

Long Island Museum Look - April 2017

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Spring is scheduled to arrive any day bringing with it new energy and beginnings to art museums on Long Island. LongHouse Reserve opens for the season with its annual Rites of Spring celebration and the Heckscher Museum of Art is presenting two shows designed to draw attention to the earth to celebrate Earth Day. Guild Hall opens its popular non-jured Artists Members Exhibition to welcome the warm weather and the advent of The Hamptons season. Continuing on view are photography exhibitions, shows that emphasize design and more.

DAN FLAVIN ART INSTITUTE - BRIDGEHAMPTON, NY

“DAN FLAVIN: ICONS” has been extended to continue through May 7, 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

“79th ANNUAL GUILD HALL ARTIST MEMBERS EXHIBITION” opens on April 8, 2017 and continues through June 3, 2017. No public opening reception. The community-centered show is the oldest non-jured museum exhibition on Long Island and one of the few non-jured exhibitions still running.

[Guild Hall](#) is located at 158 Main Street, East Hampton, NY 11937. www.guildhall.org.

HECKSCHER MUSEUM OF ART - HUNTINGTON, NY

“THADDEUS HOLOWNIA: WALDEN REVISITED” opens on April 15 and continues through July 30, 2017. This photographic exhibition by [Thaddeus Holownia](#) pays homage to the 19th century writer Henry David Thoreau and his simple living experiment that unfolded over two years at Walden Pond in Massachusetts. The monumental images on view focus on individual trees to paint a picture of the site and evoke peace and contemplation in nature.

“EARTH MUSE: ART AND THE ENVIRONMENT” opens on April 15 and continues through July 30, 2017. The show features the work of artists that view the earth as muse and emphasize the contemplation of nature’s beauty, rhythms and history. Participating artists include [Alex Ferrone](#), Melissa Fleming, Winn Rea, Barbara Roux, Michelle Stuart, [Peter Beard](#) and Brandon Ballengée. The exhibition acts as a companion to “Thaddeus Holownia: Walden Revisited.”



“Palette II” from “Aerial Observations” by Alex Ferrone, 2013. Archival inkjet print. 27 x 37 inches. © Alex Ferrone.

“THE ART OF NARRATIVE: TIMELESS TALES AND VISUAL VIGNETTES” opens on April 15 and continues through July 30, 2017. The show explores storytelling in art from the 16th through 20th centuries. On view are illustrations by early modernist Arthur Dove and others, a genre group by John Rogers, experimental photography by Martina Lopez, abstract work by James Rosenquist as well as works by Alonzo Chappel, François Girardon, George Grosz, Daniel Ridgeway Knight, Henry Varnum Poor, Adolf Schreyer, and others.

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

HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY MUSEUM - HEMPSTEAD, NY

“DANNY LYON: MEMORIES OF THE SOUTHERN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT” continues through April 13, 2017. The exhibition features photographs by [Danny Lyon](#), taken from 1962 to 1964 while traveling across the country documenting the Civil Rights Movement.

“WOMEN IN CONTRACT” continues through August 18, 2017 at the David Filderman Gallery. The exhibition presents 33 photographs selected from Hofstra University Museum’s collection of over 900 images. The show features work by Berenice Abbott, Diane Arbus, Marilyn Bridges, Nancy Burson, Imogen Cunningham, Donna Ferrato, Toni Frissell, Mary Ellen Mark and Dorothy Norman. Originally curated by Kristy L. Caratzola, the museum’s former collections manager, the exhibition explores artists who moved beyond traditional feminine subject matter to investigate a wide range of concepts.

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/museum.

ISLIP ART MUSEUM - EAST ISLIP, NY

“THE STRUCTURE OF THINGS” has been extended and continues through May 20, 2017. The show, curated by Beth Giacommo, presents interpretations of structures found in everyday lives resulting in new forms expressed through painting, drawing, installation and mixed media. A special reception and closing performance, “The Art of Song,” by Jack Licitra and Friends will take place on May 20 at 7 p.m. The unique music experience will feature musicians playing in each gallery, culminating in a collaborative performance in the Ballroom. A donation of \$10 will be collected at the door.

The exhibition will also feature interactive sound architecture that inspires the way we use music and creativity in our daily environments. Exhibiting artists are Darlene Charneco, Heejung Cho, Corydon Cowansage, Linda Ganjian, Linda Louis, Maria Sophia Macedonio, Clayton Orehek, Jack Licitra and Danny Tanzi.

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

LONGHOUSE RESERVE - EAST HAMPTON, NY

LongHouse opens for the season on April 29, 2017 with its annual “Rites of Spring” celebration from 2 to 5 p.m. Until then, it is open by appointment by calling the LongHouse office at 631-329-3568. LongHouse Reserve is located at 133 Hands Creek Rd, East Hampton, NY 11937. www.longhouse.org.

LONG ISLAND MUSEUM - STONY BROOK, NY

“EDIBLE EDEN: THE ART OF LONG ISLAND’S FORESTS, FIELDS AND WATERS” continues through July 30, 2017. The exhibition features works by artists depicting Long Island in the nineteenth century. These works focus on the bounty of Long Island’s natural resources and farmlands.

“BRILLIANT PARTNERS: JUDITH LEIBER’S HANDBAGS & THE ART OF GERSON LEIBER” continues through June 4, 2017. The exhibition presents the shared aesthetics of an artistically successful East End Couple, [Judith Leiber](#) and [Gerson Leiber](#). On view are 130 handbags designed by Judith along with nearly 50 works by Gerson.

“COLORS OF LONG ISLAND” continues through April 16, 2017. This annual student art exhibition provides an opportunity for local students in grades Kindergarten through 12 to show their artwork in a museum setting.

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

“HALSTON STYLE” continues through July 9, 2017. The show serves as the first comprehensive retrospective of American fashion designer [Halston](#). The exhibition is organized by Guest Curator Lesley Frowick, Halston’s niece and confidant. On view are more than 60 Halston fashions, juxtaposed with photographs, artwork, illustrations and accessories, as well as film and video documentation.

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: New Works in Context” continues through April 23, 2017. The exhibition features a selection of over 70 works from art acquired by the Parrish since the opening in its Water Mill location in 2012. The show reflects the curatorial decision-making involved in the process of building a collection and demonstrates the Museum’s commitment to bringing together works that enhance the appreciation of art and the artist’s practice. Click [here](#) for details.

“THE PERMANENT COLLECTION: MATERIALITY AND PROCESS” continues through October 30, 2017. The exhibition pulled from the museum’s collection explores materials and the hand of the artist, bringing substance and gesture to the fore through a series of thematic mini-exhibitions.

RELATED: [“The Permanent Collection: Materiality and Process’ Opens at The Parrish Art Museum.”](#)

The [Parrish Art Museum](http://www.parrishart.org) is located at 279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill, NY 11976. www.parrishart.org.

SOUTHAMPTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM & RESEARCH CENTER - SOUTHAMPTON, NY

“HUNTING THE WHALE: THE RISE AND FALL OF A SOUTHAMPTON INDUSTRY” continues through December 30, 2017. The show features documents, artifacts and images related to the whaling industry and highlights the lives of indigenous people, slaves, whaling captains and local families.

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

“100 YEARS: VOTES FOR NEW YORK WOMEN” continues through the end of the year. This exhibition celebrates the centennial of New York State women winning the right to vote with stories of Long Island women activists who dedicated themselves to the grassroots movement.

“MAPPING SUFFOLK COUNTY: A COMPLEMENTARY TEN TOWNS EXHIBIT” continues through Spring 2017. The show features historic maps of Suffolk County from the 1700s to the 1900s.

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: 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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