

Window on The Arts

Manchester Arts Council Launched

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The first gathering of the Manchester Arts Council on Saturday, Jan. 24, was deemed an artistic cultural success, according to joint chairmen Carol Dane and Betty Stone. "Our one regret," they said, "was that our lists may not have included many who should be on it. Unfortunately, the records of the previous Arts Council appear to be missing but we hope all who should will submit their names for the future."

Mary Jo and John Donovan gave a needed boost to the Council at their Smith's Point home, which provided a perfect setting for this event. Nearly 100 enthusiastic supporters of the arts braved bitter cold weather to enjoy their hospitality, exchange ideas, view works of art on display, and listen to musical entertainment.

A group of seven recorder players were the first to be heard. The players were recruited by Helen Hale of Eagle Head.

Next came the Harmonettes, under the leadership of Fred Broer, who accompanied them in a medley of show tunes.



Mary Jo Donovan admires "A Whimsical Piece" by Joy Halsted.

Then Mary Saunders, an Arts Council member responsible for programs, sang a Brahms piece as well as "I'll Be Seeing You."

The finale was a composition by Greig, played by Jane O'Brien and Betsy Moss, four hands on one piano.

A small number of artist's works were exhibited. They included paintings by Dr. Samuel Ina, Lynn St. Clair, Lynn Reed, Mary Ann and Mace Wenniger, Caroline Fabyan, Fr. James Harrington and Arts Council co-chairman Betty Stone. Sculpture by Kristin Lothrop and Brian Donnelly, and wall relief constructions by

Joy Halsted, another Arts Council member, visually enhanced the setting.

As the Council now sees it, our continuing tasks will be to expand our membership, keep our list current, and ensure that the Council's activities reflect the desires of the majority of the Town.

The next meeting, a grant application workshop, is scheduled for February 26 at 7:30 in Town Hall. All interested in trying to qualify for lottery funds should be present. The applications are relatively simple, so

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