



# The Birdhouse Auction Returns!

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## **BRIDGEHAMPTON, NY**

Like a Phoenix, the Birdhouse Auction rises tonight to present its eighth annual fundraiser. The future of the annual fundraiser was in doubt following last year's event. Event organizer-founder Karyn Mannix believed the Birdhouse Auction had run its course because of declining financial response. The event raises money for the Coalition of Women's Cancers at Southampton Hospital.

By all calls, it seemed the Birdhouse Auction would become a part of Hamptons history. Popular demand swayed Mannix and she decided to produce another fundraising event featuring birdhouses made by Hamptons-connected artists and creatives.

"We thought last year would be the last year of the Birdhouse auction," said Mannix. "But due to popular demand, we have returned for our eighth consecutive year. We always hold the auction in October, which is breast health awareness month, in hopes that it will be the perfect reminder for all to get make an appointment with the doctor for your annual health check."

Coalition president Susie Roden said, "This is a large local community event that everyone enjoys—where our community gives back to itself. It is a wonderful event."



Artwork by Oliver Peterson. Courtesy Karyn Mannix Contemporary.



Artwork by Pat Kochie. Courtesy Karyn Mannix Contemporary.

The 8th Annual Birdhouse Auction will be held tonight (Sat) from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Peter Marcelle Gallery in Bridgehampton, NY. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.



Artwork by Mary Antczak & Bill Kiriazis.  
Courtesy Karyn Mannix Contemporary.



Artwork by Bob Bachler. Courtesy Karyn  
Mannix Contemporary.

Over 80 artists made art birdhouses for this year's event. They include Abby Abrams, Len Bernard, Kathleen Bifulco, Stephanie Brody-Lederman, Arlene Bujese, Eric Ernst, John and Linda Capello, Dan Rizzie, Janet Goleas, Jay Schneiderman, Evan Zatti, Gabriele Raacke, Gavin Zeigler and others.

New contributors include Terry Elkins, Clayton Calvert and Gayle Tudisco.



Artwork by Stephanie Reit. Courtesy Karyn  
Mannix Contemporary.

Mannix founded the Birdhouse Auction as a way to give back after surviving breast cancer. The fundraiser aims to raise money and awareness of programs available so those stricken with cancer know they don't have to go it alone.



"Bird Lives" by Barbara  
Maslen. Courtesy Karyn Mannix  
Contemporary.

**BASIC FACTS:** The 8th Annual Birdhouse Auction will be held tonight from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Peter Marcelle Gallery in Bridgehampton. The fundraiser benefits the Coalition of Women's Cancers at Southampton Hospital. Renee Zellweger is the honorary chairperson. Tickets are \$25 in advance or

\$30 at the door. For information, visit <http://karynmannixcontemporary.com>.

The gallery is located at 2411 Main St, Bridgehampton, NY. [www.petermarcellegallery.com](http://www.petermarcellegallery.com)

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