

Ely Center of Contemporary Art “ECOCA” Facts At a Glance

2016 Founded by four artists & educators as a community art space operating as tenant of ACES/Educational Center for the Arts, in accordance with Grace Ely’s Will.
March 2022 ACES puts the Ely House on the market.
June 2022 ECOCA purchases the Ely House building to preserve it as a community space thanks to an \$800K loan from Capasso & Co. that ECOCA is now paying down.

Mission To cultivate and present thought-provoking, relevant, and original art that engages a diverse representation of perspectives that foster cultural equity and instigates dialogue around urgent local, global, and community issues.

Board Members/Title/Affiliation/Town/Year Joined

Helen Kauder/Co-Chair/Retired Arts Administrator/New Haven/2022
Debbie Hesse/Co-Chair/Artist & Independent Curator/Branford/2016
Roger Castonguay/Treasurer/Small Business Owner/Plainville/2020
Amy Kundrat/Director/Yale Ventures Director of Innovation Community/ Bethel/2023
Aaron Pine/Director/Architect/New Haven/2023

BY LAWS: Additional Board seats will be reserved and filled with individuals or representatives or designees from the following stakeholder groups:

Historian
Curator
Artist resident from the Region
Stakeholder, New Haven Arts District community
Appointee, Connecticut Watercolor Society or other regional art organization
Appointee, Prison Art Program or other regional art organization
Designee, Architect
President/Appointee Brush and Palette Club
President/Appointee New Haven Paint and Clay Club
Appointee, Regional University Art Department

6/30/2022 Finances:	Revenues		Expenses
Grants & Contributions:	\$54,918 (Wells Fargo is 45%)		Occupancy & Program \$65,292
Program Services	<u>\$30,722</u>		Wages <u>\$19,668</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$84,640		TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 84,960

Major Programs

Distinguished Curator Open Call Exhibition: 457 artists applied in 2023, up each year since founding
A mix of rotating group and solo exhibitions, with 6 cycles per year
Annual Trumbull St Block Party; Make Music Day in the Garden; Summer Intern Program; ECA exhibition;
Online talks and tours; artist-led workshops; partnerships with 20+ local organizations.
Classroom Space for Ely Legacy organization Brush & Palette Club, Paint & Clay Club Annual Show