

## THE ALDRICH INAUGURATES AN EXHIBIT SERIES

The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum at 258 Main St. in Ridgefield has inaugurated Aldrich Projects, a single-artist series that spotlights a singular work or a focused body of work by an artist every four months on the museum's campus. The first in this series is **Clarity Haynes**: *Collective Transmission* in which the artist debuts two new paintings, *Birth Altar*, 2020–2021 (2021) and *Altar for Femme Joy* (2020), from her ongoing *Altar* series, 2000, she describes as queer feminist spaces liberated from patriarchy. Clarity Haynes: *Collective Transmission* will be on view from April 28 to Sept. 6. Accompanying this presentation is an audio piece by Haynes about the works on view.

Haynes, a queer feminist artist,



Clarity Haynes, *Birth Altar*, 2020–2021, 2021 (left), and *Altar for Femme Joy*, 2020 (right). Courtesy of the artist and New Discretions. **Courtesy Tom Powel Imaging.**

writer and educator, whose work spans painting, drawing and social practice, received her MFA from Brooklyn College and CFA from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Her work has

been widely exhibited and she has received awards from the Pollock-Krasner Foundation, the New York Foundation for the Arts, the MacDowell Colony and Yaddo.

## PARADICE CLASSIC CRUISERS ROARING BACK TO LITCHFIELD CROSSINGS

Car fans and owners are preparing to celebrate the return of Paradise Classic Cruisers the popular family-friendly Cruise Nights, beginning May 5 at Litchfield Crossings, New Milford's largest shopping center at 169 Danbury Road. From 5 p.m. till dusk every Tuesday all summer long, club members and classic car owners can reminisce, take a chance on the 50/50 drawing and cheer for the car of the week. (Attendees are requested to wear masks and observe social distancing.)

"We are thrilled to host Paradise Classic Cruisers for a lucky seventh season and welcome back all of the area's classic car fans. Thank-you for your support and a big welcome to first-timers," said **Kristen Gizzi**, executive director of Litchfield Crossings.

For more information, visit <http://www.paradiceclassiccruisers.org>.



A classic car on view at Paradise Classic Cruisers.

## CONTEST EXPLORED LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PANDEMIC

Lifting Up Westchester in White Plains, a nonprofit agency committed to helping individuals restore their independence, will reveal the winners of its fourth annual student essay contest, which was open to all Westchester students in the 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades, during a May 2 Awards Ceremony conducted over Zoom with Yonkers Mayor **Mike Spano** and **Eileen Gallagher**, chair of the English Department at Keio Academy of New York, presiding.

Students were asked to write about the changes and challenges they experienced during the pandemic and how those experiences might be the same or different for individuals who are homeless or low-income.

"This year's essay contest topic clearly struck a chord," said **Anahita Kotval**, CEO of Lifting Up Westchester. "We received essays from 441 students representing 76 middle and high schools throughout Westchester. Many of the students shared

deeply personal stories about how the pandemic had affected them, their families, their friends and their community..." A panel of 61 judges reviewed the essays to select the ultimate winners.

For four decades Lifting UP Westchester, one of the county's largest social service nonprofits, has concentrated on making sure that neighbors in need of critical resources are supported so they can regain their independence.



Roni Lang

## SILVERSOURCE TO FEATURE GREENWICH HOSPITAL EXPERT

The 2021 SilverSource Film and Awards event, "Coming of Age in Aging America: Challenges and Solutions," will be held online **Wednesday, April 21 at 6 p.m.** The program features a panel discussion about the film "Coming of Age in Aging America" led by **Roni Lang**, LCSW, of the Department of Psychiatry, Greenwich Hospital.

In addition to Lang, filmmaker **Christine Herbes-Sommers** and several local experts will serve on the panel to discuss issues critical to aging. The panelists include **Marie Allen**, executive director, Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging; **Ellen Bromley**, director of social services, city of Stamford; and **Ralph Blessing**, land use bureau chief and planning director, city of Stamford.

"As we consider the challenges and benefits of an aging society, we look forward to bringing the community together to explore ideas and celebrate longevity at our film and awards event," said **Kathleen Bordelon**, CEO, SilverSource.

The virtual event will also include presentation of the 2021 SilverSource Awards, which celebrate the exceptional contributions made to improve and enrich the lives of older adults in Fairfield County by individuals, organizations and volunteers, particularly during the pandemic.

Admission is free, but registration is required (<https://silversource.org>). Registrants will be sent a link to view the film, "Coming of Age in Aging America," in advance of the event, as well as a Zoom invitation to the discussion and awards. This program has been approved for Continuing Education Credit Hours by the National Association of Social Workers, Connecticut and meets the continuing education criteria for Connecticut Social Work Licensure renewal. Approval also meets the continuing education criteria for CT LMFTs, LPCs and licensed psychologists.

SilverSource, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, located at Summer St., Stamford, provides a safety net to seniors in need.

## CPA FIRM EXPANDS SERVICES IN HUDSON VALLEY

Ferraro, Amodio & Zarecki CPAs (FAZ), a forensic accounting, business valuation and business advisory firm and Hudson Forensic Solutions (HFS), a boutique forensic firm have merged. The union is designed to provide the Hudson Valley with expanded services in business valuations, fraud and financial investigations, economic damage analysis, litigation support, expert testimony, as well as business-growth consulting, exit planning and investment banking services. As a result of the merger, FAZ now also operates out of White Plains, covering Westchester County and the entire Hudson Valley.

"Combining with **John Loughren** and Hudson Forensic Solutions gives us a wider geographic reach, expanded resources and proven expertise for enhanced performance on our business valuation, forensic accounting and business advisory engagements," FAZ partner **Stephen Ferraro** said.

"For decades, the FAZ team members have served as valued consultants and forensic experts for attorneys, insurance companies, middle market businesses, not-for-profits and governmental entities. Working with a well-established player like FAZ has instantly enhanced our ability to provide a wider variety of services for a broader range of clients in Westchester County and the surrounding areas," HFS Managing Partner **John Loughren**.

Headquartered in Saratoga Springs, FAZ also has a presence in Albany, Boston and New York City.

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