



ART SEEN: Artists of the Springs 2015 Invitational Opens

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The Hamptons art community turned out in droves to get a peek of the art on view at the highly anticipated Springs Improvement Society's 48th Annual Artists of the Springs Invitational Exhibit. The Opening Reception was held on July 31, 2015 at Ashawagh Hall in East Hampton. Artists and artworks included in the show remain cloaked until the Opening Reception.

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Teri Kennedy with "Pearl Doll." Photo by Tom Kochie.

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Gallerist Andrea McCafferty, one of the owners and the director of The White Room Gallery in Bridgehampton curated this year's exhibition. With over 15 years of experience curating shows, Andrea has brought together a mix of artists working in a wide range of disciplines for this historical exhibition.

Artists in this years show include Elaine Grove, Paton Miller, Savio Mizzi, Jim Gingerich, Barbara Groot, Ellyn Dooley and Eric Ernst to name a few. Fifty percent of the sales will be given to the Springs Improvement Society's Scholarship Fund, a fund that benefits East Hampton high school graduates from Springs who are going on to college.

Officially starting in 1967, the Invitational began informally in 1958 as "Art On The Wall" at Ashawagh Hall, an event that usually coincided with the annual Fishermans' Fair on the Ashawagh Hall Green. Over the years, the show has grown from a handful of local artists into the current exhibit that includes artwork from over 125 artists. Invitations to participate as an artist are highly coveted and this year's show demonstrates the depth of talent that has always been associated with the Springs community.

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At The 48th Annual Artists of the Springs Invitational Exhibit. Photo by Tom Kochie.

On August 8, 2015 the newly expanded Fishermans' Fair will take place on the grounds of the Hall. Traditional seafood dishes will be available as well as hot dogs, ice cream, beer and soft drinks. There will be a games area for children and a juried crafts area for people of all ages. The proceeds from the Fair go to the Springs Improvement Society to help maintain Ashawagh Hall.

On August 15 from 4 to 5 p.m., Andrea McCafferty will lead the Curator's Tour of the Invitational Exhibit. This is an opportunity for the public to get a better understanding of individual works included in this year's show.



Curator Andrea McCafferty and artist Cynthia Sobel with
"Blue Poles." Photo by Tom Kochie.

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BASIC FACTS: The 48th Annual Artists of the Springs Invitational Exhibition remains on view through August 16, 2015. Ashawagh Hall is located at 780 Springs Fireplace Road, East Hampton, NY, 11937. www.ashawagh-hall.org.

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