



“The Retreat’s 5th Annual Hamptons Juried Art Show” opens at Richard J. Demato Fine Art

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Tonight is the night when the final winners will be revealed at 5th Annual Hamptons Juried Art Show. Taking place at RJD Gallery, the annual juried show is sponsored (and benefits) The Retreat. This year’s jurors were Sara Nightingale, owner of the Sara Nightingale Gallery in Water Mill, NY and Scott Sandell, Visual Arts Director of Stony Brook University (Southampton campus).

The first round of decisions have already taken place with 25 finalists having artwork presented in the exhibition. Submissions were received from around the world including Israel, Russia, Sweden, and across the United States, according to The Retreat.

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“Good Fortunes” by John Nieman. Watercolor, 30 x 24 inches.

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They are Gina Altadonna, Gary Beeber, Mary Chiaramonte, Patricia Christakos, Janet Culbertson, Catherine Eldridge, Carol Glassman, Michelle Hartney, Sylvia Hommert, Barbara Hyman, Linda Sirow, Pia Ledy, Mary Ancilla Martinez, Michael McLaughlin, Bruce Milne, Lea Morgan, Patty Neibling, John Nieman, Kat O’Neill, Patricia Park, Renè Porter, Jerry Schwabe, Kerry Sharkey-Miller, Madelyn Simon, Kim Zarney.

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“Into the Salt” by Mary Chiaramonte. Acrylic on wood,
20 x 20 inches.

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"This Juried Art Show is a unique way to honor people's artistic talents and passions in a way that creates funds to help abused women and children right here on the East End," said Director of Philanthropy of The Retreat, Hope Kramer. "Victims here urgently need the services we provide."

The Retreat has been providing domestic violence services and education to families on the East End of Long Island for 26 years.



"Let it Rain" by Jerry Schwabe. Watercolor on paper, 18.5 x 22.51 inches.

The Retreat's programs include a residential shelter for women and children, a 24-hour domestic violence hotline, individual and group counseling, legal advocacy for all victims of domestic violence, programs to engage troubled fathers and other men who may be at-risk of committing family violence, and an in-school violence prevention education program taught in local area schools. All services are provided free of charge.

Proceeds from all artwork sales benefits The Retreat.



"Design by Nature" by Patty Niebling. Oil, 18 x 35 inches.

Three Top Winners in the exhibition will be announced during the Opening Reception taking place tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. The trio will have their work exhibited in a group in Spring 2014 at RJD gallery. The exhibition remains on view through Nov. 20.



"Love In Interstellar Space" by Michelle Hartney. Solid maple sphere carved and embedded with hand embroidered interfacing, including pearls, sequins, beads, and acrylic poms, 12 x 12 x 9 inches.

The prize of a exhibition featuring the art from the winners is another reason why the exhibition continues to grow in popularity. Having art considered by noteworthy professionals in the artworld is another reason. Past jurors have included museum curators and gallery owners. They have included Christina Mossaides Strassfield, chief curator and museum director of Guild Hall, Kathryn Markel of Kathryn Markel Fine Art in Bridgehampton and Chelsea.



“Alabama 2013” by Carol Galssman. Black and white photograph, silver gelatin print, 16 x 20 inches.

BASIC FACTS: “The Retreat’s 5th Annual Hamptons Juried Art Show” has an Opening Reception on Saturday (Nov. 9) from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibition remains on view through Nov. 20. The show includes the top 25 artists’ entries chosen by jurors Sara Nightingale and Scott Sandell.

For more information on the Retreat, visit www.theretreatinc.org.

RJD Gallery (also known as Richard J. Demato Fine Art) is located at 90 Main Street, Sag Harbor, NY 11963. www.rjdgallery.com

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