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Guilford Art Center Honored with “Best of” and “Editors’ Choice” Awards

Two popular consumer publications have singled-out Guilford Art Center and designated it a travel destination and one-of-a-kind shopping mecca. Yankee magazine awarded the Art Center an “Editor’s Choice” honor from their annual Travel Guide to New England, and in the New Haven Advocate’s annual Best of New Haven Reader’s Poll, the Art Center was voted “Best Artisans Gallery” and its Shop “Best Place to Buy One-of-a-Kind Jewelry.” It also received a third-place nod as “Best Local Technical, Business and Art School.”

Each year, Yankee’s editors scour the region to select attractions to recommend to readers of their best-selling annual travel guide. The Guilford Art Center, known for its annual Craft Expo on the Guilford Green, as well as its school, shop and gallery, received a trusted and prestigious Editors’ Choice endorsement for 2006.

The New Haven Advocate annually polls its readers to vote for the “Best of” in a huge variety of categories—from restaurants to goods and services to cultural attractions—and winning a particular category is a regional badge of honor, indicating customer loyalty and audience support. The Art Center’s Shop specializes in handmade decorative and functional items, and is well-loved by devoted shoppers for its plentiful and distinctive selection of jewelry. Gallery-goers seek out the Center’s changing exhibitions of works by emerging and established artists.

“Recognition by these two very different publications,” says executive director Mary O’Connor, “underscores the quality and the distinction of the Center’s multi-faceted programs. Yankee magazine is a trusted and long-standing authority on New England travel, and we know that families and individuals visiting our school, shop, gallery, and annual Craft Expo will agree with their ‘Editors’ Choice’ designation. Likewise, the New Haven Advocate’s readership is well-informed and up-to-the-minute with cultural trends, and we are particularly pleased that they recognized us as an important gallery and shopping destination for one-of-a-kind jewelry.”

In addition to these honors, the Guilford Art Center’s Shop has been nominated for Niche magazine’s 2006 Top Retailer Awards. This artist-nominated award recognizes retailers’ commitment to the American craft movement.

The Guilford Art Center is a nonprofit institution established to nurture and support excellence in the arts through education, communication and outreach and is a participant in the Greater New Haven Arts Stabilization Project, a joint venture with the Greater New Haven philanthropic community.