

# Hamptons Benefit Season Launches Saturday!

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The benefit season has arrived! This Saturday is a fast forward to summer with four benefits competing for your evening attention. This follows an afternoon opening for LongHouse Reserve's annual Rites of Spring, making for a full day of Hamptons art events. We've compiled the options to make planning easier.

Saturday's evening choices include the Parrish Art Museum's *Spring Fling*, East End Art's *Spring Gala*, RJD Gallery's fundraising exhibition "Light in the Tunnel" benefiting The Retreat and the first *Art for Aid* gala and art show to benefit the Ross School. Details follow on each and LongHouse's Saturday afternoon event.

If you're not in the Hamptons on Saturday, never fear: there are two upcoming art sales and auction worth attending that benefit local organizations. The "Springs School Mystery Art Sale" takes place at Ashawagh Hall from April 29 - May 2. Sales are on a first-come, first serve basis from 4 to 7 p.m. on April 29 - May 1 and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 2. A Closing Reception takes place on May 2 from 3 to 5 p.m. Benefits The Springs School Visiting Artist program and other art initiatives. [www.springsmysteryartsale.com](http://www.springsmysteryartsale.com).

Taking place in Chelsea from May 7 to 9 is "Five By Seven: Small Works, Big Artists". The benefit will be held at Ricco Maresca gallery and benefits Hayground School in Bridgehampton. The Opening Reception and auction takes place on May 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. [www.riccomaresca.com](http://www.riccomaresca.com).

Both art benefits feature works with the artist name cloaked. Contributing artists can include students, emerging artists, celebrities, creatives and master artists (Paul McCartney, Ross Bleckner, David Salle, Toni Ross, April Gornick, Dan Rizzie...). Artworks in both are unified by artwork size. Many artists contributed work to both fundraisers.

Part of the fun springs from the mystery: purchasing art without knowing the artist first and discovering the name afterward is one facet. The possibility of scoring a great deal—all while supporting art education for elementary students—is another.

## **Rites of Spring 2015 LongHouse Season Opening**

Saturday, April 25: 2 to 5 p.m.

Admission: \$10 | Members Complimentary.

Takes Place: LongHouse Reserve.

*Rites of Spring* is the annual opening event of LongHouse's season. It provides the opportunity to sip beverages, stroll the grounds, enjoy vibrant yellow daffodils, and become acquainted with the changes for the new season.

This year, LongHouse unveils five new additions to its outdoor sculpture installations and collection. The works are installed in spots located across the 16-acre gardens and grounds. They include *Women with Sheep (Three Women, Three Sheep)*, 2009 by Kiki Smith, *Eye of the Ring*, 2007, by Takashi Soga (b.1952); *Spheres* by Grace Knowlton (b. 1932); *The Mao Suit*, 2002 by Sui Jianguo (b. 1956); *Host of the Ellipse (Garden Scale)*, 1981, by Ronald Bladen (1918- 1988).

Additional installations will be unveiled as the season unfolds.

LongHouse Reserve is located at 133 Hands Creek Road East Hampton, NY 11937.  
[www.longhouse.org](http://www.longhouse.org)

## ***Spring Fling at the Parrish Art Museum***

Saturday, April 25: 7:30 – 11 p.m.

Takes Place: The Parrish Art Museum

Tickets: \$225 – SOLD OUT

*Spring Fling* will feature live music by Noiz Entertainment, a silent auction plus hors d'oeuvre, an open bar, and an art scavenger hunt in the galleries with prizes awarded to the winners.

Proceeds support the Parrish's year-round education programs for children.

The Parrish Art Museum is located at 279 Montauk Highway Water Mill, NY 11976.  
[www.parrishart.org](http://www.parrishart.org).

## ***ARTworks 2015: East End Arts Spring Gala***

Saturday, April 25: 6 – 11 p.m.

Takes Place: East Wind

Tickets: \$200.

To Purchase: [www.eastendarts.org/programs/events/gala.html](http://www.eastendarts.org/programs/events/gala.html)

ARTworks 2015 features cocktails and hors d'oeuvres; dinner and dancing, live music by the Denice Given Band, East End Arts student performances, live and silent auctions with Henry Broggi of South Bay Auctions. Art features local artists revealing East End and New York City experiences.

The gala honors long-time East End Arts supporters Suffolk County National Bank.

Proceeds support East End Arts' programming, education classes, and its mission to enrich the community through the arts.

The Gala takes place at East Wind, 5720 NY-25A, Wading River NY 11792. East End Arts is based in Riverhead and serves the entire East End of Long Island.

## ***“Light in the Tunnel” Benefit Art Exhibition***

Saturday, April 25: 6 to 8 p.m.

Takes Place: RJD Gallery in Sag Harbor

Admission: Free

“Light in the Tunnel” features work by artists selected from an artist open call. The exhibition highlights three accomplished artists: Gail Postal, Stephan Slater and Lauren Tilden. Honorable mentions were awarded to Deborah Buck, Eva Iacono and Carol Quint. Some of the work was created specifically for the show.

Art is priced from \$1,200 to \$12,000. A portion of the proceeds benefits The Retreat. The benefit art show is presented at the gallery from April 25 to May 4, 2015. The gallery is open Thursday to Monday.

The Retreat provides domestic violence services and education to families on the East End of Long Island. This is the sixth annual art exhibition fundraiser held at RJD Gallery to benefit The Retreat.

RJD Gallery is located at 90 Main St, Sag Harbor, NY 11963. [www.rjdgallery.com](http://www.rjdgallery.com).



“Pigeon” by Gail Postal. Graphite and oil paint, 24 x 36 inches.

## ***Art for Aid Benefit Art Show***

Saturday, April 25: 6 to 8 p.m.

Location: Ross Tennis Center at the Ross School

Admission: Free

Art for Aid features works by David Geiser, Danny Simmons, Walter Us, and Shari Abramson. Curated by Wendy Watchel.

Proceeds benefit the Steven J. Ross Scholarship Fund and Hamptons food pantries located in Sag Harbor, Southampton, Bridgehampton and East Hampton.

For information, visit [www.ross.org/artforaid](http://www.ross.org/artforaid).

The Ross School is located at 18 Goodfriend Drive, East Hampton, NY 11937. [www.ross.org](http://www.ross.org)



“Day Before Lascaux” by David Geiser.

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