



Anna Franklin, Ruby Jackson & Diane Marxe Open at The White Room Gallery

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A group show featuring Anna Franklin, Ruby Jackson & Diane Marxe is on view from November 5 to November 29, 2015 at The White Room Gallery in Bridgehampton. An Opening Reception will be held on Saturday, November 7 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Anna Franklin

Anna Di Turi Franklin carries with her the love of art and of artistic expression of her native country: Italy. Her academic education concentrated in languages and literature, along with a Renaissance-like interest in many areas. Along with many degrees from NY city colleges, mainly in education, she has diplomas from the Universities of Madrid, Nice and Bologna.

Her busy life as a teacher of Romance Languages kept her away from executing her love for fine arts. Nonetheless, in her teaching, she made sure to incorporate elements of art and culture in her lessons. During her sabbaticals, she promptly took art courses in drawing, watercolor, stained glass, and pottery at the various NY city colleges, the Brooklyn Botanical garden, and private studios.



“Red Burst” by Anna Franklin. Acrylic on canvas.

Once retired out here in East Hampton, she dedicated her time taking art courses at the various art institutions of the East End such as the Art Barge, Applied Arts, Golden Eagle, Guild Hall, Ashawagh Hall, East End Arts, etc. Also, she has taken lessons in private studios of well known artists, such as Janet Jennings. She continues to study and explore new mediums and art forms and has had many illustrious teachers, such as Karen Klugklein, Hector DeCordova, Marilyn Gartelman, Dan Welden, Laura Stroh, Anne Seelbach, Christopher Kohan and many more.

Her inspiration comes from the beauty that surrounds her out here in the East End of Long Island where she resides with her husband. She belongs to a “plein air” group of artists called “The Wednesday Group”, now sponsored by The Nature Conservancy, with whom she usually exhibits at Ashawagh Hall in the Springs.

She is passionate about her painting and what moves her may take many forms. She is equally at home with representational painting as well as abstract and because of her innate love for diversity, she will not limit herself to one form of expression or one medium. She is, therefore, a very eclectic painter. The physical beauty of nature moves her to paint in order to create visual images as an outlet to her emotional reaction to beauty.



“Reflections on Town Pond” by Anna Franklin. Acrylic on canvas.

Ruby Jackson

Over the past 35 years, Ruby Jackson has created a distinctive body of work in wood, ceramic, pen and ink, polymer clay, oil, acrylic, and gouache. Her imagery typically takes inspiration from natural forms, which she abstracts and explores using original techniques.



“Cool Jazz” by Ruby Jackson. Folded paper maquette.

Born in Washington, D.C., Ruby was raised in an all-female household in Queens, NY. After completing high school she made her way to Manhattan to pursue dual careers in acting and art. Her early sculpture, a series of carved hydrocal “towers and castles”, received widespread exposure in the windows of Tiffany & Co—a long-time showcase for emerging artists, including the young Warhol, Rauschenberg, and Jasper Johns.

After opting for art over acting, Ruby moved to Eastern Long Island, where she earned a degree in art education, survived breast cancer, discovered snorkeling, and took up the flying trapeze. Her current work is a response to the rhythms, forms, and color of tropical, underwater life.



“War Dance” by Ruby Jackson. Folded paper maquette.

Diane Marxe

Diane Marxe is frequently inspired by the animal kingdom. For this exhibition, Marxe presents expressive bronze sculptures that are compelling as portraiture.



Bronze Sculpture by Diane Marxe.



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In addition to the exhibition featuring Franklin, Jackson and Marxe, the gallery also presents a Group show inside the gallery and outdoor works in the Sculpture Garden.

Exhibiting artists include Barbara Bilotta, Sally Breen, June Kaplan, Mark Seidenfeld, Beth O'Donnell, Kat O'Neill, Bryan Greene, Savio Mizzi, Ellyn Tucker, Melissa Hin, Mark Zimmerman, Anne Brandeis, Kevin Barrett, Dennis Leri and Eleanora Kupencow.

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The White Room Gallery is located at 2415 Main St, Bridgehampton, NY. www.thewhiteroom.gallery.

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