



A Look Back: Scenes from Hamptons Art Fairs 2012

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With the 2013 Hamptons art fairs nearly upon us, it seems like the perfect time for a brief walk along Memory Lane. 2012 was the inaugural Art Southampton-presented by the Art Miami powerhouse-bringing with it three weekends of back-to-back art fairs for the first time. In 2013, the art fairs have a different schedule: ArtHamptons and artMRKT Hamptons go head-to-head over a single four-day weekend with Art Southampton appearing two weeks later.

Here's a brief snapshot of the art that appeared in the Hamptons, courtesy of the three art fairs:

ArtHamptons

The fifth annual ArtHamptons art fair was held from July 13 to 15, 2012 at Nova's Ark Project in Bridgehampton. It was the first year ArtHamptons presented on the sprawling sculpture fields that feature artworks by Nova. ArtHamptons began its art fair empire by presenting at the Bridgehampton Historical Society's grounds before moving to Sayre Park, just around the corner. It presented there for two years before moving (and expanding) to Nova's. ArtHamptons returns to Nova's Art Project in 2013 and continues its expansion by including the polo fields for a new event.

Here's a look at ArtHamptons 2012:



"Photo Mosaics" by Alex G Cao. Exhibited by CenterSpace (New York, NY). ArtHamptons 2012.



"Nylen 36x" by Johan Thunell. Ceramics, 51 x 57 inches. In front is "¿Y-Alicia" by Julio Nieto, metal sculpture. Exhibited with Villa del Arte Galleries (Spain). ArtHamptons 2012.



Artist Daniel Den has some fun at his booth. His art was exhibited by Daniel Dens Studio (Water Mill, NY) and Louis K. Meisel (New York, NY). ArtHamptons 2012.



Detail of "Charles Darwin" by Alexi Torres.
ArtHamptons 2012.

artMRKT Hamptons

The second edition of artMRKT Hamptons was held from July 19 to 22, 2012 on the ground of the Bridgehampton Historical Society in Bridgehampton, NY. Since alighting in the Hamptons in 2011, the art fair has stayed true to its location. artMRKT Hampton quickly gained a nod of approval by area art fans for the quality of the art presented. Brooklyn-based, artMRTK continues to draw Hamptons support both here and Miami, where it expanded last year and presented its first art fair. It draws the largest number of Hamptons-based galleries with Art Southampton gaining in 2013.

Here's a brief look at last year's artMRKT Hamptons art fair:



A whimsical mobile installation of small paintings by Sidney Geist on vintage exhibition invitation cards (1960-1980) presented by Eric Firestone Gallery (East Hampton, NY). artMRKT 2012.



"Matroshka" by Asya Reznikov, 2008. Video sculpture, 21 x 17.25 x 19 inches. Edition 6/8. Exhibited with Nancy Hoffman Gallery (Chelsea, NY). artMRKT 2012.



Greg Haberny among his art. The solo show was presented by Lyons Wier Gallery (Chelsea, NY.). His art is fueled by political and social commentary. artMRKT 2012.



"Maitre'D" by Jorge Santos, 2012. Oil and acrylic on canvas, 60 x 80 inches. Exhibited with 101/exhibit (Miami, FL). artMRKT 2012.

Art Southampton

Art Southampton held its first edition from July 26 to 30, 2012 at the Southampton Elks Lodge fairgrounds. Around 50 galleries exhibited in the inaugural fair. This year, Art Southampton has nearly doubled with over 85 galleries presenting (as of June). Word around the art fair last year was that exhibitors began signing up for 2013 even before the doors had closed. While not all the galleries are returning in 2013, a strong percentage are returning and then some. Quality art and an upscale presentation made the fair popular among fair goers and gallery representatives.

Here's a quick look at some of the art presented at Art Southampton 2012:



"S-Man" by Keith Haring, 1987. On left is "Inheritance (Shared)" by Ross Bleckner, 2004. On right is "Dickinson Crater (In the Night Garden)" by Marc Quinn, 2010. All were exhibited with Galerie Forsblom (Helsinki, Finland). Art Southampton 2012.



Hollis Taggart Galleries exhibits at Art Southampton 2012. Included are works by Giorgio Cavallon, James Brooks and Michael Goldberg.



Detail of video and sound artwork by Tony Oursler, 2012. Steel stand, projection, and mixed media. Exhibited with

Galerie Forsblom (Helsinki, Finland). Art Southampton 2012.



“Cardboard People” by Alexander Kaletski. Exhibited with Dillon Gallery (Chelsea, NY). Kaletski transformed the gallery’s booth into an installation where his “drinking” characters could congregate. Kaletski’s paintings are typically made on cardboard and capture an array of characters found in New York City, according to the gallery. Art Southampton 2012.

BASIC FACTS: This is the second year the Hamptons hosts three art fairs in July. For details on the 2013 art fairs, visit [“Art Fairs Are Arriving in the Hamptons!”](#)

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