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## Volunteer of the Week

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Alice Neshar Hardenbergh is this week's Volunteer of the Week.

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The gallery of the Main Line Art Center in Haverford now has an impressive display of paintings in all media, photography and sculpture, all for sale in the Center's annual Fine Arts Sale. Prices are relatively modest, and the artists earn much more on each sale than they would selling through traditional galleries. Choosing the art and hanging it was no small piece of work, and Alice Neshar Hardenbergh was very much a part of the process.

Hardenbergh, a self-employed interior decorator, is the secretary of the board of the Center and, says executive director Judy Herman, is "one of our most involved volunteers on all fronts." She

serves on the marketing and executive committee of the Center and, she says, is “always on the lookout for venues where [the Center] can gain visibility.” “Whenever something needs to be done, my hand goes up,” she adds. Her involvement with the Center works nicely with her professional work, she says; she uses the Center as a resource and regularly takes clients there.

Hardenbergh was born in Israel and moved to the Main Line when she was 5 years old. She graduated from Radnor High School, class of 1969, and earned her degree from the Moore College of Art and Design in Textile Arts. She worked for an interior designer until 1978, when she struck out on her own. Hardenbergh is the co-chair of her high-school reunion and has participated in a career day for prospective and existing students at Harcum College on behalf of Moore College. Later this month she will do the same for eighth-graders in a Philadelphia middle school.

Hardenbergh became involved with the Art Center eight years ago, “taken in here very happily,” she says. She describes the Center as “food for the soul... a most gratifying place to be,” and cites the “wonderful energy between the board, the faculty and the members.” The staff, she says, is “amazing; they’re just a great, great group.” And, she adds it’s “amazing to have [Judy Herman] as a director.”

Hardenbergh enjoys yoga, movies, photography, good food and great wine, and “anything to do with nature and the outdoors.” Among her favorite entertainments is live music; “I’m a rock-and-roller at heart,” she says. Her own artistic endeavors, in painting, drawing and photography, are on display only in her home in Ardmore, where she has lived since 1980.

The Center’s Fine Art Sale will continue through May 28.

The Center’s mission is “to inspire and engage artistic creativity for individuals of all ages and abilities and to celebrate the essential role of visual art in community life.” The Center provides more than 600 classes and workshops for over 4,000 children and adults, from beginners to professional artists. In addition the Center offers lectures, exhibitions, trips and other special events. For more information visit [www.mainlineart.org](http://www.mainlineart.org) or call 610-525-0272.

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