

You can bring
the joy of art
to children
and their
families.



Pledge your support today, then
follow Cindy and John along...

The Way



FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

ABOUT THE FARMINGTON VALLEY ARTS CENTER

Incorporated in 1974 as a not-for-profit organization, the Farmington Valley Arts Center is housed in the historic red sandstone buildings of the former Climax Fuse Factory in Avon CT. FVAC has been connecting the community to the creative process for over 40 years. We offer unique educational programming, gallery exhibits, special events and the opportunity to engage with a community of professional working artists.

**WE ARE DEDICATED TO CULTIVATING A COMMUNITY
WHERE PEOPLE CAN CREATE, LEARN, EXHIBIT, EXCHANGE
IDEAS AND INSPIRE EACH OTHER.**

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, November 3, 2018 (12 noon-4pm): Opening reception for "Inspired by the Camino" art show in the FVAC Drezner Gallery

Friday, Nov. 16, 2018 (5-9 pm): Camino Film Project premiere during the annual Candlelight Holiday Stroll at the Farmington Valley Arts Center

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THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO



The Camino de Santiago, often called “The Way of Saint James” is a 600-mile, ancient pathway across northern Spain. The journey begins in France, at Saint Jean Pied de Port. Cindy and John will travel over the Pyrenees Mountains and across the countryside, walking through small villages and large cities including Pamplona and Santiago de Compostela. The Journey is complete when they reach the Atlantic Ocean at Finisterre, “The End of the World.” Thousands of pilgrims from all walks of life, religious beliefs, and far off lands travel the Camino for their own deeply personal reasons.

CINDY AND JOHN

Mid August through mid October, FVAC’s own Director of Development, Cindy Ingram and her husband, John Alden, will leave their home in Avon, Connecticut with stones in their pocket. For hundreds of years pilgrims have carried these simple stones, which symbolize their life’s burdens. Cindy and John will carry their own burdens, as well as the burdens of others. Three quarters of the way along their walk, Cindy and John will reach Cruz de Ferro. They will empty their pockets of stones given to them by their family and friends, as well as artists participating in this project. The artists will be inspired to create art as a result of this act of “letting go.” Their burdens will be left in Spain and their pieces will be in an art exhibit at FVAC entitled “Inspired by the Camino.”



THE CAMINO FILM PROJECT

A short film, produced by Emmy Award Winning Director and Producer, Robert Abbott of ESPN fame, will follow Cindy and John along their epic pilgrimage. It will also follow community artists along their creative journey as they are “Inspired by The Camino” and the letting go of their “life’s burdens.” The film premiere will be on Friday, Nov. 16th, at the annual Candlelight Holiday Stroll event at the Farmington Valley Arts Center.



“INSPIRED BY THE CAMINO” ART SHOW

During the First Saturday Open Studios on November 3rd (12 noon – 4 pm) the art that was created by community artists while Cindy and John were walking, will be unveiled at a culminating art show. Everyone is invited to the opening reception.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The entire Camino project is a FVAC fundraiser to create a new scholarship program for children and their families in the Farmington Valley. Funds raised through this project will enable many eager artists to take FVAC classes of their choice regardless of their ability to pay.



Please help us bring the joy of art to many young people and their families, who without this scholarship program may never have the opportunity to explore their artistic talents and creative self.



We ask you to pledge your support for this impressive endeavor “per mile” that Cindy and John complete. Starting in France, through the official Camino de Santiago, and the final trek to the “End of the World,” we estimate the walk to be 600 miles in total.



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