

Thanksgiving Gallery Walk Set for Saturday

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What started out as an idea has transformed into a tradition. This weekend, the Thanksgiving Saturday "Art Walk in the Hamptons" returns for its third year with an expanded edition of six walks taking place simulanteously across the Hamptons. Founded by Kathy Zeiger, the art walks are presented by ArtWalk Hamptons and offer an opportunity to get an insider's view of the exhibitions presented by participating galleries in the Hamptons. Walking gallery tours are being held in East Hampton, Sag Harbor, Bridgehampton, Amaganasett, Water Mill and Southampton.

Saturday's art walk offers self-guided and guided walking tours led by a Hamptons-based artist. Both are free. At each stop, presentations will be available from gallery directors or exhibition curators to provide insight into how the art was selected, considerations made in organizing the show, and information on the works on view, according to Zeiger.

Additional insights into art and the gallery scene can be found in artist-led tours offered in East Hampton, Sag Harbor and Bridgehampton. Each Guided Tour begins at 1 p.m. The self-guided walking tours will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. in all of the Hamptons art centers. Downloadable maps and details can be found at www.artwalkhamptons.com.





Kathryn Markel Fine Arts in Bridgehampton is part of the Thanksgiving Saturday Art Walk. Mark Borghi Fine Art and Julien Beck Gallery are a short stroll away.

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Last year's Thanksgiving Saturday Art Walk was held in East Hampton, Sag Harbor, Bridgehampton and Amagansett. This year's event was expanded to encompassed all of the Hamptons hot spots for art. Zeiger decided to widen the gallery walk experience so visitors could have their choice of experiencing a single hamlet or village or to create a gallery crawl made up of several locations.

"As each village, town and hamlet is unique within the Hamptons landscape, so is the curatorial eye

in each of the separate art galleries," Zeiger told Hamptons Art Hub. "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."

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Lawrence Fine Art is part of the Thanksgiving Saturday Art Walk in East Hampton. Pictured above is the brick-lined walkway that links Newtown Lane with the public parking lot. Lawrence Fine Art and LSD Art are both located in this walkway. Nearby, Wallace Gallery and Vered share another walkway accessible from the parking lot.

Not every gallery in the Hamptons is participating in Thanksgiving Saturday Art Walk. Following is a list by location of the galleries welcoming art walk visitors:

AMAGANSETT: Ille Arts, Neoteric Fine Art and Crazy Monkey Gallery.

BRIDGEHAMPTON: Dan Flavin Art Institute, Julian Beck Gallery, Kathryn Markel Fine Arts, Mark Borghi Fine Art Inc. and Silas Marder Gallery.

EAST HAMPTON: Eric Firestone Gallery, Gallery Valentine, Halsey Mckay Gallery, Harper's Books, Lawrence Fine Art, LSD Art, Vered Art Gallery, and Wallace Gallery.

SAG HARBOR: <u>Grenning Gallery</u>, <u>Hooke Sculpture Gallery</u>, <u>Monika Olko Gallery</u>, <u>Richard J. Demato Fine Arts Gallery</u>, <u>Romany Kramoris Gallery</u> and <u>Tulla Booth Gallery</u>.

SOUTHAMPTON: Arthur T. Kalaher Fine Art Gallery, Chrysalis Gallery and Tripoli Gallery of Contemporary Art.

WATER MILL: Hampton Hang Gallery and Sara Nightingale Gallery.

In addition to the art walk, exhibition openings, artist receptions and holiday celebrations are being held at several of the galleries on Saturday night or Sunday. Visit this week's <u>Art Round Up</u> for details.

The Thanksgiving Saturday Walk has the added benefit of capturing the last hurrah of the Hamptons art scene. It also alludes to the changes in the gallery scene that will impact next summer. For instance, Peter Marcelle Gallery is noticeably absent from the Bridgehampton Art Walk. The gallery closes after tonight's fundraiser for the Sag Harbor Whaling Museum in anticipation of its move to Southampton.

In East Hampton, Glenn Horowitz Bookseller decided to forgo the Art Walk. The gallery originally planned to have Saturday as its final weekend in East Hampton. The gallery is closing its East

Hampton location but continues its rare book shop in New York City.

Mostly, the art walks are designed to highlight the rich diversity of art exhibited in the Hamptons. They also provide the chance for tour goers to discover an artist that artwork they may connect with.

BASIC FACTS: "Art Walk in the Hamptons" takes place on Saturday in Amagansett, Bridgehampton, East Hampton, Sag Harbor, Southampton, and Water Mill. Artist-led tours begin at 1 p.m. in Bridgehampton, East Hampton, and Sag Harbor. Self-guided tours take place in all locations from 1 to 4p.m. For information and a downloadable map, visit www.artwalkhamptons.com.

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