



Museum Look - March 2016 on Long Island

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March is a strong one for art museums on Long Island. Opening this month are a solo exhibition of Kenny Scharf's work at the Nassau County Museum of Art and a trio of exhibitions at the Parrish Art Museum. Also opening this month are new exhibitions in two historical museums on the East End.

Closing soon is the retrospective of newly-discovered Modern painter, "Transformation of a Visionary: Paul Mommer" at the Islip Art Museum. On view only until March 13, 2016, catch the show if you can.

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 II, GRADES 9-12" opens on March 5 and continues through April 3, 2016. An Opening Reception will be held on March 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibition features over 3,500 works by students from Bridgehampton to Montauk.

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

“IN PRINT” continues through September 18, 2016 in the David Filderman Gallery. The exhibition presents works made with a variety of printmaking processes such as relief, intaglio, planographic, and stencil. Works are drawn from the museum’s collections and date from the late 16th to the 21st century.

“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.

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. 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” 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” 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.

NASSAU COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART - ROSLYN HARBOR, NY

“KENNY SCHARF” opens on March 19 and continues through July 10, 2016. A major player in the 1980s NYC street art movement, [Kenny Scharf](#) is recognized by his vibrant, large-scale paintings and playful installations. His imagery draws upon pop icons, advertising and consumer culture of the 1960s, including TV cartoon characters. The exhibition includes approximately 50 major paintings and sculptures from throughout the artist’s career. Also on view are installations taken directly from the artist’s former Brooklyn studio and loft space as a recreation of the artist’s workspace.



“Tangletop” by Kenny Scharf, 2015. Oil, acrylic, silkscreen and diamond dust on linen, 60 x 60 inches. Private Collection.

“JOSEF ALBERS: FORMULATION: ARTICULATION” opens on March 19 and continues through July 10, 2016. On view will be [Albers](#) silkscreens from his “Formulation:Articulation” portfolio spanning 40 years. Works in the portfolio explore themes such as perception of color and spatial geometry.

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

“PARRISH PERSPECTIVES: CONNIE FOX: SELF AS...” opens on March 13 and continues through April 24, 2016. The exhibition includes self-portraits drawn by [Connie Fox](#) inspired by the self-portraits of artist Max Beckmann and the photographs of writer Colette. *Parrish Perspectives* is a series of exhibitions in which the museum responds spontaneously to unique ways of thinking about art and the creative process.

“PARRISH PERSPECTIVES: BRIAN GAMAN: VANISHING POINT” opens on March 13 and continues through April 24, 2016. The exhibition features [Gaman](#)’s ambiguous sculptures and enigmatic large-scale works on paper. Gaman’s work employs a visual language that is unknowable and captivating and makes use of the simplest of visual gestures.

“PARRISH PERSPECTIVES: LINDSAY MORRIS: YOU ARE YOU” opens on March 13 and continues through April 24, 2016. Since 2007 [Morris](#) has been documenting a summer camp for gender-nonconforming children and their families. On view are a selection of photographs from the resulting body of work.

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.

SOUTHAMPTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM & RESEARCH CENTER - SOUTHAMPTON, NY

“SOUTHAMPTON UNDER SIEGE: THE BRITISH OCCUPATION OF SOUTHAMPTON DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR” opens on March 19 and continues through December 31, 2016. An Opening Reception takes place on March 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. The exhibition makes use of a timeline, maps, period rooms, artifacts, video, and a catalog to bring attention to the men, women, and children who lived in an isolated and occupied village from 1776 until the end of the revolutionary war.



Painting by Alonzo Chappel of The Battle of Long Island, 1874.

The Southampton Historical Museum & Research Center’s main campus is located at 17 Meeting House Lane, Southampton, NY 11968. www.southamptonhistoricalmuseum.org.

SUFFOLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - RIVERHEAD, NY

“WHEN THE BROADBILL WAS KING ON GREAT SOUTH BAY” opens on March 9 and continues through August 27, 2016. An Opening Reception will be held on March 12 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The exhibition highlights local families, maritime history, folk art, and bay ecology. Presented by the Long Island Decoy Collectors Assoc., the show will feature decoys, a scooter boat, a documentary, historic photos of the Great South Bay rigs, and artwork and photography by Steven Sanford.

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBIT: ENVISIONING, DEVELOPING, AND PRESERVING GORDON HEIGHTS” 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.

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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