

“People of this world do not understand our Christian language. How can we speak to them in a way that they will understand? People of the world do not think it is necessary to believe. How can we get past their defenses to get to their hearts? The world, in trying to sell its philosophies understands one thing that we forgot. A person will not really believe something until it speaks to his feelings and his spirit.

The media uses what they know about how the mind works and the power of the arts, drama, photography, film, dance, story telling, etc. to speak to people and sell us whatever they want. This is a pity because the arts originally belonged to the people of God. Now they are seldom used and often categorized as superfluous or unnecessary. From stories of the son’s of Seth, to the portrayals of the prophets, to the dances of the Israelites, to the stories of the Rabbis, to the medieval Passion plays that portrayed Christ’s last days on earth, to film and story today, believers have always used the Arts, for worship, evangelism, teaching, enjoyment and exhortation. Why have so many churches thrown the gift of the creative arts back in the face of our Creator God? The only reason I can think of is fear.

Fear is never a good reason to make a decision. If the arts are corrupt in the world, then we need not to say the arts are corrupt. We need to bring them back to where they belong, in the holy service of Our King.”

Excerpt taken from:
“In Defense of Christian Arts”

Cover Art by Barbara Bagshaw, title
“What will you do with what I’ve placed in your hands?”

**“I will praise You with all of my heart;
I will tell of Your wonders.”**

Psalm 9:1



We wish to thank the Eastland Park Hotel
for their generous sponsorship

**!! NEW !! Location of event: New Life Church
www.newlifemaine.org**

For directions go to: www.mapquest.com, type in
directions to New Life Church,
551 Alfred Rd (Rt 111) Biddeford, ME



Make checks payable to NECAC
and mail submission form & cost/level to:
NECAC, PO Box 571 Raymond, ME 04071

For questions or more information about the event:
Email: elliencac@yahoo.com, or call at 207-892-5886
www.newenglandchristianartscouncil.org

9TH ANNUAL HIS GIFTS AND PRESENCE NEW ENGLAND ARTS FESTIVAL



Date: June 26, 2010

Time: 3:00-8:30 pm



Rita Springer

International Worship leader extraordinaire
 Founder/director of D.I.V.E. worship. No. Carolina
www.ritaspringer.com

Margaret Becker

4 time Grammy nominated, 4 time Dove Award
 winner, speaker & author. From Nashville, TN
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Johannah Mackin

Singer, songwriter, from Nashville TN
 Former "Maine-ah"
www.johannahmackin.com

Clarissa Stroud

Dancer/choreographer & director of Masters Movement
 Landover Hills, MD www.mastersmovement.com

Lisa Gallant Seal

Rock Star for Jesus / singer, songwriter, worship leader
www.lisagallantseal.com

Mary Brooking

Painter / Graphic designer
www.mainebrook.com/art/gallery.php

Lauren Kleist Photography

Monaca, PA

Betsy Sholl

Maine's Current Poet Laureate; will be reading
www.betsysholl.com

Elizabeth Hansen & The Dance Center

Also featuring: Many more from across the
 Country and around the World.

Mission Statement

In the beginning God created - Genesis 1:1 God is
 creator, God still creates today. He calls us to be
 creative. In Psalm 9:1 "I will praise you with all of my
 heart; I will tell of your wonders". The heart is the
 center of the human spirit from which springs emotions,
 thoughts, motivations, courage and action. Our desire is
 to praise Him from the center of our spirit.

Submission Information

This event is open to visual artists, musicians, singers,
 dancers and poets of all ages.

All submissions are subject to approval and/or juried by
 the festival review committee and must be received by
 May 29th. **Incomplete submission will not be con-
 sidered.** You must submit form, fee and submission
 (CD, DVD or slides). Artists may sell their works and
 approved merchandise and keep all profits.

Free lodging will be available for out of state participants
 who *submit as associates* before May 29th, (based on
 availability). Submission deadline is May 29th.

Artists understand that we are **NOT** insured for safe-
 keeping of artwork and by submitting, assume own
 liability. We take measures to prevent damage or theft.
 Drop off art work Friday June 25th between 9am &
 10am or shipped & received by June 18th. Art work
 must be picked up June 26th at 8:30pm promptly.



Burning Off by Mary Brooking

Event Details

Date: June 26, 2010

Time: 3:00pm to 8:30pm

NEW LOCATION!!

See back for details.

Prizes will be awarded for all categories.

Refreshments available for purchase.

*This is an International,
 Inter-denominational Event*

**FROM CREATOR TO CREATION WE HAVE
 THESE TREASURES IN EARTHEN VESSELS.**

SUBMISSION FORM

Non-refundable submission cost: \$25 (see cost options below)

By submitting, I understand that I give consent for NECAC to use any photo of myself
 or my work for event promotion purposes.

Check category below:

Visual Arts
 Work dimensions: _____

Performance Arts: Title and time length and medium
 1. _____
 2. _____

Poetry/Literature
 Details/Submission: _____

Submission Checklist: (received by May 29th)

- ___ Submission Form (must complete all sections)
- ___ Submission Cost/Associate Level (\$25, \$30, or \$50)
- ___ Dimensions of submitted works , disk or slides (visual artists)
- ___ Song titles, performance CD and/or video (musicians/dancers)

Submission costs and artist association level options:

- ___ \$25 non refundable submission cost
- ___ \$30 Single annual associate artist level**
- ___ \$50 Group annual associate artist level**

(Artist association levels include submission fee & lodging for out of state
 participants) See all benefits: www.newenglandchristianartscouncil.org

**Do you need lodging? ___ YES How many? _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Name of Church, Pastor's Phone number _____



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