

**Carriage Barn Arts Center-New Canaan Community Foundation  
Partnership  
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Nestled in a nineteenth century stone barn on the grounds of the Waveny Park, the Carriage Barn Arts Center is a unique cultural resource in New Canaan. Our mission is to promote community interest, support and greater participation in all branches of the visual and performing arts. We host six premier Art Exhibitions each year, including our popular fall Members show, an Invitational Photography Exhibit, and a collaborative effort featuring the work of talented New Canaan High School students. The Barn also sponsors Art in the Windows, which places art in retail stores for the enjoyment of shoppers.

The Carriage Barn Arts Center is proud of its partnership with the New Canaan Community Foundation throughout our 34-year history. For example, the Foundation provided invaluable funds for a mold remediation effort in the Barn in 2005.

Most recently, the Carriage Barn received a very generous grant from the Foundation in support of a major Capital Revitalization project. The funds will be used: 1) to renovate the caretaker's apartment in preparation for a new tenant, 2) to update the kitchen to make it more operational and user-friendly for renters, and 3) to re-organize the office and loft spaces, which will improve the efficiency and functioning of the organization. In the end, the grant will help increase the financial sustainability of the Carriage Barn, with the added benefit that the Gallery space will more professionally showcase our Exhibits – and will serve as an optimum venue for community events.

The Carriage Barn is very grateful for the Foundation's support, which allows us to continue to thrive as a creative outlet and cultural resource in the community.