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The Incredibly Pretentious Art Festival

Saturday, September 4th and Sunday, September 5th | 1PM -7PM

Cottrell Brewing Company, of Pawcatuck Connecticut, is proud to present the first ever Incredibly Pretentious Art Festival. Organized by artist Tom Sanford, the I.P.A. Festival will feature art by 20 local artists, including Sanford, and take place over Labor Day weekend at the Brewery.

Sanford, who has summered in Charlestown, RI since 1976, has had a long relationship with Cottrell. He has enjoyed their beer since shortly after the brewery was founded in 1997. In recent years, Sanford, a prolific consumer of Cottrell, has become a sort of unofficial artist-in-residence at the brewery having painted a mural on location as well as several other canvases in an effort to stay on top of his mounting tab at the brewery's tap room.

The Incredibly Pretentious Art Festival, inspired by Cottrell's Incredibly Pretentious Ale, aims to engage the local community with local art and artists, and will feature the work of 20 artists from the area. Each has been invited to create and exhibit whatever they damn well please in the large industrial space of the fully operational brewery. The artists vary widely in age, medium and approach and the festival promises to be a "Big Hot Mess". While we cannot be sure what we will see as far as the art is concerned, we are quite confident there will be a lot of it and it promises to look great, especially after a cold Cottrell beer.

Admission is free. Beer and Art will be available for purchase. All ages welcome.
21 years and up to indulge in the beer, but anyone can enjoy the art.

FEATURED ARTISTS

KLASHWON | Stabby McGoo | WORMO | Ryan Whiston
Andrea Lawl Manning | R. Douglas Rice | Alex Castaldi
Shelley Reynolds | SKAIR2 | Chaz Well | Sue McNally
The Famous New London | Gabrielle Shea | Casey Spec
Tom Sanford | Elizabeth Ellenwood | Janvier Miller

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