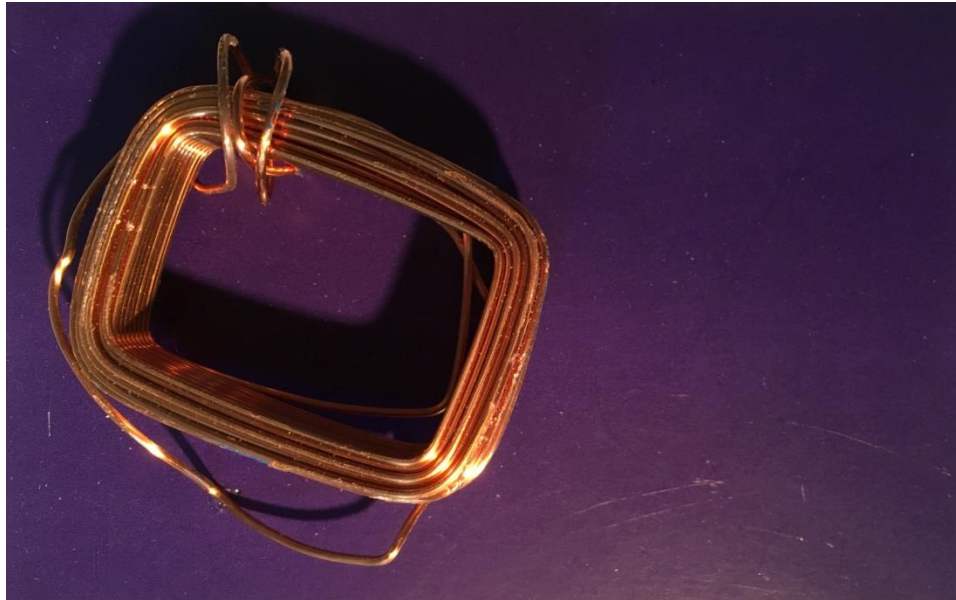




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**Main Line Art Center Presents
Carl Duzen's *Copper: Making Meaning From Dementia*
August 1-29, 2017
Reception: Wed., August 9, 5:30-7:30 pm**

HAVERFORD, PA (August 3, 2017)-Main Line Art is proud to present the unique copper art of Carl Duzen, artist and dementia survivor, in a special Summer Gallery Rental Series exhibition titled, *Copper: Making Meaning From Dementia*, on view in the Welcome Gallery from August 1 to August 29. An opening reception will be held on Wednesday, August 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

After being diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2014, Duzen, a retired math and physics educator, was determined to forge a new path that would give him purpose and meaning during the next phase of his life. Through his wife, artist Susan Jewett, Duzen developed a deep interest in art that inspired his passion for repurposing salvaged components from electronics and transforming them into works of art. He began disassembling video players, televisions, clocks, and audio equipment, with the intention of recycling the component parts. Gradually, friends and neighbors began dropping off their outdated equipment from which Duzen always found a treasure

trove of useful materials – copper, steel and aluminum. A watershed moment occurred when his wife, Susan, saw a line of copper bundles resting on his workbench, and instantly recognized its beauty as an object of art. From this discovery, Duzen and Jewett's artistic collaboration was born.

Copper: Making Meaning From Dementia reveals the process of this artistic collaboration. The exhibition starts with Duzen extracting the copper wire from electronics, and organizing it into various forms. Jewett, then selects the most intriguing forms and places them against various backgrounds and in spatial relationships within art box frames. While these art pieces are born from a dementia diagnosis, they demonstrate the need to go forward with purpose, create a different meaningful path, and maintain hope and passion. "Alzheimer's attacks the brain, but I (can) attack back!" says Duzen.

A resident of Havertown, Duzen received his BA in Physics from University of California, Berkley, and also completed post-graduate work in Physical Science at UC San Francisco. Duzen has several decades experience teaching math and physics throughout California.

Jewett received her BFA in Painting and Drawing from Ohio University. She completed a master's in Art Education at Tyler School of Art, Temple University, and pursued continuing education studies at Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Moore College of Art, Tyler School of Art, and University of the Arts. In addition to teaching art at several schools throughout Pennsylvania and Ohio, Jewett has been a professional, award-winning artist for over 47 years.

Main Line Art Center is the community's home to discover, create, and experience visual art. The mission of Main Line Art Center is to inspire and engage people of all ages, abilities, and economic means in visual art through education, exhibitions, and experiences. Committed to increasing the visibility and accessibility of art, the Art Center presents innovative exhibitions and events in the community, including *Panorama: Image-Based Art in the 21st Century*, a Greater Philadelphia-wide celebration of the photographic image and digital media.

Main Line Art Center's educational offerings for all ages, abilities, and economic means span from traditional to contemporary, and are all held to the highest level of excellence. In 2015, Main Line Art Center received the Commitment to Cultural Access Award from Art-Reach for the Center's Accessible Art Programs for children and adults with disabilities. Additionally, the Art Center grants over \$10,000 in need-based scholarships annually. Last year, Main Line Art Center engaged 21,000 people through classes, exhibitions, and Summer Art Camp, and touched the lives of over 78,000 through Exhibitions in the Community and festivals across the Philadelphia area. Main Line Art Center is located at 746 Panmure Road in Haverford, behind the Wilkie Lexus dealership just off of Lancaster Avenue. The Art Center is easily accessible from public transportation and offers abundant free parking. For more information about *Copper: Making Meaning From Dementia*, please visit www.mainlineart.org or call 610.525.0272.

