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art and wine perfectly paired

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL to do on a crisp fall weekend? Take the Autumn Art Trail—an annual tour of open artists' studios along the Shoreline—on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 11 and 12.

Sponsored by the Killingworth Arts Center, the event is enhanced this year by a wine tasting and outdoor art festival at Chamard Vineyards in Clinton.

On both days you can sample wines (complimentary wine-cellar tours will be conducted at 1 and 3 p.m.; wine tastings, held throughout the day, are \$5 per person), chat with artists, watch demonstrations, shop for arts and crafts and purchase a ticket for the trail. An opening reception will be held at Chamard on Friday evening, Oct. 10, with a buffet donated by participating artists.

A farmer's market will take place at the winery Sunday from noon to 3 p.m., with local producers offering fruits, vegetables, eggs, cheese, flowers, maple syrup, honey and baked goods. Jim Harkins, a classic/folk acoustic guitarist, will perform.

Be sure to give yourself plenty of time to explore the private studios—maps and programs are provided—at your own pace. Featured artists include representational and modern painters, sculptors and crafters. It's a rare opportunity to see some of Connecticut's most talented artists at work.

Tickets are available at Chamard Vineyards both days beginning at 11 a.m. Admission: Adults \$10, children 12 and under free. Chamard Vineyards is at 115 Cow Hill Rd. in Clinton (off Rte. 81). For more ticket information, call 860/663-5593 or visit artscenterkillingworth.org.

Over the weekend of Oct. 11 and 12, Shoreline galleries and studios will be open to the public, and artists will hold demonstrations as part of the annual Autumn Art Trail.