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## **Creative Arts Workshop Announces New Board Leadership**

(NEW HAVEN, CT, August 27, 2018) – Creative Arts Workshop (CAW) announced that current board member, Joy W. Ford, has been elected Chair of the Board of Directors at its August meeting, replacing Antoinette Brim.

Brim, chair since 2016, is stepping down from the head of the Board of Directors due to family events that require her full attention. While Chair, Brim shepherded the search for a new executive director. Joy Ford said, “I am pleased to step into this role at a time so critical for our future. CAW would like to thank outgoing Chair, Antoinette Brim, for her leadership and continued support to the organization. We are grateful to her for helping us secure Executive Director Anne Coates who is leading the organization into a bright and vibrant future.”

Joy Ford, recently retired, served the City of New Haven for 37 years as an urban planner. She has been on the CAW Board of Directors since 2014 and has served as its Secretary since 2016. Ford is joined by other officers Lori Miller who was elected Vice-Chair, Amy McNamara-Higgins elected Secretary. Harold Spitzer and Mark Odyniec were reelected Vice-Chair and Treasurer, respectively.

“Each of these officers brings talents and depth to the leadership of this organization at a time of great momentum for CAW,” said Executive Director, Anne Coates.

Board of Directors: Joy W. Ford, Chair, Harold Spitzer, Lori Miller, Vice-Chairs; Mark Odyniec, Treasurer; Amy McNamara-Higgins, Secretary, Peter Billings, Ben Bruce, Danielle Ginnetti, Georgia Newcomb, and Ann P. Lehman, Emeritus

### **ABOUT CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP**

Creative Arts Workshop is a nonprofit regional center for the visual arts that has served the Greater New Haven area since 1961. As an anchor institution located in the heart of the award-winning Audubon Arts District, CAW offers a wide range of visual arts classes in its own three-story building with fully-equipped studios in eight disciplines, and an active exhibition and public programming schedule. More than 1,000 adults and young people enroll annually in the more than 350 courses offered by Creative Arts Workshop, while thousands of visitors enjoy the free exhibitions in its destination galleries throughout the year. CAW’s classes are open to students of all ages and levels of experience.

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