

## **Milton's MAG-nificent World of Art!**

The Town of Milton has selected The Milton Artists' Guild (MAG) as December's Business of the Month! MAG was founded originally in 1988 by three people and has since grown into a group of 197 artists. Gisela Alpert, President, said that "it was always a long time dream of ours to have an art center and gallery."

Art serves as a very important outlet for many people. "We give Milton a sense of culture and pride. Having an art center in our town is something to be proud of. It's a fun place to be. . . Everyone needs a little bit of a creative outlet." MAG will be reintroducing their "Social Sundays" beginning in January of 2019.

What makes MAG a unique part of Milton? Alpert said that "the important part of our organization is that we're a non-juried group, which makes it very different than a lot of other groups. We welcome emerging and established artists because we feel that sharing the appreciation of the arts is important. Even if you're starting and you're not that good yet, that's okay! As long as you have the passion for the arts, that's all we care about."

MAG is currently in the works of planning to open a café called "MAGie's Café" to help draw people into the gallery. Alpert hopes that community members will come and "surround themselves in the beauty of art." With free workshops, different platforms of work, and new work to see, there is something available for everyone. When asked about an average day, Alpert said: "We always have something fun happening."

Stop by the Milton Artists' Guild at 199 Route 7 or visit their website at <https://www.miltonartistsguild.org> to learn more about what they have to offer.



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