

Gallery Walks Take Place Today

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The spotlight shines on Hamptons art galleries today with five simultaneous art walks taking place from 1 to 4 p.m. ArtWalk Hamptons presents mostly artist-led gallery tours in Southampton, Bridgehampton, Sag Harbor, East Hampton and Amagansett. Artist talks at select galleries round out the gallery walk experience.

Guided tours begin at 1 p.m. There is a \$10 per person fee. Free self-guided tours take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Information can be found at artwalkhamptons.com.

Meeting points for the guided tours are QF Gallery in East Hampton (98 Newtown Lane), Peter Marcelle Gallery in Bridgehampton (2411 Main St), Arthur T. Kalaher Fine Art in Sag Harbor (197 Madison Street) and Chrysalis Art Gallery in Southampton (2 Main St.). The Amagansett gallery tour begins after the East Hampton tour concludes.

The Thanksgiving Saturday art walk is the final ArtWalk Hamptons tour of Hamptons galleries for the season. ArtWalk Hamptons began by offering guided and self-guided tours of East Hampton galleries last year. Earlier this year, they added Sag Harbor to the list. For the final tour, they expanded to include Bridgehampton, Southampton and Amagansett to its event.

"I feel that expanding to include Southampton and Bridgehampton art galleries broadens the scope of the art on view in the Hamptons," said ArtWalk Hamptons founder and director Kathy Zeigler.

"As each village, town and hamlet is unique within the Hamptons landscape, so is the curatorial eye in each of the separate art galleries," she said. "It's important to me to represent these different perspectives; together they demonstrate the immense diversity of artistic interests concentrated in the East End. It is these differences that make the art community so rich and worth exploring."

Artists leading the tour are Andrea Cote (East Hampton and Amagansett), Paton Miller (Sag Harbor) and Molly Morgan Weiss (Bridgehampton). Zeigler leads the Southampton tour. All guided walking tours begin at 1 p.m. Registration is requested at artwalkhamptons.com.

Artist talks take place at several galleries. David Slater will be on hand to discuss his art at 1 p.m. at Peter Marcelle Gallery at 2411 Main St in Bridgehampton, NY. Larry Wolhandler will lead a talk at 2:30 p.m. at Davenport and Shapiro Fine Art at 37 Newtown Lane in East Hampton, NY. Donato

Giancola discusses his work and process while painting in a pop-up studio from 1 to 5 p.m. at Richard J. Demato Fine Art Gallery in Sag Harbor, NY. See Hamptons Art Hub story: <u>Art Celebration at Richard J. Demato Fine Arts</u>.

Becoming part of the gallery walk-whether self-guided or guided-is a fun way to learn something new about art in the Hamptons and connect closer with the galleries that often provide a front-row seat to art.

"The conversation and engagement between the artists, curators and the art walk participants generate the excitement," said Zeigler.

"Peering in closely as the artist explains his inspiration is the novel Fahrenheit 541 or learning why the artist was seduced by curves in the distant mountains," she said. "What is a cyanotype? You have an opportunity to engage directly in the art world and learn from those who inhabit it every day."

BASIC FACTS: ArtWalk Hamptons is holding guided and self-guided gallery walks in Southampton, Bridgehampton, Sag Harbor, East Hampton and Amagansett. Guided walking tours begin at 1 p.m. The fee is \$10 and is payable in cash only. Registration is requested. Self-guided tours are free. For details, see artwalkhamptons.com.

The featured image on the Home Page is "Tsunami" by Paton Miller. It is exhibited with Arthur T. Kalaher Fine Art in Sag Harbor, NY.

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