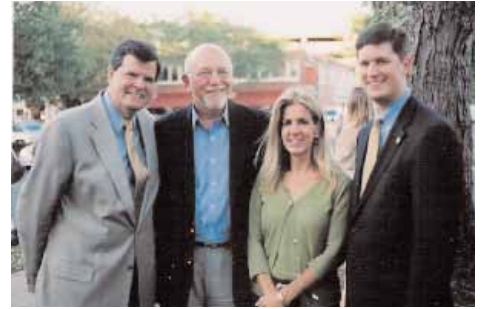


ArtWalk

Lt. Governor Kevin Sullivan and West Hartford Mayor Scott Slifka were two of the featured speakers at the kick-off for ArtWalk 2005 on September 22 in West Hartford Center. Over 130 pieces of original art were placed in 55 merchants windows and interiors during the three week run of the show, which was produced by the West Hartford Art League, in partnership with the West Hartford Center Business Association and the Chamber of Commerce. A mime and juggler were also on hand to entertain the crowd, and there were painting demonstrations by West Hartford Art League faculty stationed through-out the center during the evening, as well as face painting for kids and adults! Refreshments were provided by Wild Oats Market, a platinum sponsor of ArtWalk, and Starbucks set up a coffee tasting station so people could sample different blends as they strolled the center to view the art.



Lt. Governor Kevin Sullivan, WHAL Board Chair Bob Firger, WHAL Director Roxanne Stachelek, and Mayor Scott Slifka at the opening reception of Artwalk.



WHAL faculty member Carol Ganick in front of Lux, Bond and Green jewelry store which chose her piece titled "Green Streak" to display in their front window.



A painting by artist Neil Scollan on display in the front window of Scandia Down.



The juggler entertained the audience during the evening kick-off reception.



An oil painting by Diana Dash in the window of Sit n' Knit.



One of over 40 plain wooden frames that were transformed into works of art and donated by local artists to promote ArtWalk before it opened. This one was made by Debra Conant.