



Museum Look - February 2016 on Long Island

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Long Island museums continue to provide new and continuing exhibitions in February. Exhibitions opening in February include “Mort Künstler: The Art of Adventure” at the Long Island Museum and “Envisioning, Developing, and Preserving Gordon Heights” at the Suffolk County Historical Society. Don’t miss “Portraying Artists: Photographs by Walter Weissman” at Guild Hall or “Alexis Rockman: East End Field Drawings” at The Parrish, which have both been extended through the end of the month. Read on for the full list of shows on view in museums across Long Island this month.

DAN FLAVIN ART INSTITUTE - BRIDGEHAMPTON, NY

“DAN FLAVIN: ICONS” continues through April 30, 2017. The five wall-mounted “icons” on view in the exhibition bridge the mediums of painting and sculpture. The box-like constructions with painted surfaces and attached light fixtures were created between 1961 and 1964.

ON PERMANENT VIEW is an installation by Dan Flavin (1933-1996) of nine works in fluorescent light made between 1963 and 1981. The exhibition follows Flavin’s art practice from when he began to work solely with standard fluorescent fixtures and tubes to just before the presentation of his new art form was realized.

Dan Flavin Art Institute is located on Corwith Avenue, about 1/2 block from Main Street, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. The museum is open weekends from noon to 6 p.m. For details and programming, visit www.diaart.org.

GUILD HALL MUSEUM - EAST HAMPTON, NY

“STUDENT ARTS FESTIVAL: PART I, GRADES K-8” continues through February 21, 2016. Now in its 24th year, the Student Arts Festival celebrates young artists enrolled in schools from Bridgehampton to Montauk. “Student Arts Festival Part II, Grades 9-12” opens on March 5.

“PORTRAYING ARTISTS: PHOTOGRAPHS BY WALTER WEISSMAN” continues through February 21, 2016. The exhibition includes 15 intimate black and white portraits of influential performing, literary, fine artists and designers.

Guild Hall is located at 158 Main Street, East Hampton, NY 11937. www.guildhall.org.

HECKSCHER MUSEUM OF ART - HUNTINGTON, NY

“YOU GO GIRL! CELEBRATING WOMEN ARTISTS” continues through April 3, 2016. This exhibition presents more than 50 artists from the late-19th century through today working in representational and abstract styles. Featured artists include Berenice Abbott, Elaine de Kooning, Dorothy Dehner, Audrey Flack, Jane Hammond, Mary Nimmo Moran, Georgia O’Keeffe, Betty Parsons, Miriam Schapiro, Esphyr Slobodkina, Emma Stebbins and Jane Wilson, among others. The show closes a year of exhibitions drawn exclusively from the Museum’s Permanent Collection, in celebration of their 95th anniversary.

“MEN AT WORK” continues through March 27, 2016. The exhibition presents selections from the permanent collection revealing the human experience presented through art featuring tasks undertaken and activities. Includes paintings, sculpture and photographs by artists including William Merritt Chase, Thomas Eakins, George Grosz, John Rogers, Emma Stebbins, John Sloan and others.

“STREET LIFE: PRIVATE MOMENTS/PUBLIC RECORD” continues through March 27, 2016. The exhibition serves as a portrait of New York City. Featured artists include Berenice Abbott, N. Jay Jaffee, Martin Lewis, Don Perlis, John Sloan, Garry Winogrand and others.

The Heckscher Museum of Art is located at 2 Prime Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743. www.heckscher.org.

HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY MUSEUM - HEMPSTEAD, NY

“AFRICA: SUB-SAHARAN DIVERSITY” continues through August 12, 2016 in the Emily Lowe Gallery. Drawn exclusively from the Museum’s Collections, the exhibition presents art and artifacts from cultures across West and Central Africa. Masks, weapons, sculptures, and jewelry will be on view.



Mali, Dogon peoples, “Horse and Rider,” 20th century.
Iron with patina, 9 1/2 x 9 7/8 x 2 1/2 inches. Gift of Roda
Graham, HU2005.3.37.

The Hofstra University Museum is located at 112 Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11549.

The Emily Lowe Gallery is located at Emily Lowe Hall on the South Campus. The David Filderman Gallery is located on the ninth floor of the Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library on the South Campus. www.hofstra.edu.

ISLIP ART MUSEUM - EAST ISLIP, NY

“TRANSFORMATIONS OF A VISIONARY: PAUL MOMMER” continues through March 13, 2016. An Opening Reception will be held on February 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. The retrospective of Paul Mommer (1899 - 1963) highlights the scope of his style and technique throughout the first half of the twentieth century. The exhibition is curated by Loretta Corbisiero.

The Islip Art Museum is located at 50 Irish Lane, East Islip, NY 11730. www.islipartmuseum.org.

LONG ISLAND MUSEUM - STONY BROOK, NY

“THE BRUSH IS MY PEN: ART THAT TELLS STORIES” opens on February 26 and continues through July 30, 2016. The exhibition explores American art in the narrative tradition, from the 1820s through today. 18 paintings, prints, and photographs chosen primarily from the Long Island Museum’s permanent collection will be on view.

“MORT KÜNSTLER: THE ART OF ADVENTURE” opens on February 26 and continues through May 30, 2016. The features nearly 100 original artworks and ephemera by illustrator Mort Künstler. Künstler is known for his romance, adventure, and sporting illustrations as well as American Civil War and historical paintings.

The Long Island Museum is located at 1200 Route 25A, Stony Brook, NY 11790. For details and programming, visit www.longislandmuseum.org.



Artwork by Mort Künstler.

NASSAU COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART - ROSLYN HARBOR, NY

“MAXFIELD PARRISH: PAINTINGS AND PRINTS” continues through February 28, 2016. The exhibition includes original artworks and vintage reproductions by Parrish, one of the greats of the Golden Age of Illustration.

“CHRISTOPHER HART CHAMBERS” continues through February 28, 2016. Painted sculptural works incorporating urethane-based automotive paint will be on view in the solo show.

The Nassau County Museum of Art is located at One Museum Drive (just off Northern Blvd, Route 25A), Roslyn Harbor, NY 11576. www.nassaumuseum.org.

PARRISH ART MUSEUM - WATER MILL, NY

“STUDENT EXHIBITION” continues through February 28, 2016. Over 1,000 young artists from local private, public, parochial, and home schools will participate.

“ALEXIS ROCKMAN: EAST END FIELD DRAWINGS” continues through February 28, 2016. The exhibition includes 93 drawings depicting the flora and fauna of Eastern Long Island rendered in organic material found on-site.

Exhibitions from the museum’s permanent collection continue through October 30, 2016: “Inscape—The Inner Nature Of Things”; “American Views”; “James Brooks: Process of Discovery”; “Connections and Context”; “Collective Conversation”; “Home Sweet Home”; “Picturing Artists”; “Jean-Luc Mylayne” and “Close to Home”.

The Parrish Art Museum is located at 279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill, NY 11976. www.parrishart.org.

SUFFOLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - RIVERHEAD, NY

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBIT: ENVISIONING, DEVELOPING, AND PRESERVING GORDON HEIGHTS” opens on February 10 and continues through March 12, 2016. The exhibition features photographs, newspaper accounts, and the written and oral testimonies of original homesteaders, documenting the founding and rise of the Gordon Heights community in central Suffolk County.



On view in “Envisioning, Developing, and Preserving Gordon Heights” at the Suffolk County Historical Society.

PERMANENT EXHIBITIONS: Six historical exhibitions culled from the SCHS collections. The Syliva Downs Staas Gallery presents paintings and furniture from the 18th – 20th centuries. Permanent exhibitions include “So Ends This Long Journey”, “Early Suffolk Farm Life and The Rise of Crafts”, “Early Suffolk Transport”, “From Near and Far: Ceramics in Suffolk County Households, 1750-1870” and “Arms & Armament”.

The Suffolk County Historical Society is located at 300 West Main St., Riverhead, NY 11901. www.suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org.

BASIC FACTS: The Museum Look, a round-up of art exhibitions at museums on Long Island, is published monthly at HamptonsArtHub.com. For a list of museums exhibiting art on Long Island, New York City and South Florida, visit our Museum Guide by clicking [here](#).

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