

Gallery X – showcasing the talent of community artists, poets, musicians and thespians since the 80s

There are a number of organizations, landmarks and businesses that are quintessential New Bedford. Nothing says “New Bedford” more than these establishments and no one who has grown up in the city is unaware of their presence. It’s hard to think of our city without them and simply saying New Bedford is enough to evoke their images.



Gallery X relocated to the 1855 First Universalist Church at 169 William Street in 1995.

One of these institutes that has been around since the 80s is the artist owned and operated community art center, Gallery X, originally started as the 2nd St. Art Exchange. The idea of a few students from the Swain School of Design and a bunch of local artists in the late 80s, they have been showcasing local talent ever since.

Initially, they rented a storefront on Spring Street sandwiched between the former YWCA and the Zeiterion, thus the

"X" in their moniker. This small spot was a popular spot and before long attracted more than artists, but local poets, actors, musicians, even playwrights. These folks were deeply connected with the community so offered a number of children's art programs and workshops. Gallery X became incorporated in 1990, and began to grow at a rapid rate. One of the contributing factor to their growth was that they made the artistry easily accessible by charging the low, low price of free. Art collectors rejoice!

To accommodate this growth, the gallery relocated to the 150 seat former 1855 First Universalist Church in 1995, where they still are today. In 1998, they purchased the building and began renovations including painting the structure, restoring the steeple, painting and west side and facade. They've done such a spectacular job that in 2003, they were given WHALE's honorary Sarah H. Delano award.

What attracts so many artists to have their creations featured at the site, is the passion behind the current owners and also artists, Charles A. and Sue Hauck.



Frank Grace is one of many area artists how have had their talent showcased.

They are dedicated to the promotion of all the arts in the community the grew up in and love so dearly. They offer a unique space to display one's work and even for a wedding, reception or other special occasion for that matter. Whether you have paintings or sculpture to show off, want to use the stage for your music or band, play, comedy act, musical, or

theater group there's no better, more affordable way with a venue of this size. **All** mediums and genres are embraced.

In addition, rubbing shoulders with your peers and mentors means you are not only learning to refine your technical ability, curate a show, or hang the artwork, but you are perpetually being inspired and motivated.

For the fan of the arts or collector, the constant and consistent display of an astounding variety of new artists and their work, means you are always stimulated and sated. Supporting Gallery X with visits or membership is supporting the area's artists – a large number of residents considering that the city has an above the state average of them.



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If you have a public or private event and want to rent the gallery you will find all the information