

## Turning LNVA's attention to future artists in its midst



After retiring – she from university and management work; he from a scientific career at Pfizer – Mimi and Gaston Daumy of Gales Ferry focused on a long-time passion and co-founded the Latin Network for the Visual Arts (LNVA) in 2003. The mission: to expose, and thus enrich, southeastern Connecticut to the visual arts being created all over the Latin world. The couple was joined by an exciting board and a host of supporters.

It's working! Eight years later, LNVA has sponsored five international art exhibitions attended joyfully by thousands of area residents and schoolchildren. More than 100 local, national and international artists have exhibited their pieces.

The LNVA has also developed a strong record of service, partnering with museums and galleries on innovative bilingual, cultural, educational programs. Activities like panel discussions with artists, art workshops, and initiatives like traveling art exhibits, *Latin Art in Public Places*, *The Painters' Mark: a Latin Perspective* and a film festival with a Latin perspective.

### A new approach: nurturing study

Armed with the tagline "educating through the arts," LNVA has decided to offer yet another opportunity to the community: a scholarship for would-be artists. And so the LNVA Board voted to establish the **Latin Network for the Visual Arts Scholarship Fund** at the Community Foundation, and the Daumys also added personally to the Fund. Scholarships will be offered to graduating high school seniors in New London County who plan to study art at an accredited institution, with a preference for students with ancestral roots in countries where Romance languages are spoken.



Local students visit Latin Views exhibition at UConn Avery Point.