

Save these Dates

Last Chance to Register for the Alumni Celebration of the Arts and Sciences

April 12, 2008

Join us as we present our first Alumni Day celebration. We will continue this new tradition by celebrating one school each year. A Celebration of Art and Sciences activities will include:

- ◆ 8:30 am Continental Breakfast
- ◆ 9:00—10:30am Faculty and Student Exhibits / Posters
- ◆ 10:30—Noon Department Open Houses
- ◆ 12:00—1:15pm Meet the Southern Authors and Lunch in Food Court
- ◆ 1:30—4:15pm Alumni College Seminars
Topics include:
Make Your Own Kind of Music—Blues
Unraveling the 2008 Elections
Fighting Cancer in the SCSU Labs
Archeological Dig Ethiopia—2007
Exploring Antarctica
Resume—A Reading by Robin Troy
Award Winning Art of Mia Brownell
How Healthy is the Sound?
Theatre Performance (improvisation)
The Amazing Race (scavenger hunt)
Starry, Starry Night (planetarium)
- ◆ 4:30—5:30 pm Cocktail Party (adult)
- ◆ 4:30—5:30pm Cupcake Party (children)
- ◆ Performance by the Jubilee Gospel Choir and the Cast of “Anything Goes”

For more information and Registration Form, click on: http://www.southernnet.edu/news/artssciencealum_126/ (Clickable link is below) or call Charlie at 203-392-6500 to register

Alumni Awards Banquet May 1, 2008 6:30 pm—9:30 pm

**Foxon Country House, 990 Foxon Road
East Haven, CT—\$50 Buffet Dinner**

The SCSU Alumni Association will honor the following for their service or contributions to the university and their achievements in their chosen professions or in SCSU varsity sports.

Alumni Sports Hall of Fame:

Joseph Bandiera, '75, MS '81
Paula Brunetto, '87
Travis Tucker, '85

Alumni Citation Award:

Renee Barnett Terry, PhD, '75

Alumni Service Award:

Jerry Katona, '74, MS '88

Alumni Appreciation Award:

Sgt. Thomas Madera, SCSU Police Dept.

Special Recognition Awards:

Kevin Gilbride, '74 and Chris Palmer, '72 Meet SCSU's own Super Bowl winners, NY Giants team coaches !

Call Charlie for reservations: 203-392-6500

Young Alumni After Hours May 6, 2008—5:00—7:00 pm Dish Bar and Grille 900 Main Street, Hartford

Meet alumni and friends from the classes of 1993—2008 in a private room at Hartford's new hot spot—Dish for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Raffle prizes for SCSU alumni donated by SCSU alumnus, Shawn O'Brien of *Excel Fitness*. In addition, Lisa A. Pittman a Lifestyle Design Expert will be joining us from *Sensual Bloom Living, LLC*.

Let's make this a true networking event! Bring a handful of business cards, talk up your business with your fellow alumni. If you have a product or a service you would like us to feature or a giveaway or a raffle you would like to bring with you, let us know and we will help! Just call the Alumni Office at 203-392-6500.

Meet the Alumni Relations Team



We have had the pleasure of speaking with so many of our alumni on the phone, but if you haven't had the chance to meet the team at one of our many events, these are the faces belonging to the voices. From left are Michelle Rocheford Johnston, Director, Charlie Davison, Secretary to the Director and Doreen Cammarata-Gilhuly, Assistant to the Director

June 1, 2008 Boat Trip



Bring the whole family. We'll meet at the Sound School Pier at 60 Water Street in New Haven at 12:00pm. The boat will be ready to board at 12:15pm for a two hour tour of Long Island Sound aboard the *Island Rover*.

Our able-bodied seamen for the day will be Captain Robert Boulware and his crew of seaworthy salts. Children and students are welcome on this exciting and informative tour of New Haven Harbor led by Dr. Vincent Breslin of SCSU's Center for Coastal and Marine Studies.

A box lunch with a drink will be available for \$10, but a reservation for the trip is necessary for catering purposes and **space is limited**. Call Charlie at 203-392-6500 today for your reservation!

Southern Now

Connecticut State University

An e-communication for Southern's alumni community

A Connecticut Egg Goes to the White House!

Nancy Dudchik is a busy Chamber executive who spends countless hours organizing events and supporting the many needs of the business community in her role as President of the Hamden Chamber of Commerce. And when she's home in Branford, she focuses on her other passion, Pysanky, the ancient Ukrainian and Eastern European art of egg decorating.

In early March, Dudchik was invited to the White House by the American Egg Board with other egg artists from across the nation to meet with First Lady Laura Bush for the opening of the 2008 Easter Egg Display in the White House Visitors Center. The Easter Egg collection began in 1994 whereby each state selects an artist to send an egg to the White House for the annual Easter Celebration which is a part of the oldest and unique tradition in presidential history, the Annual White House Egg Roll which dates back to President & Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes who invited children to roll their eggs on the South Ground lawn in 1879.

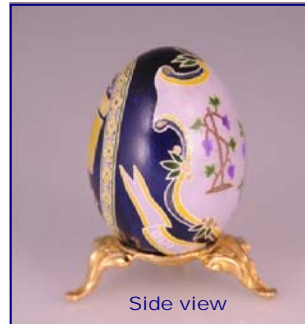
In 2007 the CT Poultry Association selected Dudchik to design the 2008 egg to represent the State of Connecticut. "It was a tremendous honor for me to represent my state. I designed my egg with traditional designs and technique including the outline of Connecticut incorporating the state flower, the mountain laurel on the front. The other side is Connecticut's state flag; an ornamental shield with three grapevines, each bearing three bunches of purple grapes. The states motto "He who Transplanted Sustains Us" (*Qui Transtulit Sustinet*) is displayed on a ribbon." "...It was a once in a lifetime experience that I am very proud of...It was truly a special moment". Dudchik has been creating works of art for as long as she can remember. A tradition that was taught by her late father continues on thru teaching at local churches, adult education classes and her genuine love of this unique art form.

The 2008 State Easter Egg Exhibit was on display at the White House Visitors Center thru March.

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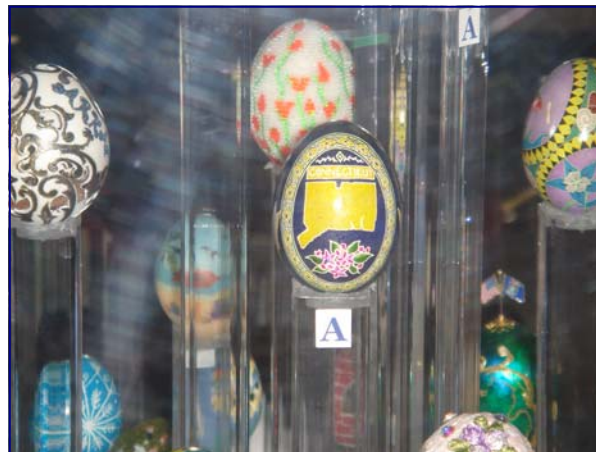
Front view



Side view



Back



Nancy Dudchik's Pysanky creation with its neighboring state eggs at the White House.

A STAR IS BORN

Anthony Fantano, '07 debuted his new radio show/podcast, The Needle Drop on WNPR on Saturday, March 29th. He has been interning at WNPR since May 2007. He's been determined to work in radio since high



school. Anthony graduated last May from SCSU where he served as the general manager of the campus radio station for two years. He blogs about music regularly on

www.theneedledrop.com.

Alumni Association Membership

Why not give the gift of an education to a deserving student? Did you know that 80% of our SCSU students work more than 30 hours per week to help finance their educations?

Did you know that with any gift over \$35 made by an alumnus/a to SCSU Foundation (for the university's highest priorities or a gift designated for a particular use), you automatically become a member of the Alumni Association?

Begin enjoying great benefits today by becoming a member of the SCSU Alumni Association! Join on line today at:

[http://www.southernct.edu/alumni/giving to southern/](http://www.southernct.edu/alumni/giving%20to%20southern/)

Online Community

Stay connected by logging onto our alumni online community :

<http://www.southernct.edu/alumni/onlinealumnicommunity>

Send us your fondest college memories! Don't forget the pictures. We will publish them in upcoming issues. Email to: johnstonm2@southernct.edu

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