

No two ornaments are the same. Each one is a little treasure made with care and love, and that's especially true when they're made by local artists.

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Kathy Johnson finds inspiration from an unexpected (and neglected) place for her collages and mixed media works. Her medium of choice is discarded items-she has been known to work with tea bags, candy wrappers, leaf skeletons, and junk mail to make her creations. Johnson will be participating in the Holiday Show at Spectrum Art Gallery, on display through Jan. 13. Spectrum Art Gallery www.spectrumartgallery.org Photo courtesy of Spectrum Art Gallery

Maryann Flick of Old Savbrook

Maryann Flick learned the art of stained glass more than 25 years ago from a master artisan in New Jersey. "Glass is a magical medium to work with and lends itself to so many beautiful and practical finished products," says Flick. "I am proud to carry on a craft that dates to medieval times." Flick will be participating in the Holiday Show at Spectrum Art Gallery, on display through Jan. 13. Spectrum Art Gallery www.spectrumartgallery.org Photo courtesy of Spectrum Art Gallery

Sarah Layton of Deep River

Sarah Layton makes handmade felt ornaments, in addition to nursery and home décor. Her ornaments can be found year-round on her Etsy.com store called Wool + Petal. For her the "Heart My State" ornaments, customers can customize their ornaments by choosing from more than 80 felt colors and can even decide where they want the heart to go. Layton can make any state and cuts the designs out by hand. Layton's ornaments are available at the Florence Griswold Museum. www.etsy.com/shop/woolandpetal Photo courtesy of Wool + Petal

Holly Bollier of Guilford

Holly Bollier's love for animals shines through in her felted ornaments, which are made with a wide variety of wools. Bollier will be participating in the Artistry holiday shop at Guilford Art Center, on display through Jan. 6 and open seven days a week. Guilford Art Center www.guilfordartcenter.org/aboutthe-shop/artistry www.hollybollierart.com Photo courtesy of Holly Bollier



Christa Lorusso of **North Haven**

Christa Lorusso, in addition to being an employee and instructor at Guilford Art Center, makes glass ornaments.

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Photo by Christa Lorusso

Lisa Caron Hickey of Sherman

Lisa Caron Hickey's felted ornaments will be part of the Artistry holiday shop at Guilford Art Center, on display through Jan. 6 and open seven days a week. For more information on Lisa Caron Hickey, visit www.carondesigns.com. Guilford Art Center www.guilfordartcenter.org/about-theshop/artistry

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Annukka Ritalahti and Mark Gottlieb of **North Granby**

Annukka Ritalahti and Mark Gottlieb are glass artists who have a studio together called Silver Street Glass in North Granby. Their glass ornaments will be in the Artistry holiday shop at Guilford Art Center.

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www.silverstreetglass.com Photo by Annukka Ritalahti

Martha Link Walsh of Branford

Martha Link Walsh is known for her paper-cutting creations, and during the holidays has more than 50 different ornament designs for sale at her gallery. Martha Link Walshh Gallery

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