

BIO FOR LYNN HONEYSETT
Executive Director, Pelham Art Center

Lynn Honeysett has been Executive Director of the Pelham Art Center since January 2011. In that time she has expanded and deepened the Art Center's free public arts programming, doubling its Folk Arts Series of free workshops, performances and demonstrations, and tripling the amount of people who attend the free cultural offerings. She also instituted rotating free exhibitions of sculpture and installations for the public to enjoy in Pelham Art Center's Courtyard. Exciting high-caliber work from local, national and international artists is being exhibited in 6-7 group exhibitions annually. Lynn expanded the High School Art Salon exhibition from Pelham high school AP art students to talented artists from Bronxville, New Rochelle and Mount Vernon high schools as well. With a strategy of invigorating downtown Pelham as an arts destination, Lynn has been instrumental in collaborative efforts with other arts and nonprofit organizations, schools and local businesses to strengthen the community. Working with New Rochelle's Council on the Arts, the town of Pelham, local businesses, organizations and artists, Lynn expanded New Rochelle's annual ArtsFest to Pelham, attracting new audiences to both towns. Students from southern Westchester schools now regularly enjoy bused-in, customized gallery tours of current exhibitions and art-making workshops. She collaborated with the Pelham Public Library and The Picture House to expand the town-wide reading program to include storytelling through art and film. Lynn has also invigorated Pelham Art Center's children, teen and adult classes and workshops with exciting new additions, particularly in digital media; and grown its need-based scholarship program and artist residencies to underserved communities.

A proud graduate of Leadership Westchester, Lynn credits her successes to a passion for getting arts experiences, access and enjoyment to anyone that wants it. With a background in painting (University of California Santa Cruz and National Academy, New York), Lynn also brings the Pelham Art Center nonprofit and private sector management, as well as 25 years experience in communications and branding.