

# CAPE ANN Museum

## Quilted Together: An Exhibit of Community Portraits at Cape Ann Museum Green

*Exhibit of 600 self-portraits on display from Sept. 24 to Nov. 5, 2021*



*A community exhibition of self-portraits and neighborhood quilts from around Cape Ann will be on view at Cape Ann Museum Green's Janet & William Ellery James Center, beginning Sept. 24.*

GLOUCESTER, Mass. (October 2021) – For more than 1 ½ years, the Cape Ann Museum has been collecting self-portraits from Cape Ann residents to be exhibited at CAM Green's Janet & William Ellery James Center, beginning Sept. 24. Called "[Quilted Together: An Exhibit of Community Portraits](#)," more than 600 drawings are expected to be displayed in a grid, forming a tapestry of people from the Cape Ann community. They will be on view along with community quilts by Clara Wainwright and by participants in the Rose Baker Senior Center Art Program, under the direction of Juni Van Dyke. The exhibit will be open until Nov. 5.

"The [Community Portrait Project](#) is a chance for residents and visitors of Cape Ann to see themselves on the walls of the Museum," said Miranda Aisling, the Museum's Education Manager. "This project is part of the Museum's continued efforts to become a welcoming, inclusive institution that shares the lived experiences of all those who are part of this region. From toddlers to seniors, amateurs to professionals, these individual self-portraits combine to create a visual representation of the Cape Ann community."

Residents of all ages and walks of life have been contributing their portraits, spanning from school children to senior citizens to residents of the Grace Center who attended special museum-supported lunches during the pandemic. The list of groups offering self-portraits includes: Gloucester Veterans Center, O'Maley Middle School, Essex Heritage: Park for Every Classroom, West Parish Elementary School, Gloucester High School, Rose Baker Senior Center, Essex Council on Aging, SAGA Students, Lanessville Community Center, Wellspring, Brookwood School, library volunteers, and the Museum's board members, docents, staff, and Teen Arts Council.

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“This community centric initiative explores the emerging artistic tendencies in us all. *Quilted Together* celebrates this and underscores CAM’s commitment to this community and to celebrating everyone who calls Cape Ann home,” said Oliver Barker, the Museum’s Director.

For more information about the exhibit and other events happening at the Cape Ann Museum, visit [www.capeannmuseum.org](http://www.capeannmuseum.org).

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*The Cape Ann Museum, founded in 1875, exists to preserve and celebrate the history and culture of the area and to keep it relevant to today’s audiences. Spanning 44,000 square feet, the Museum is one of the major cultural institutions on Boston’s North Shore welcoming more than 25,000 local, national and international visitors each year to its exhibitions and programs. In addition to fine art, the Museum’s collections include decorative art, textiles, artifacts from the maritime and granite industries, three historic homes, a Library & Archives and a sculpture park in the heart of downtown Gloucester. In Summer 2021, the Museum opened the 12,000 square foot Janet & William Ellery James Center at the [Cape Ann Museum Green](#). The campus also includes three historic buildings – the White Ellery House (1710), the recently acquired Babson-Alling House (c.1740), and an adjacent Barn (c. 1740), all located on the site at the intersection of Washington and Poplar Streets in Gloucester. CAM Green is open Thursday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 pm.*

*The Cape Ann Museum is located at 27 Pleasant Street in Gloucester and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$12.00 adults, \$10.00 Cape Ann residents, seniors and students. Youth (under 18) and Museum members are free. Cape Ann residents can visit for free on the second Saturday of each month. For more information please call (978)283-0455 x110 or visit [www.capeannmuseum.org](http://www.capeannmuseum.org).*

For a detailed media fact sheet please visit [www.capeannmuseum.org/press](http://www.capeannmuseum.org/press).

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