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ARTSPACE MAYNARD LAUNCHES UFO ARTSPACE WITH "TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER!" — AN EXHIBITION OF ROBOT ARTWORKS AND OTHER ODDITIES

Grand Opening Reception is Saturday, July 17, 2021, 7 pm-10 pm

Come experience an evening of mysterious entertainment that will be out of this world! The exhibition continues through October 16, 2021.

Maynard, MA — THIS IS NOT ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO — NO! — IT IS MORE LIKE A "RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT" OF THE ART WORLD. YES, UFO ARTSPACE HAS LANDED! This new concept store is a gallery and unique gift shop cabinet of curiosities of art objects located in downtown Maynard's new Cultural District. The exhibition will feature nearly 100 art robots of all sizes, shapes, materials, and personalities created by local, national, and international artists. One of the centerpieces of the show is sculptor **Michael DiCamillo's** body of life-size robots, satellites, and miniature space critters made with extraordinary technical virtuosity from recycled materials. **Melissa Glick** will present her cartoon-inspired wall-hanging robots constructed from technological components. **John Brickels** offers a wide variety of his surreal and intriguing male and female robots that will short your circuits. In addition, you will see several experimental steel robots fabricated by the **Assabet Valley Vocational High School Welding Department**.

"I love to do art. I'm one of those art kids. When I found out about UFO's Robot Art Project, I got really excited because I've mostly done drawings and painting. This project got me out of my comfort zone, so I took a whack at making Robot Art. My dad made one too," said 13-year-old Hudson High School student Lucas Micciche.

UFO is not your normal gallery full of white walls. It's more of a dramatic Sci-Fi theme park environment consisting of a moon landscape and interplanetary murals created by **Gwen Murphy**. Artist **Bill Cohn** will exhibit his other-worldly ceramic works of rocks, plants, and tree forms. **Laura Howick's** glowing fluorescent flower and amoeba-like sculptures bring to mind an extraterrestrial Garden of Eden. The gallery will be appointed with interactive and kinetic futuristic furniture made by a team of artists, including artist/machinist **Bob "Rowie" Pittman**, folk artist **Joel Bourgeois**, and jeweler **Laurie Berinstein**.

You'll also discover several unusual collector's items, including artist **Eric Schwartz's** experimental photographic glass art and dishware that includes a Frankenstein plate. Also on display is a rare collection of prison art handkerchiefs along with the famous racehorse Secretariat's original hoofprint, taken from the track after his record-breaking victory in the Belmont Stakes, which he won by 31 lengths, widely regarded as one of the greatest races in history. Other fantastical works scattered throughout the transformed gallery include haunting puppets made of animal bones, mud, and found objects.

"UFO Maynard will showcase visionary, odd, mind-expanding, surreal, mystical and conceptual art, artifacts, and other strange unnamable objects. It will be a place for teaching, learning, and exploring the role that art can play in transformational experiences," said **Jerry Beck**, ArtSpace Maynard's Executive Director.

"UFO will be a place where you can immerse yourself in creative vibes and you can also purchase affordable art and other out-of-the-ordinary things. I'm excited to play a role in this new gallery that will bring an unexpected shot of creativity into downtown Maynard," said UFO Gallery Manager **Dawne Osborne**.

Look out for our nomadic ArtSpace Maynard UFO Artmobile traveling around the area seeking out contact with all forms of creative life! Special thanks to artist Brandon Trainito for making this idea come to life!

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UFO ArtSpace Gallery Hours:

Wed. - Sat. 12 pm - 5 pm;

Thurs. 12 pm - 7 pm;

and by Appointment

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List of Participating Artists

Ert	Matt Hopewell	Barbara O'Brien
Eli Alperowicz	Laura Howick	Paul Orrizzi
Peter Anthony	Mark W. Humphries	Christine Palamidessi
Chris Barnard	Frank Huntley	Paula Parisse
Jerry Beck	Greg Kaplan	Bryan Pettigrew
Laurie Berinstein	Marjorie Kaye	Robert Pittman
Roberta Bizier	Geoffrey Koetsch	Andy Pritchard
Joel Bourgeois	Michael Lohmer	Ursula Roma
John Brickels	Nathaniel Lohmer	Hannah Rossi
Bill Cohn	Madeleine Lord	Eric Schwartz
Christiane Corcelle	Jeff Lowe	Saffron Moon Schober
C. A. Croll	Skye Lucier	Margot Slowick
John Crowley	Suzi Manbeck	Matthew Slowick
Crystal Daley	Joe Marandino	Tom Stoddard
Michael DiCamillo	Krzysztof Mathews	Melissa Toler
David Dione	Jaymes Mercer	Anda Veverbrants
Cassie Doyon	Lucas Micciche	Nadya Volicer
Joyce Dwyer	Tom Micciche	Mark Wholey
Scott Engstrom	Mary Mooney	Susan Williams
Ann Forbush	Gwen Murphy	Toby A. Williams
Melissa Glick	Elizabeth Neuman	
Gints Grinbergs	Stephanie Nichols	