

# Press Release

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## **Sixth Annual Art on the Pews Art/Crafts Juried Show November 6-7 in Cambridge, Central Square**

St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts has announced they will once again be holding the **Sixth Annual Art on the Pews**, a juried fine arts and crafts show and sale, Friday November 6th (4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) and Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> (11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.), at 838 Massachusetts Avenue. This juried art show and sale will be held in the main floor of the church. Admission to this “family friendly” event is free and parents are encouraged to bring their children of all ages.

Show Director, Nancy Trottier, says “This years exhibitors have excellent quality and variety to share.” An elevator has been installed which will provide access to the show floor in the main sanctuary and church restroom facilities on the first floor from an entrance on Seller’s Street. The Reverend François Trottier, Rector at St. Peter’s, notes “During Art on the Pews we see 600-70900 visitors each year who may have never been in our facility before. The new elevator makes it accessible to everyone.”

This year over 21 exhibitors will be displaying and selling their work. Media represented will include fine jewelry, watercolor, drawings, prints, oil and acrylic painting, book arts, calligraphy, weaving, photography, fabric arts, collage, and electronic multi-media. Art on the Pews is unique in that exhibitors pay a small show fee and are able to retain 100% of the proceeds from their sales. St. Peter’s Episcopal strives to create a great, family friendly venue for both exhibitors and visitors to the event.

In addition to the fine art and crafts work being presented, Art on the Pews will also offer musical entertainment each hour the venue is open, including classical, jazz, folk, and organ music performances. The Opening Hour performer will be the Foxman James, playing viola. Foxman is also an exhibitor in the show, presenting oil paintings. She will be demonstrating oil painting both days. Timo Arthur, a St. Peter’s member will follow playing original guitar compositions. Simon Tedeschi, world famous pianist from Australia will perform with a jazz trio from 7:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Sam Bayer, a well known Cambridge musician and composer will round out the evening Friday from 7:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. A complete schedule of entertainment can be found on the show website, <http://home.comcast.net/~nancytrottier/site/>.

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Art and crafts demonstrations will take place each hour also, including jewelry making, calligraphy, watercolor painting, weaving, oil and acrylic painting, and drawing. Nicholas Read, well-known Cambridge artist, will be demonstrating oil painting at the front of the church and Elizabeth Lang Harris will be demonstrating spinning and weaving in the back of the church. The **Kid's Art Corner** will again be offered. In this area children may come with their parents and make a piece of their own art to take home for FREE. Supplies for the **Kid's Art Corner** have been provided by show Sponsors, Artist and Craftsmen Supply of Cambridge, Harcourt Bindery of Charlestown, and Firefly Press of Allston.

During Art on the Pews the members of the parish will once again be operating the St. Elizabeth's Chapel Gift Shop in the back of the church. This gift shop will be holding a "Silent Auction" for donated items, art works and craft objects, and collectables. The gift shop will also be selling a wide variety of home baked goods.

Show Director Nancy Trottier, whose husband The Reverend François Trottier is the Rector at St. Peter's, has over 20 years experience participating in and organizing art and crafts shows throughout the Midwest and in Canada. She said, "Sponsoring this event over the past five years has brought our faith community together with the arts community in a very unique way. We are hoping to once again provide an exciting venue for the participants and also a great family event for the wider community. This event helps us to raise funds for our outreach ministries at St. Peter's."

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Central Square, has been involved in several outreach projects over the years, most notably the After Works after school program for children and Common Care, a program that brings diverse people together to prepare meals within an atmosphere of community. Proceeds from Art on the Pews will be directed towards these ministries that serve the local community.

This juried show will also offer cash prizes to artists in the category of Best of Show, \$150, Best of Fine Arts, \$100, Best of Crafts, \$100, Best of Mixed Media, \$100 and People's Choice, \$50, which is awarded from ballots completed by each visitor to the show. At the start of the second day of the show the participating artists will be honored at an Awards Breakfast to be held in the Undercroft at St. Peter's, where the awards will be distributed. For more information, and final schedule of musical performances, visit the Art on the Pews website, <http://home.comcast.net/~nancytrottier/site/>.

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