

# WEYMOUTH NEWS

## ARTS & LIFESTYLE

Town Online Home  
 TOL Sports  
 TOL Entertainment  
 News & Opinion  
 Sports  
 Arts & Lifestyle  
 More Coverage  
 Town Resources  
 Home Delivery



Select a town

### Special Sections

#### New England Snow

NE mountain profiles and ski reports. Enter to win ski passes.



### Classifieds

carfind.com  
 homefind.com  
 jobfind.com  
 merchandise services  
 personals  
 Place an Ad

### Features

Photo Reprints  
 Parents & Kids  
 Shop TownOnline  
 Tunes a Brewing  
 weather  
 horoscope  
 crossword  
 lottery results

## LIFESTYLES

### Tech art gets hi-tech handling

By *Jeanne M. Rideout* / [jrideout@cnc.com](mailto:jrideout@cnc.com)

Wednesday, July 16, 2003

The framed computer art, some valued at \$15,000 to \$25,000 each, came from all over the country to be exhibited in last month's Tech Art Show at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset.

Receiving the shipments, assembling the display for the national juried show, and then preparing the art work for a safe trip back to the artists was the job of Mail Boxes Etc. on Middle Street.

Last month, five-year store owner Perry Shoom handled 60 pieces of tech art, creations in which some aspect is linked to the computer. The art may be computer generated, or the idea could have come from a computer.

Shoom became involved with the art center about four years ago. The center had always focused on local artists. About four years ago, the center decided to expand nationally and be more visible.

"We were looking for a shipping agent," center director Sarah Hannon said. "We don't have a staff to unpack and pack art work. We needed someone we knew would be very careful. He does a fabulous job for us. It has worked very well for us."

To date, Shoom has handled six national juried shows for the art center. One recent piece of art handled by Shoom was valued at \$60,000.

Two or three times a year, Shoom handles artwork from all over the country.

"We receive it and store it, set it up at the show, remove the art work after the show, and then send it back to the artist," Shoom said.

Weymouth's Mail Boxes Etc. specializes in one-of-a-kind, high-value, highly fragile art work or electronics, or pieces that are too big for other carriers to accept. Shoom has been specializing in the field for six years.

"We take big items that can't go through other locations. There are a lot of things people need to ship that go beyond what others accept," Shoom said. "Over the years, we learned what our customers want, and we have become very good at it. It comes from years of experience."

Too often, someone needing to ship a valuable or fragile object will find that the carrier won't offer insurance.





"What makes us unique is that we self-insure. Other carriers don't insure things like

## ARTS & LIFESTYLE

### -- RELATED ARTICLES --

-  [Weymouth Club to host Special Olympics powerlifting clinic](#)
-  [Weymouth Club on NPR](#)
-  [Technology improvements at Norfolk Registry of Deeds](#)
-  [American Cancer Society announces Relay For Life](#)

### -- RELATED SITES --

-  [Find a Job in WEYMOUTH](#)
-  [Find a Home in WEYMOUTH](#)
-  [Find a Apartment in WEYMOUTH](#)
-  [Yard Sales around WEYMOUTH](#)
-  [MCAS Rankings for WEYMOUTH](#)
-  [Boston Homes: The Complete Guide](#)

### -- HERALD INTERACTIVE TOOLS --

-  [Email this Article to a Friend](#)
-  [Email the Online Staff](#)
-  [Email the Newspaper](#)
-  [Printer Friendly Version](#)
-  [Subscribe to the Weymouth News](#)

framed pictures with glass or collectibles like a \$10,000 autographed baseball," Shoom said.

Nobody wants to get a box in the mail that's crumpled and broken.

"If your five-pound box is at the bottom of the sack with four 50-pound boxes on top, it has to be able to withstand 200 pounds of pressure and not transfer the weight to the item inside and break it," Shoom said.

Mailboxes Etc. naturally mails things and has 24-hour access mailboxes. The company ships overnight anywhere in the United States.

"On Christmas, there is not enough room to walk in here," Shoom said.

This is just the tag line of the business.

"We are first and foremost a business center," Shoom said. "We are the foremost business center south of Boston. We have a full printing service. We have fingerprinting. We have a passport service and can turn a passport around in two days."

Most people aren't aware of the need for a fingerprinting service. This is an important service in some professions, such as a nurse traveling out of state.

"When we started, you could go nowhere but the police station to do it," Shoom said. All fingerprinting is non-criminal.

A husband and wife traveling to New Zealand need fingerprinting as part of their visa. After four tries with the traditional ink pad method, his wife's prints still did not come out clear.

At the Mailboxes in Weymouth, a different method is used. They came to Shoom, and the prints came out clear on the first try.

"There is very little we don't do in business services," Shoom said.

Mailboxes Etc. has been around for 20 years.

"Over the years, if you're involved in business, the name has developed a reputation that, if no one else can do it, we can," Shoom said.

More information is available on the Internet at [www.mbeweymouth.com](http://www.mbeweymouth.com).

The South Shore Art Center in Cohasset is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

[Back to top](#)

[ [contact us](#) ] :: [ [print advertising](#) ] :: [ [online advertising](#) ] :: [ [Browser Upgrade](#) ] :: [Click here for home delivery](#) or call 1.800.882.1211

© Copyright of CNC and Herald Interactive Advertising Systems, Inc.

No portion of townonline.com or its content may be reproduced without the owner's written permission. [Privacy Commitment](#)