13, 2024 - Fish of the Salt Marsh

July 27, 2024 - Birds of the Salt Marsh

August 10, 2024, Plants of the Salt Marsh

Visit [www.hammonasset.org/events](http://www.hammonasset.org/events) for details

### Folk and Bluegrass Duo: Patrick Gazda and Tomcat Bob

Bauer Park Barn

**Friday, August 9th** at 6:00 PM

## Summer at Scranton Library



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## Beachcomber Night

**Beachcomber Night on August 15th, 4:00 - 7:30 PM**, in downtown Madison, CT, is a vibrant summer event along Boston Post Road and Wall Street. Enjoy in-store specials from merchants, food trucks, live music, beer and spirits tastings, and a town-wide raffle to win a bag filled with gift cards from local shops.

Join us for the Madison **Health and Wellness Expo on September 25th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Madison Senior Center.**

For people 55 and over, this event will have local businesses, service providers and resources offering information about health, legal, financial services and lifestyle products all in one convenient location.



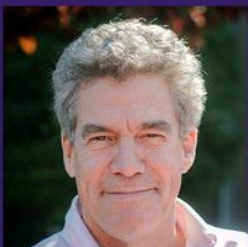
Come out for the **Madison Artisan & Antique Fall Festival on the Green** for a day filled with unique crafts, beautiful art, vintage treasures, and local delights. Enjoy live music and a vibrant atmosphere on **September 28th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.**



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# *Shoreline Dining: Clam Castle*

## **Celebrating 15 Years of Taco Pacifico: A Journey of Culinary Passion and Entrepreneurial Spirit**

Taco Pacifico just celebrated its 15th anniversary on June 25th. Reflecting on this milestone, Founder Greg Sharon, recalls “the long and wild journey” that started with a handful of recipes from his time in LA. Over the years, Greg has ventured into various endeavors, from operating concession stands at local private clubs, to recently packaging his signature hand-cooked tortilla chips, and of course, acquiring Clam Castle over 2 years ago.

Despite these ventures, Taco Pacifico and all 1,300+ food truck parties later, mobile catering remains Greg’s favorite aspect of the business. Throwing a Food Truck Fiesta for family or corporate events is exhilarating for the founder. The team rolls in, serves an exorbitant amount of fresh Mexican cuisine in a short time, and rolls out. This mobile setup allows them to travel to diverse locations, from shoreline towns, to the hills of Litchfield, and even out of state to places like Springfield, MA, and Watch Hill, RI.

Greg, whose name is actually short for Gregarious, loves meeting and engaging with people every day, so much so, that in 1999, Greg moved from Boston, to the City of Angels, with high hopes of becoming a comedian. Making people laugh or smile remains Greg’s motivation, and the food truck has become a natural outlet for this self-expression. The truck’s floor sits at least three feet above the ground, creating a makeshift “stage” for his impromptu or rehearsed antics, entertaining hungry and excited crowds. The food truck offers the opportunity to encounter thousands of new faces each season, thousands of opportunities to make people laugh.





Since acquiring a liquor license last spring, they now offer beer, Sangria, and margaritas to clients. While this might seem like an attempt to create a comedy club experience, the attractive margins and the evolving food truck industry justify this direction.

Back on Route 1 in Madison, Greg is into his second season owning and operating Clam Castle. While he can't take credit for the award-winning chowder recipes, he preserves the menu items and recipes that have made this 65+ year old institution a landmark. Over the past year, he has learned more about Clam Castle from its long-time patrons, than about breading and frying whole bellies. Greg says, "it's clear this place is part of many people's heritage," and he sees himself as the current torch holder, who has added his twist with the Cali-style Mexican food he is known for.

Though he occasionally indulges in clam strips and chicken nuggets in a bag, Greg admits his passion still lies in Mexican food. For him, there is no comparison between the smell of freshly chopped pico de gallo and raw seafood when he enters the restaurant kitchen early in the morning.

Reflecting on 15 years of Taco Pacifico, Greg Sharon is filled with gratitude for the journey and the people who have been a part of it. Here's to many more years of bringing joy, laughter, and delicious food to the community!



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## Meet Madison Merchant: Susan Powell

Susan Powell opened Susan Powell Fine Art in 1981 and has over 40 years of experience in creating and building private collections. In the late seventies, Susan was Director of the Painting Department at Doyle Auctions, New York, where she learned to discern between what is authentic and what is not when appraising artworks for sale. "I organized catalogue exhibitions of Old Masters, 19th and 20th century American and European paintings, and Contemporary Art, which provided me with a great background in honing my eye as I saw over 8,000 works of art annually." While at Doyle Auctions, Susan increased painting sales from \$125,000 to \$1.2 million in 5 years.



Susan Powell comes from an art background. Her mother was an art docent at the National Gallery of Art and the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. where she grew up. Susan's father attended the Art Students League in NYC, and although painting was his avocation, he frequently exhibited in D.C. and Ogunquit, Maine and her grandmother was also a painter. Susan was lucky to take Art History in High School, and majored in Art History at Connecticut College, spending my senior year abroad in Paris.

"I discovered Madison while working with a banker who lived in town. I fell in love with Madison and opened my gallery in 2003 on Main Street next to the fire station. Throughout the years I've established connections with nationally-known award-winning artists that I now represent. I curate and organize themed exhibitions every 4-6 weeks."

Susan Powell Fine Art has always specialized in art for all budgets and they offer free in-house or office consultations to help you transform a space into what you've always dreamed of. If you're uncertain about a painting, you can take it home and try it out before purchasing it. Choosing art is very personal and Susan wants clients to live with something they truly love and cherish. The gallery is a wonderful and welcoming resource for the entire family with a lovely garden in the backyard which they use for opening receptions and artist painting demonstrations.

All events are free, so come and visit, the gallery all about the experience of finding what you love and embracing Art.

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Whole lobsters work, but rolls work better at sea. We offer lobster as 3-oz. sliders, and 4 and 6-oz. rolls. Grilled roll, plenty of butter.

The Sea Mist with its large cabin below and bench seats above, gives its passengers a unique view of the islands that were once a bolthole for Capt. William Kidd. Thimble Islands Lobsterbakes was the mid-life crisis solution for Mike McCleery, New Haven advertising agency owner, who ran Stony Creek Marine & Tackle, (now Thimbleberry's) for 10 years before going all-in on the mobile lobster operation. The agency represented a division of IBM, J. Press, Clothiers, several departments within Yale University, UNH, and every decent restaurant between Branford and Saybrook.

*Maybe it's not the salt air, but a freshly-grilled, medium rare NY Strip Steak or Tenderloin, just seems to taste better in this nautical setting.*



Lessons from advertising "You can't force the consumer to buy your product, so go for something he'll remember. 'That has to be the reason we have 5,300 followers on Facebook. TIL also sponsors an annual random drawing for \$200 in lobster. "And, it doesn't cost anything to reach your target audience.

"I will likely not achieve my dream of opening in Westport which would justify the almost 30 years of fierce devotion to a dream that began with \$400 in pots and pans, a \$2,000 trailer, Facebook, and 40 years in advertising and public relations.," he concludes. This year Lobster Mike and his crew are aiming to serve 1,000 dinners before mid-October.

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## *New Member Spotlight: The Mur Salon*

The Mur Salon, established in 2018 at our Branford location, holds a special place in Diana McQuade (Dee), owner of the Mur Salon, which is named after her beloved rescue dog, Murray. The salon's commitment to cruelty-free products stems from Dee's deep love for animals and unwavering stance against animal cruelty and testing. "Murray's journey from humble beginnings mirrors my own, and together, we've found so much joy and purpose."



Dee's journey in the hair industry began at 16, cleaning salons and assisting stylists. Despite challenges, including family struggles, she pursued her passion, attending hair school at the age of 18. Her path led her through various salons until she found her fit at Cost Cutters, where the supportive team helped pave the way for her future success.

Born and raised in Newington, Dee knew she wanted to spread her wings beyond her hometown. She relocated to Manchester, CT, where she started her own venture by renting a chair in Vernon. "Meeting my supportive husband along the way emboldened me to take the leap and open my own salon along the Shoreline, honoring my father's legacy after his passing."

Though the journey hasn't been easy, Dee strives to make a positive impact through artistry and her own experiences. Losing her mother five years into the Branford location was a profound loss, but it also inspired Dee to expand with another location in Guilford which she believes was guided by her mother's spirit. Amidst the multitude of salons along the shoreline, Dee and her team pour their hearts into providing the best customer experience, prioritize listening and realistic expectations. Branford caters to self-employed professionals, fostering independence, while Guilford fosters teamwork.

The Mur Salon isn't just a business; it's a community built on shared values and a passion for their craft.  
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[www.fastsigns.com/2416](http://www.fastsigns.com/2416)

## Gateway Financial Partners

[www.mygfpartner.com](http://www.mygfpartner.com)

## Holiday by Atria, Cedar Woods

[www.holidayseniorliving.com](http://www.holidayseniorliving.com)

## JP Morgan Chase

[www.chase.com](http://www.chase.com)

## Lindsay J. Hair and Makeup

[www.lindsayj.com](http://www.lindsayj.com)

## Neutra Design

[www.neutra-design.com](http://www.neutra-design.com)

## Outdoor Design & Living

[www.outdoordesign.com](http://www.outdoordesign.com)

## Page Hardware and Appliance Co.

[www.pagehardware.com](http://www.pagehardware.com)

## Saybrook Point Resort & Marina

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## Shoreline Village, CT

[www.shorelinevillagect.org](http://www.shorelinevillagect.org)

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## Studio of Patrick Ganino

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# *Coastal Home & Design: Kitchens by Gendney*

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Kitchens by Gedney has evolved with the market's ebb and flow from new construction, renovations and additions; to tear downs, waterside lift-ups, and remodeling. The product mix reflects this evolution, and they have fixtures and appointments to complement their cabinetry and counters.

Dick Gedney, founder, grew the company, and his son's Rick and Curt continued the business into the new millennium. They continued Dick's "hands on" style and inclusive design approach. Rick received a Master's Degree in Engineering and has been at the Madison store since the start. Curt graduated from UCONN and worked for DuPont Corian® in service and distribution. Both sons have been working in the industry for decades including cabinet and appliance deliveries going back to the 60's. Service and style are in their DNA.



Recently, plans have been made to continue the success of Kitchens by Gedney for many years to come and the continued involvement of Rick Gedney in the company over the next few years. The plan will also allow them to grow and add staff and services. Part of this planning involved passing the torch to Rick Brauchler of Rick Brauchler Jr. & Company LLC. Rick has operated his local custom home building and remodeling business for the past 24 years and has a wealth of experience in the kitchen industry. This new opportunity will provide additional resources needed to service customers even better. Rick Brauchler Jr. is a certified Master Kitchens and Bath Remodeler and his background brings a whole new level of service opportunity to the Gedney operation.

Kitchens by Gedney continues to move forward with the latest design software and automated budget technologies, cutting edge installation tools, and the latest in cabinet hardware and styles. They are also expanding our staff to keep up with demand and better serve our clients.

The Gedney team looks back with pride at the underpinnings of what got them to this point and they are thankful for the thousands of folks that have welcomed them into their homes and become part of our Gedney Family and they look forward to servicing our community for many years to come.



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## *Local Talent: Patrick Ganino*

"I remember sitting in my parent's back seat, driving through Middletown, CT, as a child and feeling in awe at the sight of a big mural on a building we drove past. I thought to myself, "I want to do that." For over two decades, I have dedicated myself to the art of mural painting and I sometimes wonder if my work is inspiring some young artist like it has for me. "



With a diverse portfolio that spans from high-end residences to grand architectural projects, mural artist Patrick Ganino has collaborated with architects, designers, business owners, and homeowners to transform spaces into bespoke works of art.

His artistic philosophy is rooted in a personalized approach. He believes that each mural should be a reflection of its environment, a harmonious blend of space, surroundings, and the unique vision of the client. Through careful consideration and a deep understanding of the client's desires, he crafts custom murals that not only enhance the physical space but also resonate with the soul of the locality.

"My journey as a mural artist has been a testament to the transformative power of art. Through every stroke of the brush, I aim to create not just murals, but immersive experiences that evoke emotions, inspire creativity, and leave a lasting impression on those who encounter them."

And if you look back through 25 years of this mural artist's career you can see his progression continue to evolve with time. From detailed interiors featuring hand painted chinoiserie to large scale murals on buildings located throughout the country there seems to be not much this Madison resident shies away from. In 2023 alone Patrick Ganino could be seen in multiple places at once or at least that's what it seemed like. From painting the headquarters of Raising Cane's Chicken in Texas to being commissioned

## *Local Talent: Patrick Ganino (cont.)*

by actor Sylvester Stallone for a mural at the base of the Rocky steps in Philadelphia. Two projects with famed singer Post Malone, one in Salt Lake City and the other in Dallas. A large scale mural in South Dakota for Pure Medical Aesthetics all while traveling with friend Chevy Chase, the comedic actor that was one of the founding figures that launched Saturday Night Live. And this year seems to be just as robust with projects for Hulk Hogan currently being completed and two murals for Bradley Airport in Hartford, CT.

If you are a lover of art or are simply just curious you can see more on his Instagram under his name Patrick Ganino or visit his website at [www.PatrickGanino.com](http://www.PatrickGanino.com)





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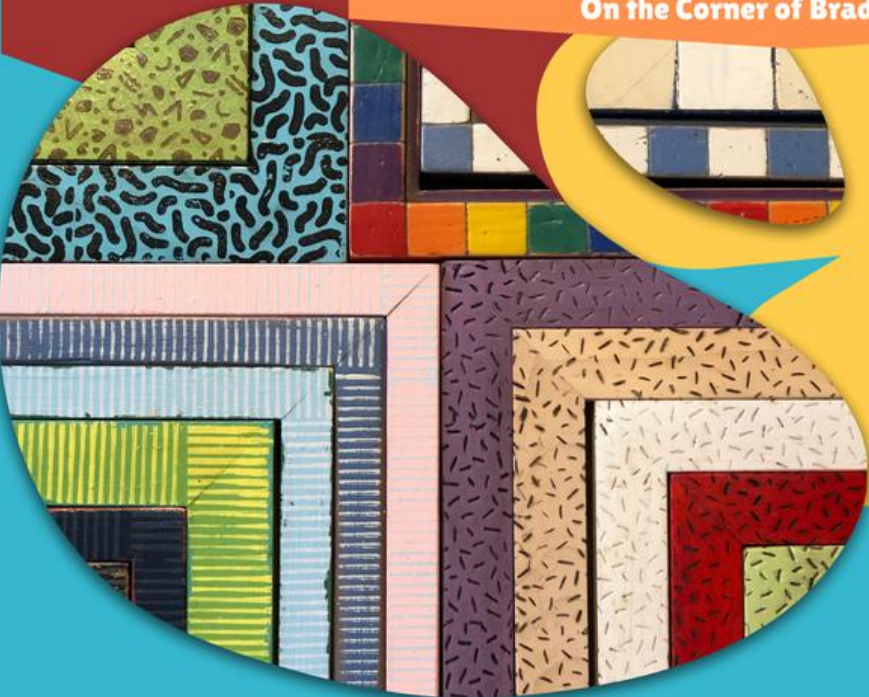
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## *Non-profit Feature: Vista Life Innovations*

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Aligning with Vista's mission to provide short- and long-term support for individuals with disabilities along the CT shoreline, Creations' objectives are to provide employment opportunities for Vista students and members while also serving to spread the message of our organization and the abilities of those with disabilities.

In addition to selling an array of beautiful and unique products over the last eight years, Creations has provided numerous internships and work assessments, providing opportunities for individuals with disabilities to gain valuable work experience.

"While our store is an important part of our organization, Vista is also extremely proud of the nearly 200 individuals who we support in living with independence along the Connecticut shoreline between Guilford and Old Saybrook."

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## **Mediterranean-Style Swordfish**

1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil divided  
2 10-ounce swordfish steaks, each 1 inch thick  
1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
4 cloves garlic, finely chopped  
1/2 cup dry white wine  
12 ripe cherry tomatoes, cut in half  
12 Kalamata olives, pitted  
1 pinch dried oregano  
1 teaspoon capers  
1 cup fresh basil leaves, torn, divided  
2 tablespoons onion, coarsely chopped  
Salt and pepper  
1 cup fish stock or water

In a large frying pan, heat 1/4 cup of the olive oil on high until fragrant. When oil is hot, flour both sides of the fish and place in the hot oil. Sear both sides until golden.

Lower heat to medium and add garlic, white wine, tomatoes, olives, oregano, capers, half of the basil, onion and salt and pepper to taste. Let cook for 2-3 minutes.

Stir the sauce ingredients and add enough fish stock or water to almost cover the fish. Cover and let simmer for 5-8 minutes, or until fish is firm. Taste and add salt and pepper.

Serve over pasta, pouring the sauce over the top of the fish, or with crusty peasant bread, drizzling with remaining 1/4 cup olive oil and garnishing with remaining basil.

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