



Take a tour with the "Around The Table" artists. Scan the QR Code to get started!

At the end of the exhibit, the table sets will be sold at auction. A portion of the proceeds will benefit art scholarships at Stratford and Bunnell High Schools, and the B.E.S.T. school grants.



**MAIN STREET ART EXHIBIT**

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**Stratford Street Sculpture**, in collaboration with the Town of Stratford, is excited to present “Around The Table”! Our intention has always been to spread joy, creativity and awareness of the arts through public displays. This is our 3rd art adventure in Stratford (previously “Share A Chair” and “Stratford Light The Way”) and little did we know how turbulent our world would become when we started production on these table sets months ago. In the spirit of community and the power of art to heal, we persevered during a pandemic. We’re grateful to our sponsors and artists who made this possible. The table sets (with stools) will be auctioned off in the fall, with proceeds going to art scholarships at Stratford and Bunnell High Schools and the B.E.S.T. school grants program. We hope you can take a walk down Main Street this summer and enjoy some time “Around The Table”.



1. **Slice Slice Baby** by Linda Grant
2. **Chillin’** by Aidan Boyle
3. **Orange You Glad?** by Taryn Pelli
4. **Tee Time @ The 19th Hole** by Sarah Mahoney Voccola
5. **Moon Table** by Vincent Calenzo
6. **Picnic at the Orchard** by Ashley Ivanko & Hayley Ivanko
7. **Playin’ Around** by Collective Artists
8. **Coffee with Vincent** by Ellen Cox & Theresa Manus-Piccolo
9. **Reflecting Hope** by Jennifer Vargas & Pamela Vargas
10. **Under The Seat** by Aubrey Booska
11. **Take a Sea-t** by Emily Everetts
12. **Stargazing in Stratford** by Emily Barksdale



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### Slice Slice Baby

Artist: Linda Grant

Sponsored by Paradise Pizza



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### Orange You Glad?

Artist: Taryn Pelli

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### Chillin'

Artist: Aidan Boyle

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### Tee Time @ The 19th Hole

Artist:  
Sarah Mahoney Voccola

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**Moon Table**

Artist: Vincent Calenzo

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**Playin' Around**

Artist: Collective Artists

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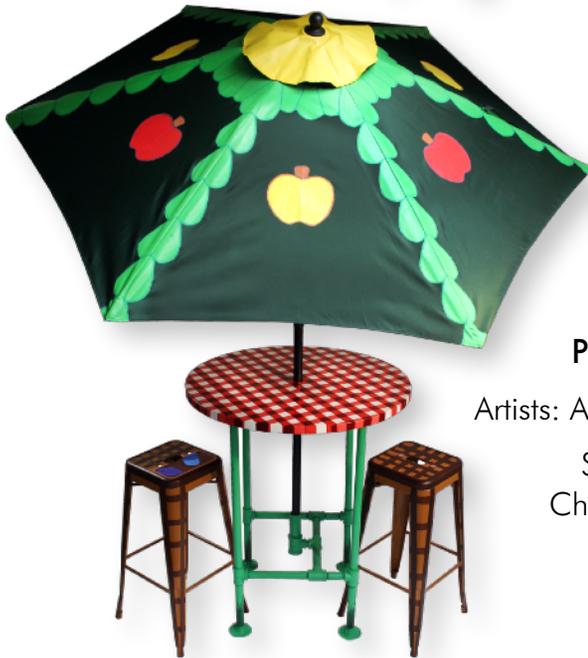


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**Picnic at the Orchard**

Artists: Ashley & Hayley Ivanko

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**Coffee with Vincent**

Artists: Ellen Cox &  
Theresa Manus-Piccolo

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**Reflecting Hope**

Artists: Jennifer & Pamela Vargas

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**Take a Seat**

Artist: Emily Everetts

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**Under The Seat**

Artist: Aubrey Booska

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**Stargazing in Stratford**

Artist: Emily Barksdale

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## Artists' Biographies

### Emily Barksdale / Stargazing in Stratford

Emily is happy to be back in Stratford after earning a Master's in Illustration from SCAD. She is a freelance Illustrator and recently designed the "Resilient Stratford" Sterling House T-shirt. Emily also creates graphics for the podcast "The Memory Mortuary" and has been a finalist in Two Roads' CONNArtist contest. Visit [EmilyBarksdaleArt.com](http://EmilyBarksdaleArt.com).

### Aubrey Booska / Under The Seat

Aubrey has been teaching art for almost twenty years and is currently at Eli Whitney, where she shares the importance of community arts' projects with her students. She has worked closely for over ten years with her art partner in crime, Michelle Genuario, also a teacher in Stratford, to celebrate public art exhibits that champion student creativity. They both believe that, "The art of being kind is all the world needs." (Ella Wheeler Wilcox)

### Aidan Boyle / Chillin'

Aidan grew up in Stratford and always had a love for art while attending grade school, going the extra mile when it came to class projects and art classes. Aidan graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design in 2016 and is currently a Junior Art Director for Timex Group. Though digital art is his main platform, he still enjoys picking up the pencil and paintbrush. Aidan now resides back in Savannah, working remotely.

### Vincent Calenzo / Moon Table

Vincent was born in Elmont NY, 1967. He attended the Swain School of Design, Yale's Summer School of Music and Art, and received a masters degree at Cornell University in 1993. His paintings have been shown throughout Southern California and the East Coast, finding their way into many impressive collections including a recent acquisition by the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury CT. View more art and inquiries at [www.vincentcalenzo.com](http://www.vincentcalenzo.com) and Instagram @calenzart.

### Ellen Cox and Theresa Manus-Piccolo / Coffee with Vincent

Ellen and Theresa currently serve as Stratford Arts Commissioners and for Shelton Public Schools as High School Art Teachers. They enjoy collaborating with community and colleagues on various art projects and events. They are advocates for the arts and have continued to create and promote art to share their passion.

### Emily Everetts / Take a Sea-t

Emily is a self taught artist, born and raised in Stratford. She has been a high school art teacher in a Bridgeport Public School for 5 years. She paints many requests such as garden signs, but has more recently been taking on pet commissions. Her art instagram is @petportraits\_byemily.

## Artists' Biographies

### Linda Grant / Slice Slice Baby

Linda devoted 36 years to teaching Art in both Bridgeport and Stratford school systems. In addition to teaching she pursued her own art explorations focusing primarily on stone sculpture. She has worked for over thirty years creating abstract and figurative work in soapstone, alabaster and marble. Stratford Street Sculpture has afforded her the opportunity to be a committee member, mentor to student artists as well as a participating artist.

### Ashley Ivanko and Hayley Ivanko / Picnic at the Orchard

Ashley and Hayley are twin sisters who are entering the 11th grade at Bunnell and Stratford High. They have always loved art, and participate in many activities around their schools. Their table represents the memories that can be made when enjoying a picnic with others. They'd like to thank their sponsor for this incredible opportunity.

### Sarah Mahoney Voccola / Tee Time @ The 19th Hole

Sarah is an art teacher at her alma mater, Stratford High School, where she loves facilitating the creativity of her students. A Fairfield University graduate, Sarah had a successful career as an art director in advertising prior to teaching. Her paintings have been exhibited on the East Coast and with the Artists Collective of Westport. She is happy to be part of this community exhibit, especially now, when more joy, kindness and art is needed!

### Taryn Pelli / Orange You Glad?

Since graduating from SUNY Purchase College, Purchase, NY, Taryn Pelli has been exhibiting her work and accepting private commissions. She enjoys painting and drawing animal portraits and fantasy landscapes. She has participated in several Art in Public Places Exhibits, including Stratford's Share-A-Chair and Light the Way. See more of her artwork at her artist page on Instagram @pellis\_palette.

### Jennifer Vargas and Pamela Vargas / Reflecting Hope

Jennifer is originally from Heredia, Costa Rica and now creates her artwork in Stratford. She specializes in soft chalk pastels, focusing on portraits and still lifes. She intends for others to experience her passion and struggles when they see her work. She plans on earning a bachelors degree in Graphic Design with a minor in Illustration. Her sister, Pamela, is a recent graduate of Stratford High and became interested in art after taking ceramics classes there. She will be attending Norwalk Community College to study Interior Design.

## A note about the exhibit tables...

The tables you see on display were designed and custom-built by Ray Voccola, owner of Stratford-based Voccola Home Builders, Inc. (for the past thirty years). The table legs are constructed of sturdy, threaded steel pipe and the tops are fabricated out of Extira, an environmentally-friendly product that is specifically designed and manufactured for exterior use. Ray is no stranger to getting involved in community projects over the years, including overseeing construction of the model train museum at Boothe Park and countless volunteer projects for Stratford public schools.



Special thanks to Joe Palmucci and his students from the Stratford High School Wood/Production Technology class for cutting the table tops using a state-of-the-art CNC Router. Thanks, also, to the hardworking crew at the Stratford Public Works Department who literally made it possible for the tables to be out on display on Main Street!

### Stratford High School Graphic Design Class

Design students Jayden Castro, Gaby DaCosta, Nicolae Kushnir, Ajani Mullins, and Tucker Nightingale created logo designs for this event. After presenting their ideas to the public in January, Ajani Mullins' colorful design for "Around The Table" was selected to appear on all promotional material.



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## Take a tour with the "Around The Table" artists!

Stratford Street Sculpture has enlisted Otocast to create a narrated guide for all the table sets in this year's exhibition.

And best of all, the audio comes from the actual artists!

Otocast is a free mobile app currently being used around North America (and beyond) to let people access over 2,100 points of interest across over 80 guides, for public art, historic landmarks, architecture, monuments, and other points-of-interest to help you get a better understanding of what's around you.

All the tables sets will be displayed on an interactive map, with pictures, descriptions, and point-point directions from where you are, so you can easily find your favorites.

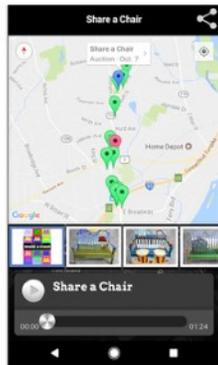
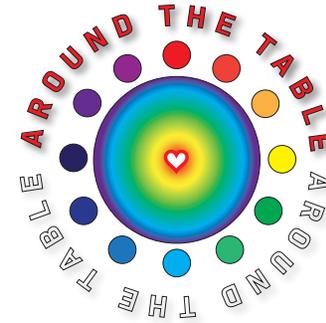


Image from "Share a Chair 2015"

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