

AAEH Spring Members Show Kicks Off a full Slate for 2013

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The Artists Alliance of East Hampton kicks off 2013 with its Spring Art Exhibition to be held March 8 to 10 at Ashawagh Hall. The exhibition will feature a single artworks by each exhibiting artist. All are members of the non-profit organization. Over 30 artists are expected to participate.

The Spring Member Show allows the community the chance to see what some of the Artist Alliance of East Hampton (AAEH) artist members have been up to over the long winter. Paintings, sculpture, mixed media, drawings and photography will all be part of the mix. The Spring Art Exhibition is expected to draw around 30 artists.

An Opening Reception will be held on Saturday, March 9, from 5 to 8 p.m.

AAEH is made up of primarily professional working artists. The organization aims to bring together artists to strengthen and support the interests of the creative community of the East End. They hold artist lectures, networking events, presentations and organize several exhibitions to provide members with the opportunity to get their work before the viewing public. Annual membership is rolling with enrollment beginning in January. There were approximately 230 artist members in 2012, according to AAEH.

The Spring Members Show is the first for this year. Coming up on Wednesday, March 13, is a Pot Luck and "Let's Talk Art" event to also be held at Ashawagh Hall. The event takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. Attendees bring a dish and an artwork to discuss during the event.

The event foreshadows other similar events to come, said AAEH board member Jana Hayden. Future "Let's Talk Art" events are being planned to take place on Sunday mornings at Guild Hall's Booth Lamb Booth Auditorium. The hope is the sessions will be presented throughout the year.

Also in the works is a "New Member Showcase." The evening would feature artworks by new members presented to an audience through a Power Point presentation or with original artworks. The showcase would also be held at Guild Hall's Booth Lamb Auditorium.

In addition to the new, AAEH will present their tried and true for 2013. This includes its annual

Summer and Fall exhibitions and Studio Tour.

The Summer Exhibition marks the 19th year the show will be presented. The 10-day exhibition will be held from July 5 to 14 at Ashawagh Hall. An Opening Reception is planned for Friday, July 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. Historically, the exhibition features between 80 and 90 artist members.

July also brings the 28th Annual Studio Tour. The self-guided tour will be held on Friday, July 12, and Saturday, July 13. It coincides with the Summer Exhibition. This year's Studio Tour is expected to feature around 40 artists who will open their studios for the public.

The year wraps up with a Fall Member Exhibition. The show is expected to take place in October or November.

AAEH was founded in 1984 in honor of American Abstract-Surrealist painter Jimmy Ernst (1927-1984). Ernst made his home in the Hamptons from 1969 until his death. Active in the East Hampton art community, close friends formed the Jimmy Ernst Artists Alliance in 1984. The name was later changed to the Artists Alliance of East Hampton.

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"Collective Thoughts" by Barbara Bilotta, 39 x 41 inches.



"Tulips" by Mary Milne, Kiln Formed Glass Sculpture.



"Wave" by Pamela Vossen. Oil.



"Passion" by Athos Zacharias, 2013. 24 x 30 inches.



"Shell Game" by Jana Hayden, Ceramic.

BASIC FACTS: The Artists Alliance of East Hampton presents its **Spring Art Exhibition** from March 8 to 10, 2013 at Ashawagh Hall, 780 Springs Fireplace Road in East Hampton (The Springs). Over 30 member artists will present a single artwork. An Opening Reception will be held on Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. For details on AAEH or the exhibition, visit www.aeah.org.

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