

Long Island Art This Month - News, Exhibitions & Events for October 2017

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Welcome to this edition of *Long Island Art This Month*. Revamped from last season's *Art on Long Island*, the monthly column now features a selection of news, exhibitions and art events taking place on Long Island in both Nassau and Suffolk Counties. *Long Island Art This Month* presents a curated selection of some of the best shows taking place on Long Island as well as presents art news to foster connection among the art communities on Long Island.

NEWS

Long Island artist [Barbara Prey](#)'s monumental watercolor is now on view at Mass MoCA's new Robert W. Wilson Building in North Adams, MA. The commissioned painting measures 9' x 16' and depicts the newest wing of the contemporary art museum, which opened to the public in May 2017. Prey's watercolor drew inspiration from the raw interior of the new wing—a former textile factory—before building renovations began. *Mass MoCA Building 6, 2015-2017*, sets a record for the largest watercolor ever made, according to the museum. Materials for the mixed media work include debris from the building along with watercolor, gouache and pencil on paper. Barbara Prey is based in Oyster Bay, NY in Nassau County, Long Island.

Nassau County Museum of Art has a new director. Karl E Willers, Ph.D. was replaced by Charles A. Riley II, who took over the position in September 2017. Click [here](#) for details. Riley is an author, curator and art critic. Willers was director of the Long Island art museum since 2010 and replaced Constance Schwartz. Nassau County Museum of Art is based in Roslyn, NY in Nassau County.

The Patchogue Arts Council continues its year of expansion by launching its first Gala. "A Toast to the Arts" will be held on October 26, 2017 and featuring a two-spot trot that starts at the Patchogue Arts Council Art Gallery from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and continues up the street at Toast Coffeehouse from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person or \$180 or \$45 for the Art Gallery Reception only. Click [here](#) for details. The Patchogue Arts Council hired its first executive director earlier this year. Now at the helm is artist Beth Giacummo-Lachaz, a former director and curator for the Islip Art Museum. The Patchogue Arts Council is based in Patchogue, NY in Suffolk County.



“Mass MoCA Building 6” by Barbara Prey, 2015-2017. Watercolor, gouache, pencil on paper, building material. Courtesy of the artist.

EXHIBITIONS

SUFFOLK COUNTY

The Heckscher Museum of Art: “Ebb & Flow: Seascape and Shoreline Views”

August 5 to November 12, 2017

The Heckscher Museum of Art will present “Ebb & Flow: Seascape and Shoreline Views,” a group exhibition of works depicting the sea.

Featuring more than four dozen paintings, prints and photographs from the museum’s permanent collection, the exhibition will focus on the many ways artists have documented the sea. With moods ranging from tranquil to tempestuous, the works capture the realistic in depictions of rivers, harbors, coastlines and the atmospheric effects of the coastal environment, and the frightening or fantastical, in storms, shipwrecks and sea monsters. Including work by artists such as [Eugene Boudin](#), [Arthur Dove](#), [Betty Parsons](#) and [Maurice Prendergast](#), the exhibition features picturesque seaside life, expansive images of sea and surf, and abstract works of light and color.

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

www.heckscher.org.

Click [here](#) for more exhibition details.

Gallery North: “Mel Pekarisky: Small Things, Quiet Places”

October 7 to November 3, 2017

“ArTalk”: Sunday, October 22, 2017 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Gallery North will present “Mel Pekarisky: Small Things, Quiet Places,” a retrospective featuring 30 years of the artist’s landscape paintings.

Known for his paintings and drawings of the desert, [Mel Pekarisky](#) is known considered one of the most significant landscape painters in contemporary art, according to a gallery press release. In representational and abstract paintings inspired by nature, his works capture enormous subjects at a tiny scale. Pekarisky—a founding member of City Walls, which evolved into New York’s Public Art Fund—has paintings, drawings, prints and artist’s books in public, private and corporate collections.

The gallery will also host an “ArTalk” conversation with Pekarisky exploring his work and its relationship to the environment. Call Gallery North at 631-751-2676 to reserve a seat.

Gallery North is located at 90 N Country Road, Setauket, NY 11733. www.gallerynorth.org.

Click [here](#) for exhibition details.



“Desert Floor” by Mel Pekarsky, 1990. Courtesy of Gallery North.

NASSAU COUNTY

Hofstra University Museum: “Andy Warhol”

September 5, 2017 – March 11, 2018

The Hofstra University Museum’s David Filderman Gallery will present “Andy Warhol,” an exhibition featuring photography and screenprints by the seminal artist.

In addition to his films and other works, [Andy Warhol](#) (1928-1987), a major Pop artist and art celebrity of the 20th century, was known for his brightly-colored and emotionally-detached screenprints. The exhibition will juxtapose his photographs and screenprints to show the integral role of photography in his working method and artistic process. As a participant in the Andy Warhol Photographic Legacy Program since 2008, Hofstra’s museum has received donations of 153 photographs, including Polaroids and gelatin silver prints, and nine screenprints from the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Inc.

The museum will host “Andy Warhol: Outside the Frame,” on November 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. The event, which is free and open to the public, will look at a few of Warhol’s more than 650 films that surpassed the boundaries of conventional cinema and will include a Q&A session.

The David Filderman Gallery is located at the Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, Ninth Floor South Campus, Hofstra University, 112 Hofstra Blvd, Hempstead, NY 11549. www.hofstra.edu.

Click [here](#) for exhibition details.

EVENTS

SUFFOLK COUNTY

The Paul W. Zuccaire Gallery: “Panel Discussion & Reception: Race, Love, and Labor”

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 5 p.m.

Stony Brook University’s Paul W. Zuccaire Gallery will host a panel discussion and reception for the exhibition “Race, Love and Labor” on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 5 p.m.

Panelists include [Alma Leiva](#) and [Tommy Kha](#), artists whose work is included in the exhibition, Abena Asare, an assistant professor of Africana Studies at Stony Brook, and Nerissa S. Balce, an associate professor of Asian and Asian American Studies at Stony Brook. Stephanie Dinkins, an

associate professor of art at the university, will moderate.

“Race, Love and Labor,” on view through October 21, features photographs by 20 artists of color from the Center for Photography at Woodstock’s Artist-in-Residency program. Dealing with the themes of race, love and labor in photography and everyday life, the exhibition features work by Alma Leiva, Tommy Kha, [Isaac Diggs](#), [Eyakem Gulilat](#), among others.

The Paul W. Zuccaire Gallery is located at Staller Center for Arts, 1st Floor, Stony Brook, NY 11794. www.zuccairegallery.stonybrook.edu/.

Click [here](#) for more event details.

The Art League of Long Island: “Passion for Fashion: Of Purses & Paintings”

Special Reception: Sunday, October 15, 2017 from 2 to 5 p.m.

In honor of the current exhibition “Passion for Fashion: Of Purses & Paintings,” the Art League of Long Island is hosting a special benefit on Sunday, October 15, 2017 from 2 to 5 p.m.

The exhibition, which is on view through October 27, 2017 features works from the Gerson & Judith Leiber Collection, including 50 of [Judith Leiber](#)’s purses, handbags and minaudieres and 44 drawings, lithographs and large-scale paintings by [Gerson Leiber](#). The special reception will allow an intimate setting for attendees to view the exhibition, have a meet and greet with Judith and Gerson Leiber and listen to a talk by Anna Fristoe Stewart, the museum’s curator, on the artists’ history. Champagne and sweets will be served with live entertainment provided by the Jazz Loft.

Tickets are \$50 per person, with proceeds benefiting the Art League of Long Island, a not-for-profit visual arts center in Dix Hills. Each ticket will include a chance to win a private visit with Gerson and Judith Leiber as well as a VIP curator-led tour of the Leiber Collection in East Hampton.

To purchase a ticket, call 631-462-5400 or visit www.artleagueli.net.

The Art League of Long Island is located at 107 East Deer Park Road, Dix Hills, NY 11746. www.artleagueli.net.

Click [here](#) for more event details.

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“Two Models” by Gerson Lieber. Courtesy Art League of Long Island.

Huntington Village Art Walk

Sunday, October 22, 2017 from Noon to 4 p.m.

Back for its second year, the Huntington Village Art Walk will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2017 from noon to 4 p.m.

The self-guided tour will take visitors to seven different stops in Huntington, where art will be on view. Local artists will be on hand and refreshments will be served with a raffle available to win gift baskets. The Art Walk includes stops at Clayvista, Fotofoto Gallery, Moon Rose, B.J. Spoke Gallery, Huntington Art Center, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building, Huntington Arts Council and the Heckscher Museum. Art on view includes photography, paintings, historical exhibitions and more. Live music will play at 11 Wall Street during the tour, if weather permits.

Click [here](#) for more event details, or stay updated with the [Facebook page](#).

NASSAU COUNTY

Nassau County Museum of Art: Gallery Talk with the Curator of “New York, New York”

Exhibition Talk: Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 3 p.m.

Nassau County Museum of Art will host a gallery talk with Constance Schwartz, former director of the museum and guest curator for the current exhibition “New York, New York” on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 3 p.m.

Constance Schwartz will meet with visitors in the Museum’s galleries to discuss “New York, New York” in terms of the works and artists included. The exhibition, which is on view through November 5, 2017, portrays the city’s history as the financial and art capital of the world. The exhibition includes more than 140 works by [Reginald Marsh](#), [Milton Avery](#) and [Georgia O’Keeffe](#), among others. The gallery talk is included in the museum’s admission, which is \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$4 for children and students. Reservations are not needed.

The Nassau County Museum of Art is located at One Museum Drive, Roslyn, NY 11576. www.nassaumuseum.org.

Click [here](#) for more event details.

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