## New Work by 26 Regional Artists Open at Gallery in Water Mill

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## **BEST OF THIRTY SQUARED 2016**

June 23 to July 17, 2016

Meet the Artists Reception: Saturday, June 25th, 4-7pm

GALLERY AT THE WATER MILL MUSEUM

41 Old Mill Rd., Water Mill NY 11976

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An unusual art exhibition is arriving at the Water Mill Museum Art Gallery. In "Best of Thirty Squared 2016," 26 artists display and sell their best works from their 2nd annual challenge to EACH "paint 30 paintings in 30 days." The walls overflow with paintings and photography from beach, to landscape, people, dogs, fish, flowers and fruit, urban and country, real and abstract, tiny to large framed and for sale. Part of the proceeds benefit the historic grist mill at the museum.

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"Babs" by John Wolff, 2016. Watercolor. Photo: John Wolff.

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Local Hamptons artist <u>Aubrey Grainger</u> first sparked the idea, then built online support (Facebook) and so a successful artists' collective was born. The art challenge of creating "30 Paintings in 30 Days" is the perfect marriage of art and collaboration, inspiring and encouraging artists to continue creating, painting and making art during winter.

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"North Fork Barns" by Aubrey Grainger, 2015. Oil on Canvas. Photo: Gary Mamay.

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Last year's show was the highest yielding gallery benefit in recent history, selling 17 paintings and netting over \$2,500 in fundraising for the historic Water Mill Museum.

The outcome? For the second year in a row, this creative 'cabin-fevered' community of artists successfully produced dozens of new pieces each. Their energy and distinguished abilities shine through at the BEST OF 30 SQUARED 2016 exhibition.

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"Elf" by Lucille Berrill Paulsen, 2016. Oil on panel. Photo: Lucille Berrill Paulsen.

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Artists showing their new works in the Best of Thirty Squared 2016 are:

Mary Anne Bennett, Dana Little Brown, Sally Breen, Kimberly Goff, Aubrey Grainger, Patricia Hadley, Anna Jurinich, Ann Lombardo, Anthony Lombardo, Keith Mantell, Lynn Matsuoka, Anita Kusick, Lucille Berrill Paulsen, Steven Romm, Joanne Rosko, Bonnie Ruben, Elizabeth Rundquist, Carisa Skretch, Eileen Dawn Skretch, Sonia Stratford, Mary Stubelek, Bob Sullivan, Pamela Thomson, Maureen Travers and John Wolff.

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"Red Head Yellow Vase" by Anna Jurinich, 2016. Acrylic. Photo: Anna Jurinich.

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This diverse collection of framed paintings and photography ranges from postcard to poster-sized pieces, well-priced for purchase. Credit cards accepted.

BEST OF 30 SQUARED 2016 is open to the public 11-5 every day except Tuesday and Wednesday. Handicapped accessible and family friendly. Gallery phone number: (631) 726-4625.

For more information call Ann Lombardo at 631 268 8580 or email to: <u>aline99@optonline.net</u>.

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"Foundering Boat" by Anita Kusick, 2015. Oil on Linen. Photo: Anita Kusick.

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"Manor Lane Barn" by Keith Mantell, 2015. Oil on Panel. Photo: Keith Mantell.

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"BEST OF 30 SQUARED 2016" will be exhibited from June 23 to July 17, 2016 in the Gallery at the Water Mill Museum. A Meet the Artists Reception takes place on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 4 – 7 p.m. For information, call Ann Lombardo at 631 268 8580 or email to: <a href="mailto:aline99@optonline.net">aline99@optonline.net</a>.

The Water Mill Museum is located at 41 Old Mill Rd., Water Mill NY 11976. <a href="https://www.watermillmuseum.org">www.watermillmuseum.org</a>.

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