



Secret Lives of Birds

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Ever wonder what birds are up to when nobody's watching? While revealing the habits of birds isn't the point of the art, a new exhibition at The Sirens' Song Gallery in Greenport manages to portray our feathered friends in a new light. "All A Twitter" presents works by Dianne Martin and Conrad J. Obregon.

Dianne Martin combines fantasy and reality in her monotypes. She incorporates paintings, etching and collaged natural materials. She forages for materials in her garden and on the sidewalks of Long Island City, where she has her studio. Other searching takes place in the North Fork's creeks, bays, beaches and farm fields. Bits of twigs, weeds and feathers are known to appear in her art.

The original image made from oil monotype and natural material creates the backdrop for an imaginative world to spring, according to Martin's website. "Although not all of my pieces focus on birds, they are always just waiting to appear!" she wrote of her work in the Greenport show.



"On the Edge" by Dianne Martin. Courtesy
The Sirens' Song Gallery.



"Yellow January" by Dianne Martin.
Courtesy The Sirens' Song Gallery.

Conrad J. Obregon is exhibiting intimate photographs of birds. Obregon is a member of the North American Nature Photographers Association and the North Fork Audubon Society. His images often capture waterfowl in isolated sections of the Peconic River, Peconic Bay and Long Island Sound.



“Against the Tides” by Conrad J. Obregon.
Pigment inkjet. Courtesy The Sirens’ Song
Gallery.



“Common Yellowthroat” by Conrad J.
Obregon. Pigment inkjet. Courtesy The
Sirens’ Song Gallery.

“All A Twitter” is timed, in part, to bring artful “bird watching” inside while actual birds migrate from Eastern Long Island to warmer locales, according to Caroline Waloski, gallery owner and artist-in-residence. Both exhibiting artists have connections to the North Fork of Long Island.

BASIC FACTS: “All A Twitter” will be exhibited from Nov 19 to Jan 8, 2012 at The Sirens’ Song Gallery, 516 Main Street, Greenport. For details, visit www.sirensongallery.com.

Dianne Martin’s art is included in many private collections including those held by Pepsico, Pfizer and David Rockefeller, Jr. She is a member of the Manhattan Graphics Center and other organizations. Martin has a BFA in painting and printmaking from Rhode Island School of Design and an MFA from the University of Iowa. She recently had a solo show at the Rosalie Dimon Gallery at the Jamesport Manor Inn in Jamesport from May 6 to Aug 2, 2011. www.diannemartinart.com.

Conrad J. Obregon has a passion for photographing birds. Additional photography can be viewed at <http://mysite.verizon.net/cobregon1/gallery1.htm>.

EXTRA FACT: The Greenport Gallery Walk’s November installment steps out tonight (Nov 19) from 6 to 9 p.m. See the separate post, “Greenport Gallery Walk’s Last Hurrah for 2011,” on Hamptons Art Hub. For details, visit www.greenportgallerywalk.com.