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Domonic Boreffi

Gallery Antonia

Chatham's newest art gallery in the heart of historic downtown.

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A photo of Domonic Boreffi's grandmother Antonia graces his desk as if she is watching over him, and perhaps she is, because Boreffi chose to name his art gallery after her. "I didn't want to use my own name," he said. "I found myself thinking of her, what a kind person she was, with such a great spirit, and she would have been 100 this year."

Art gallery owner Boreffi seems to have inherited her kind spirit in both his personal manner and in his approach of doing business. All the artists shown in Gallery Antonia are "nice people to deal with, as well as doing fine work." He seems to know each of the artists intimately and can tell a prospective buyer a bit of personal history of each one. Many of his artists have Cape Cod ties, though "I don't want to limit the artwork to only Cape Cod."

A lover of fine art who experienced running an art gallery with outstanding artwork at the Hanson Gallery in San Francisco's Ritz Carlton ("I learned so much from working with those people!"), Boreffi has embraced this first year on his own in Chatham. "This season's energy was the best possible chance for success. The walk-in traffic, the neighboring businesses, it's all been wonderful." Chatham has welcomed Boreffi too. "I recently worked with Alice

Duffy, an interior designer, on one of the houses in the Eldredge Public Library sponsored house tours. She staged the house, and I supplied the artwork. I enjoyed that very much."

Boreffi's extensive knowledge and his love for fine art are helpful for anyone setting up art work in their home. I overheard him explain to prospective customers while I was there how to begin a collection and how to show it properly.

This fall he has big plans for Gallery Antonia. "On Columbus Day Weekend we are doing a show on the new works of the 'Ann(e)'s" he laughs. He's laughing because the gallery shows the artwork of three women named Ann or Anne: Anne Salas, Ann Hart and Anne Boucher. "Then around Thanksgiving time we are planning a show featuring the work of Odin Smith." Along with those artists, the inviting gallery features Gavin Brooks, Donald Jurney, David Kooharian, Leonard Mizerek, Joe Moniz, Jo Ellen Reinhardt, Tim Thompson, Kenneth Vincent, Barbara Willis, Sid Willis and pottery by Gail Turner.

"I love being around artists and their art." And it shows, because Gallery Antonia is an art-lover's gallery. Go visit today.

