



Three To See - Weekend of 03.23.12

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Two new contemporary art galleries launch and an established gallery reopens this weekend to welcome the 2012 season. New to the Hamptons are ILLE Arts in Amagansett and Hampton Hang Gallery in Water Mill. Reopening is Kathryn Markel Fine Arts in Bridgehampton. All three galleries are presenting group shows of favorites. Between all three, there's plenty of compelling art to see.

ILLE Arts of Amagansett is launching with an exuberant show of 14 artists. Some artists are friends, others are family. Most are well-known to the Hamptons art community.

"The Family Show" presents art by Sydney Albertini, Vivien Bittencourt-Katz, Mary Boochever, Amanda Brown, Jack Ceglic and James Gilroy. Also, Elaine Grove, John Haubrich, Pat Place, Kevin Teare, Tim Tibus, Stephen Westfall, Dan Christensen and Don Christensen.

An opening reception will be held on Sat (Mar 24) from 5 to 7 p.m. The gallery is located at 216 Main Street, Amagansett.

Here's a look at some of the art:



"Khet" by Mary Boochever, 1999. Wood, plaster and encaustic on linen, 35 x 21 inches.



"The End Zone" by Don Christensen, 2008. Oil on canvas, 60 x 66 inches.



"Between Heaven and Hell" by John Haubrich. Collage, paper, oil, acrylic, pencil and electric sander, 50 x 50 inches.



"Olive Tree, Puglia" by Vivien Bittencourt-Katz, 2006. Fujicolor crystal

archive print, Edition: 4. Impression: 1/4, 29 x 42 1/2 inches.



“Plenary Indulgence” by Elaine Grove, 2011. Feathers, bone, steel, wood, wire, cloth, sequins, candle, pigment, 46 x 24 x 10 inches.

Hampton Hang Gallery’s inaugural exhibition features a printmaker-painter, a sculptor and a mineral curator. The exhibition “Mind & Matter” presents works by Steve Miller and Mike Chiarello and curation by Angela Firestone. Miller is exhibiting works with a painterly feel. Chiarello is showing three new sculptures and custom tables. Firestone has curated an exhibition of minerals. She was formally with the Cranbrook Institute of Science in MI.

“Mind and Matter” has an opening reception on Saturday (Mar 24) from 6 to 8 p.m. The gallery is located at 688 Montauk Highway, Water Mill.

Here’s a peek at some of the exhibited art:



“When Conditions Are Favorable” by Steve Miller, 2009. Carbon print and silk screen on canvas, 24 x 26.5 inches.



Sculpture by Mike Chiarello installed at Hampton Hang Gallery.



Sculpture by Mike Chariello installed outside of Hampton Hang Gallery.



“Malachite pseudomorph Azurite, Milpillas, Mexico.” Selected by Angela Firestone for a specimen mineral collection exhibited at Hampton Hang Gallery.

Kathryn Markel Fine Arts is quietly re-opening its Bridgehampton gallery for the season (Its New York City gallery goes full tilt most of the year). There’s no opening reception but there is an opportunity to see some of the gallery’s favorite artworks.

Here's a sample of what you'll see:



"Petals of the Lotus III" by Meredith Pardue, 2012. Ink oil, oil crayon and charcoal on canvas, 30 x 30 inches.



"Delta Canto #2" by Allison Stewart, 2011. Mixed media on canvas, 36 x 72 inches.



"Crabapple, No. 4" by Jeri Eisenberg, 2008. Archival pigment ink on Japanese paper infused with encaustic medium, 36 x 34 inches.



"Strange Weather" by Allison Steward, 2011. Oil on panel, 4 parts, 42 x 66 inches.



"Untitled (Winning Code: KWVPJ)" by Sydney Licht, 2010. Watercolor on paper, 11 x 7 inches.

BASIC FACTS: "Mind & Matter" at **Hampton Hang Gallery** opens Mar 24 and runs through Apr 20. The gallery is open Thursday through Saturday. It's located at 688 Montauk Hwy, Water Mill, NY. 631-728-2266 or find them on Facebook.

"The Family Show" at **ILLE Arts** opens Mar 24 and remains on view through mid-May. The gallery is open every day. They are located at 216 Main Street, Amagansett, NY. <http://illearts.com>

Kathryn Markel Fine Arts opens its Bridgehampton gallery this weekend for the 2012 season. It's open Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and by appointment. The gallery will open 7 days a week starting Memorial Day weekend. They are located at 2418 Montauk Hwy, Bridgehampton, NY. www.markelfinearts.com

GOOD TO KNOW:

Hampton Hang Gallery has been silently hanging for awhile. The new gallery shares a parking lot with the Sara Nightingale Gallery. If you had peered into their large windows over the winter, your eyes would have spied a pool table occupying the center of the room with art on the wall. It is owned by Ashley R. Dye and Eric Kulukundis.

ILLE Arts is owned by Sara de Luca. Her husband is the abstract painter Don Christensen. His brother is the abstract painter Dan Christensen (1942-2007). A separate blog on ILLE Arts and their plans for the summer will post here next month.

Every winter, **Kathryn Markel Fine Arts** turns over its gallery to an organization, artist group or gallerist so art will be shown in the space year round. In 2011, Sara Nightingale Gallery presented artwork there while transitioning from Shelter Island to Water Mill. This year, Bonac Tonic Art Collective took over the space and curated art shows in Jan and Feb.

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