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Bristol Arts & Culture Commission to Unveil “Dear Bristol” Traffic Box Project

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BRISTOL, CONN., October 16, 2019 – On October 27th, Bristol’s Arts & Culture Commission is hosting an unveiling of new traffic box art in downtown Bristol, highlighting memories and historical imagery of the city.

The art, dubbed the “Dear Bristol” Project, features postcards written by longtime Bristol residents highlighting their dear memories of living, working and playing in Bristol. To accompany each postcard, the City Arts & Culture Commission carefully selected photographs that spotlight scenes from Bristol’s rich history.

At the unveiling, the writers will sign the traffic box featuring their postcard, completing the project. The writers include, Al Caruso, Bob Barnett, Carol Denehy, Tom Laporte, Sheila Draper Orefice, and Ellie Wilson.

City Councilor and Arts Commission liaison, Greg Hahn says, “The City Arts & Culture Commission put together a unique project celebrating Bristol’s history with postcards and pictures along with personal messages from lifetime/longtime residents of Bristol. I hope that people come out to see the dedication of each of these boxes and talk to those who worked to put everything together. Thank you to the Commission and especially to Kim Villanti for her hard work on the design for this project.”

Lindsay Vigue, Commission Chair, said, “I am thrilled to unveil this project. Honoring people by giving them a platform to tell their stories and share their memories is so important.” Vigue also hopes this new art installation will put Bristol’s roots on display as the city begins a new chapter in downtown.

The first stop for the unveiling will take place **Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 11:30 am** beginning at the corner of Center Street and North Main Street in Bristol.

For more information about the event please contact Lindsay Vigue at 860-919-8009.

About Bristol’s Arts & Culture Commission

Formed in 2018, the Arts & Culture Commission serves to provide guidance on enhancing the lives of the citizens of Bristol through the arts; stimulate public awareness of the arts and culture of Bristol; and develop ways to improve the experience of living, working, playing and visiting the city.

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