



The Short List for Art Happenings Memorial Day Weekend in The Hamptons & East End

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Memorial Day Weekend opens the Hamptons summer season and launches the art season on the East End. There are art events and receptions taking place across the East End along with events, concerts, plays and museum shows to visit offering plenty of options on how to spend the holiday weekend in The Hamptons and on the North Fork and East End. Hamptons Art Hub has put together a short list of art happenings and art receptions to know about for Memorial Day Weekend 2017 on the East End.

For the full list of all gallery receptions and events, visit "[East End Gallery Scene - Receptions & Events Through Memorial Day Weekend](#)." For our picks of top cultural events this weekend, check out "[Things To Do on the East End: Memorial Day Weekend](#)."

Looking for art to see without a reception or event? Visit our [Exhibition Finder](#) to start discovering exhibitions on view from our featured galleries and museums. Click [here](#) to start browsing.

Read on to discover our Art Short List for the East End for Memorial Day Weekend. Get set for there are plenty of art celebrations and season openings taking place all weekend to enjoy. Happy Weekend! Happy art viewing!

FRIDAY NIGHT

"Springs Improvement Society's 33rd Annual Members Art Show"

The "Springs Improvement Society's 33rd Annual Members Art Show" has an Opening Reception on Friday, May 26, 2017 from 5 to 8 p.m. at [Ashawagh Hall](#). There is a \$5 admission to the Reception and it includes wine and snacks. The show remains on view from May 26 to 29, 2017.

The gallery is open Saturday & Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Monday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission to the exhibition is free. Ashawagh Hall is located at 780 Springs Fireplace Road and Old Stone Highway, Springs, [NY](#). www.ashawagh-hall.org.

Closing Party for an Artist Project Exhibition

“Alt – Egos” will have a Closing Reception on Friday, May 26, 2017 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at CRUSH Curatorial’s pop up space in Amagansett. Set in a converted potato barn (which is now a pristine artist studio), the party features a special musical performance by Hippie With a Hammer, featuring artists Bill Komoski and [Jon Kessler](#) at 7 p.m. The exhibition itself, “Alt – Ego” presents artists exhibiting work that’s not typical or work they are not known for. Art includes early career drawings, experiments, side projects, hidden talents, and even crafts. Curated by [Scott Bluedorn/Neoteric Projects](#).

CRUSH Curatorial is located at 68a Schellinger Road in Amagansett. www.crush-curatorial.com.

Click [here](#) for exhibition details.



“Marco the Magnificent” by Jon Kessler.
Courtesy of the gallery.

Opening Reception for Eric Firestone Gallery’s “Season Opener”

Eric Firestone in East Hampton Village opens its first show of the season with an Opening Reception on Friday, May 26, 2017 from 6 to 8 p.m. Aptly named “Season Opener,” the group show presents art by Michael Boyd, Sydney Butchkes, Jorge Fick, Howard Kanovitz, Ted Kurahara, Kyle Morris, Tony Robbin, Miriam Schapiro and Mia Fonssagrives Solow. Eric Firestone Gallery is located at 4 Newtown Lane, East Hampton, NY 11937. www.ericfirestonegallery.com.

Opening Reception for “Anchor: A Whale of a Show”

“Anchor: A Whale of a Show” has its Opening Reception on Friday, May 26, 2017 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sag Harbor Whaling Museum.

Curated by artists [Dan Rizzie](#) and Susan Lazarus-Reiman, the group show pays tribute to Sag Harbor and its historical ties to the whaling community through the art of artists who live in Sag Harbor or the East End at large. Exhibiting artists include Paul Davis, Jamie Ellis, [Eric Fischl](#), [April Gornik](#), Laurie Lambrecht, Susan Lazarus-Reimen, Lindsay Morris, Christine Morro, [Jill Musnicki](#), Jodi Panas, Dan Rizzie, Reynold Ruffins, [David Slater](#), Ned Smyth, Donald Sultan, John Torreano and [Ross Watts](#).

[The Sag Harbor Whaling Museum](#) is located at 200 Main Street, Sag Harbor, NY 11963. www.sagharborwhalingmuseum.org.

Westhampton Pop-Up Show and Yoga Music Night

Two time Grammy nominee, DALIEN, aka 13 HANDS, presents “KIRTAN!,” a collaborative concert using a multitude of instruments at Hamptons Yoga Healing Arts in Westhampton on Friday, May 26, 2017 from 7 to 8:45 p.m. The musical evening celebrates the arrival of Memorial Day Weekend and is a Closing Reception for the group show “[LAND AND SEE: LANDSCAPES AND BEYOND](#).”

DALIEN, aka 13 HANDS will weave flute, hang drum, primordial voice channeling, ambient loops, guitars and percussion before continuing to the kirtan with inspiring chants and interactive songs. The family friendly event presents a way to experience the power of community, friendship and creates a tribal, high vibrational, positive and loving energy.

“LAND AND SEE: LANDSCAPES AND BEYOND” presents the art of Pat Farrell, Jacques Leblanc, Elizabeth Malunwicz, Mary McCormack, Martha Michael and Frank Olt. The works presented represent a probing of the landscape-its colors, shapes, myths, presence-they explore what’s familiar and strange, shifting from paint and surface to illusion and representation and somewhere in between. Atmosphere, and hue, as in the sky and sea predominate. The event is \$20. Hamptons Yoga Healing Arts is located at 8 Moniebogue Ln, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978. www.hamptonsyogahealingarts.com. Click [here](#) for event details.

[Insider Tip: If you’re “West of the Canal” on Saturday, Quogue Gallery has its Season Opening for “Laura Lobdell | Swell” from 5 to 7 p.m. Visit www.quoguegallery.com for details.]



Artwork by Pat Farrell. Courtesy of Hamptons Yoga Healing Arts.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Leiber Collection opens for the 2017 season with an Opening Celebration Garden Tea Party on Saturday, May 27 from 2 to 5 p.m. with its exhibition “Magnificent Obsession – Fashion, Passion and Collection.” The show features work held by three Judith Leiber collectors in the main gallery and Gerson Leiber paintings and prints from his *Fashion Series* in the painting gallery. Also on view are handbags from Judith Leiber’s Collection in the permanent gallery. The Leiber Collection is located at 446 Old Stone Hwy, East Hampton, NY 11937. www.leibermuseum.org.

To read about the art of the Leibers , click “[Judith Leiber Handbags Capture Attention from a Trio of Museums](#).”

SATURDAY NIGHT

Contemporary Art Hot Spot - Gallery Reception Hopping in East Hampton Village

Joel Mesler opens his new Hamptons Gallery, "RENTAL" in East Hampton Village on Saturday night with an Opening Reception from 4 to 6 p.m. The inaugural exhibition, "Oliver Twist, Chapter 2: Dear Darren," is a retrospective of artists who have shown with the gallery in its NYC incarnation. The show presents around 40 artists including Alex Israel, Rashid Johnson, Eddie Martinez, Sam Moyer, Ruby Sky Stiler, Jonas Wood and many others. RENTAL is located at 87 Newtown Ln, East Hampton, NY 11937.

When RENTAL's reception ends at 6 p.m., other receptions begin in galleries in East Hampton Village. Harper's Books opens "[Elizabeth Huey](#): And Yet It Moves" from 6 to 8 p.m. Roman Fine Art opens "[Grant Haffner](#): Mohawk Trail" from 7 to 9 p.m. Click [here](#) for details. Janet Lehr Fine Arts opens "The Rhythms of Deeton and Mizrahi" from 8 to 10 p.m. [Click here](#) for details on all three shows as well as the Opening Reception for Amagansett-based gallery ILLE Arts and its two person show "[Deborah Buck](#) & John Monti."



"Music Sheet 60" by Haim Mizrahi, 2017. Acrylic on canvas, 66 x 142 inches. Courtesy of Janet Lehr Fine Arts.

Contemporary Art Hot Spot - Sag Harbor Village

Sag Harbor Village is another art hot spot on Saturday night with three opening receptions starting at 5 p.m. and continuing through 9 p.m. First up, is Romany Kramoris Gallery's summer season opener "Ready, Set, Go!" with an Opening Reception from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The group show features art by Christopher Engel, Kelly Nelson, Alan Nevins, Lynn Matsuoka, Isabel Pavão, and Ghilia Lipman-Wulf. Click [here](#) for details. Across the street, Sara Nightingale Gallery opens its summer season in its new Sag Harbor location with "#friendswithboats" with an Opening Reception 6 to 8 p.m. Down the street a few steps, Monika Olko Gallery opens a solo show for Brendan Murphy: "The Lightness of Being." The Opening Reception takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. [Click here](#) for details on all three shows and where to find the galleries.

New Greenport Contemporary Art Gallery & Debut Exhibition

Greenport Village gets a new gallery for 2017, presenting cutting edge contemporary art from emerging and established artists. VSOP Art + Design Projects debuts the gallery with "Very Special

One-Time Performance” and an Opening Reception from 6 to 10 p.m. The inaugural group exhibition features the work of approximately 31 artists. VSOP Art + Design Projects is located at 311 Front Street, Greenport, NY 11944. www.vsopprojects.com.



“Arrow III” by Charley Friedman. Gouache on Solid Pine.
Courtesy of VSOP.

SUNDAY

Photographer Gallery Talk on Capturing Artist Icons at the Pollock-Krasner House

“East End Art World, August 1953: Photographs by Tony Vaccaro” has a Reception and Gallery Talk on Sunday, May 28, 2017 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Pollock-Krasner House in The Springs. [Tony Vaccarro](#) and his family will be present at the reception and gallery talk. The 94-year-old photographer will give his personal recollections of photographing members of the art community while on assignment for Look magazine. Many of the images were lost for more than 60 years and are on view for the first time at the Pollock-Krasner House. The exhibition remains on view through July 29, 2017. Admission is free. Pollock-Krasner House is located at 830 Springs Fireplace Rd, East Hampton, NY 11937. www.stonybrook.edu/pkhouse. Click [here](#) for exhibition details.

Street Painting Festival in Riverhead

East End Arts will be holding its daylong celebration of the arts, the 21st annual Community Mosaic Street Painting Festival, on Sunday, May 28, 2017, from noon to 5 p.m. Rain date is Monday, May 29, 2017 from 2 to 5 p.m. The annual chalk mural festival features artist professionals, art students and mural enthusiasts creating art in chalk on Riverhead’s East Main Street. Sign up the day of the event or enjoy watching art spring to life. The creative street festival also features live music, dance, gourmet food trucks, an arts and crafts fair and family activities.

Admission is free. Street painting squares may be purchased on the day of the event for \$20. The festival will be held on East Main Street between Roanoke Avenue and East Avenue and on the grounds of East End Arts in Riverhead, NY 11901. www.eastendarts.org. Click [here](#) for event details.

Sunday Brunch at White Room Gallery

White Room Gallery in Bridgehampton hosts a Brunch with champagne for its Closing Reception of “Abstract Anarchy” on Sunday, May 28, 2017, from noon to 2 p.m. The show features the contemporary abstract paintings by Barbara Bilotta, Jessica Singer, Melissa Hin and June Kaplan.

The White Room Gallery is located at 2415 Main Street, Bridgehampton, NY.
www.thewhiteroom.gallery.

For a Preview, visit ““[Abstract Anarchy](#)” Opens at The White Room Gallery.” To see Barbara Bilotta’s work, visit her Artist Directory Listing by clicking [here](#).

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