



# Hamptons & East End News: Almond's Celebrates with a Photog Fundraiser, de Kooning House Exhibition, Artist News & more

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Exhibition news, artist wins, sculpture removal and a new classical music series are just a few news items of note on the East End and Hamptons art scenes. Keep reading to discover the latest news on Hamptons and East End artists, galleries and the East End art scene in general.

**The winners of Hamptons Art Hub's "Art Inspired by Water" open call have been announced.** Winners for Fine Art are Livia Mosanu and Steve Miller. The winner for Fine Art Photography is Dalton Portella. Click [here](#) to see the winning artworks and the full list of winners, including Honorable Mentions. Click [here](#) to see the top 10 artworks selected by each judge presented in our online exhibition. The open call competition was judged by Museum Director and Chief Curator Christina Mossaides Strassfield of [Guild Hall Museum](#) in East Hampton, NY; Gallerist Kathryn Markel of [Kathryn Markel Fine Arts](#) in New York City and Bridgehampton, NY; and Gallerist and fine art photographer Robin Rice of [Robin Rice Gallery](#) in New York City.

**A Steve Zaluski sculpture recently installed outside a new East Hampton art school must be removed as prior approval wasn't secured in accordance with East Hampton Village Code,** reported [The East Hampton Star](#). The artwork was installed by art dealer Karyn Mannix outside of her new art school, [The Mannix Studio of Art](#), which opened last month and offers art classes to children and adults. Mannix has 30 days to remove the artwork before fines will be levied.

**Steve Miller surfboards featuring his X-ray art are now on view in the windows of Bloomingdale's on Third Avenue in New York City.** A collection of his work, designed to conjure summer, will be on view from March 30 to April 17, 2016 along side sleek sunglasses and rad swimwear.



Steve Miller Surfboards installed at Bloomingdale's in NYC

**Almond's restaurant is celebrating its 15th Anniversary in Bridgehampton by assisting a photographer in need.** Instead of hosting its popular Artists & Writers Night, the restaurant is hosting an anniversary celebration and fundraiser for Hamptons photographer Eric Striffler who lost his worldly possessions (including all his camera equipment) in a house fire in March. Click [here](#) for details. The Anniversary celebration and Eric Striffler fundraiser takes place on April 12, 2016 from 7 to 9 p.m. and costs \$43.19. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

Like Almond's Artists & Writers Night, expect for the event to sell out quickly. The evening features passed appetizers with favorites from the restaurant's 15 years and an open bar. At 9 p.m., karaoke takes over to continue the party. The celebration also coincides with the April 12, 2001 party that opened the Hamptons restaurant. The restaurant is named for Almond Zigmund, an artist and the wife of Almond's founder and executive chef Jason Weiner. Almond's has three restaurants in New York City: [Almond Tribeca](#), [Almond Flatiron](#) and a sister establishment [L&W Oyster Co.](#)

Almond's also has a call out for shared memories at the Bridgehampton restaurant to win a dinner for four. Post on their [Facebook page](#) or send photos, videos and written memories before April 12, 2016 to [jason@almondrestaurant.com](mailto:jason@almondrestaurant.com) or by snail mail to PO Box 635, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. The winner will be announced at the celebration.

**Southampton artist Eleanora Kupencow's work is the subject of a solo show in New York City at Anderson Contemporary.** "Eleanora Kupencow: Body Parts" opens on Friday, April 8, 2016 with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. and continues on view through May 1, 2016. In The Hamptons, Kupencow's colorful whimsical sculptures are installed outside the Children's Museum in Bridgehampton and are easily viewable while passing by on Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike.



"Acrobats" by Eleanora Kupencow, 2003.

**Grammy-winning music legend Nile Rodgers will be seen frequently on the East End by way of a new collaboration with East End Arts of Riverhead.** In fact, the funk musician is all in with donating his time and talents to the music community on the East End. Nile Rodgers Production has created a new music scholarship to benefit minority youth on the East End and will play with area musicians in the FOLD Music Festival to be held August 12 - 14, 2016 at Martha Clara Vineyards on the North Fork. Rodgers will also offer a [Master Class](#) on May 7 at Suffolk Theater, open to all, where he will teach songwriting, guitar playing and provide insights into the music industry. Nile will also share his experiences in a Keynote Address at East End Art's benefit [ARTworks Gala](#) on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at East Wind in Wading River.

**Artist and children's book author Joyce Raimondo collaborated with students at John M. Marshall Elementary School's after school programs - Project Most and Art Club - to create a school mural exemplifying the school's motto "Respect Your Environment."** Last year, Raimondo created a mural with the students that read "Treat Others the Way You Want to Be

Treated.” Raimondo and students are beautifying the school with John Marshall’s five positive “habits” each year.



John M. Marshall Elementary 5th grade Students Create Environmental Mural in Collaboration with Acclaimed Author-Artist Joyce Raimondo.

**Amagansett artist Nick Weber has released a new installment of his comedy YouTube series “wingDad”, where a father teaches his son how to meet girls.** Click [here](#) to see the latest episode “Begging Works Every Time”. The series features Nick Weber and his actual father as the father and son team in the fictitious and funny series set in The Hamptons.

**Hamptons Art Hub publisher [Pat Rogers](#) will be the featured speaker in two separate events geared to assisting artists in getting their art noticed.** Rogers will speak on May 5, 2016 for the [Long Island Museum’s](#) LIMarts artist member event, and on June 12, 2016 as part of East End Art’s 2016 [JumpatART program](#) aimed at professional development for artists, musicians and creatives. The panel, “The Artist’s Point of View”, also features Hamptons and NYC artist [Steve Alpert](#) and musician [Matt Marshak](#), who will present a discussion on social media and marketing. LIMarts is an artist group founded by the Long Island Museum to foster and connect the artists and the art community on Long Island.

**East Hampton artist George Negroponte will have work exhibited in the inaugural exhibition of the Anita Rogers Gallery in New York City.** “Eric Holzman, Robert Motherwell, Brice Marden, George Negroponte and Kazimira Rachfal” opens with a reception tonight, April 7, 2016, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The exhibition aims to reveal a conversation about the nature of abstraction, its relationship to representation and the natural world to art. The gallery is located at 77 Mercer Street, #2N, New York, NY 10012.



“Big Plant I” by Gorge Negroponte. Gouache on paper, 28 x 29.5 inches.

**A new classical and contemporary chamber music festival arrives on the North Fork in April and presents four concerts through June.** Designed to pair musicians with North Fork venues and area food artisans, the Rites of Spring Music Fest launches on April 23, 2016 at 4 p.m. at Brecknock Hall in Greenport with a solo piano concert by Paolo Bartolani and continues on May 21 at 7 p.m. for an outdoor concert at Custer’s Institute in Southold (Cliff Baldwin Ensemble

featuring live and electronic music). The festival continues on June 4 during a historical house tour (Arcanum String Quartet) and wraps up on June 11 at 7 p.m. at Laurel Lake Vineyard (Italian soprano Masha Carrera). Click [here](#) for details and updates.



Image courtesy Rites of Spring Music Fest.

**A pop up show opens at the former Elaine de Kooning House, now the home base for the artist residency program at the [Accabonac House](#). A reception will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2016 from noon to 4 p.m. with the show continuing through May 8, 2016.** The show is curated by Halsey Mckay Gallery in East Hampton and features work by Adam Marnie and Aaron Aujla. The Accabonac House is located at 55 Alewife Brook Road, East Hampton, NY. This is the first event of 2016 at the year-old artist residency program. Click [here](#) for details on the exhibition.

**Time is running short to enter art into Guild Hall's annual Artists Members Exhibition.** Mailed entries must be postmarked by April 8, 2016. Online applications will be accepted through Friday, April 15, 2016 at 3 p.m. Click [here](#) to enter. In-person registration is accepted during the artwork drop-off period on Friday, April 15, 2016 and Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 10 am. to 4 p.m. at Guild Hall. Click [here](#) for details. The exhibition will be held April 23 to June 4, 2016 at [Guild Hall](#) in East Hampton, NY. [Hamptons Art Hub](#) is a proud media sponsor for Guild Hall's 2016 Artists Members Exhibition.

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