

## Town of Acton

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## Acton Economic Development Department Hosts Professional Development Webinar for Local Artists

ACTON – Town Manager John Mangiaratti is pleased to announce that the Economic Development Office will be hosting a free webinar for working artists in collaboration with the 495 MetroWest Partnership.

Local artists looking to make their careers more sustainable are invited to register for “Making a Living as a Working Artist,” which will be held on Monday, July 18, at 1 p.m. Register for the webinar [here](#).

This live, virtual webinar is a follow-up to the “Call for Public Art,” issued in May to attract project proposals from local artists for benches or murals around town.

Artists are invited to attend regardless of whether they submitted a project proposal to the Call for Public Art in May.

Selections for the “Call for Public Art” project were made during the last week of June. Candidates were selected for their creativity, talent in representing unique attributes of Acton and their ability to highlight community togetherness through art.

Mural award winners were Meg Nichols, Elizabeth Bejar-Benz, Elizabeth Ames, and Shara Osgood. Bench award winners were Yin Peet, Pam Tobbler, and Sunanda

Sahay.

"Art is a great example of self-expression and how people can come together to create something remarkable," Economic Development Director Pierce Onos said. "Through this webinar we hope to help local artists pursue a career where they can continue to create and make a difference."

"Congratulations to all who participated in the Call for Public Art project," said Town Manager Mangiaratti. "We encourage artists to attend this webinar so they can fully realize their potential and contribute to the livability of the town."

The Town of Acton is excited to support its local artists while bringing inspiration to the community, beautifying some of the Town's commercial areas. Residents should be on the lookout for new art in 2023.

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