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WADSWORTH ATHENEUM MUSEUM OF ART PRESENTS
34TH ANNUAL FINE ART & FLOWERS, MAY 1 – 3, 2015

The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art's annual spring fundraiser, "Fine Art & Flowers," will take place Friday, May 1, to Sunday, May 3, 2015. During the three-day event floral arrangements and garden designs inspired by artworks in the museum's permanent collection – created by community florists, garden clubs and designers – are displayed in the galleries throughout the weekend.

The 34th annual "Fine Art & Flowers" will also feature special events (listed below), docent-led tours, and a marketplace with local vendors. Admission to the museum during "Fine Art & Flowers" is: \$13 Adults; \$11 Seniors (62+); \$8 Students with ID; \$3 members and children (ages 2-12). For more information visit thewadsworth.org/flowers.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Friday, May 1, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**
"Coney Island Cafe"
A cocktail reception inspired by "Coney Island: Visions of an American Dreamland," featuring Onyx Moonshine, NoRA Cupcakes, Bear's BBQ Smokehouse and City Steam Brewery, plus treats from Coney Island. \$35 advance; \$45 at the door. To purchase tickets visit thewadsworth.org/flowers or call (860) 838-4100 Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm.
- **Saturday, May 2, 2 – 3 p.m.**
Floral Demonstrations in Avery Court
Visitors may learn about the art of floral arranging from five local professionals. Free with admission.
- **Sunday, May 3, 1 – 2 p.m.**
"Meet the Arrangers"
A special opportunity for visitors to meet and engage with selected floral professionals who created the arrangements in the galleries. Free with admission.

About the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art

Founded in 1842, the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art is the oldest continually operating public art museum in the United States. The museum's nearly 50,000 works of art span 5,000 years, from Greek and Roman antiquities to the first museum collection of American contemporary art. The Wadsworth Atheneum's located at 600 Main Street in Hartford, Conn. Hours: Wednesday – Friday: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; First Thursdays: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. Admission: \$5 – 10; discounts for members, students and seniors. Public phone: (860) 278-2670; website: thewadsworth.org.

The 34th Annual Fine Art & Flowers is presented by the [Women's Committee](#) of the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art. All proceeds fund the museum's special exhibitions, educational programs, and operating expenses.

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