

West Hartford Art League hosts 'Abstract Narratives' exhibit

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A work by Gangi Balkun. Contributed photo

WEST HARTFORD — The artwork of Anita Gangi Balkun of West Hartford, and a faculty member and teaching artist at CREC Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School, Hartford, will be on display at the West Hartford Art League's Clubhouse Gallery, 37 Buena Vista Road, from Feb. 8 through Feb. 25.

The opening reception for "Abstract Narratives" is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8. The event is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 860-321-0819.

Balkun's art incorporates fiber and up-cycled materials. "I'm interested in textures and layers of content, which are often related to the history of the materials used in the assemblage," she said.

Her work will be shown along with that of artists, Diana Lemcoff, a visual artist from Simsbury, and Tom Hlas of Norfolk, an abstract painter who works primarily in acrylics and mixed media.

"There is an interesting juxtaposition in our working styles," said Balkun. "There's an exciting interplay of color, form, and narrative between the abstract paintings and artwork created by found objects that tell visual stories."

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