



# Curious about Art on the North Fork? Three Galleries to Know for January 2018

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An advantage to visiting the North Fork in January is the pumpkin tourists are gone and the two main roads are easy traveling, making visiting its far-flung gallery scene easy to accomplish and combine with street side bucolic views and plenty of gourmet food establishments available from tip to tip.

This weekend (January 6 & 7, 2018) has an extra reason to visit as a pair of galleries have final weekends for their current shows. Coupled with a third gallery who will soon be changing its artist focus, this trio of galleries make a strong case for considering a weekend of art on the North Fork. Following are my picks of three galleries not to miss on the North Fork.

## VSOP Art & Design Projects

### “Winter Salon”

**On view through January 8, 2018**

“Winter Salon” is a bit of an anomaly for the new Greenport Village gallery that opened in 2017. Departing from its mission to present cutting-edge contemporary art and high end craft from emerging and mid-career artists, artisans and designers based around the country, “Winter Salon” presents contemporary artists mostly working on the North Fork. Co-curated by gallery director (and artist) Jonathan Weiskopf and Greenport painter and ceramicist [Dena Zemsky](#), the exhibition provides a slice of the North Fork artist scene in its selection of 25 artists and over 200 artworks installed throughout the entire two-floor gallery.

Exhibiting artists are both renowned and emerging. Well-known artists with North Fork ties include [Arden Scott](#), [Louise Crandell](#), [Garance](#), [Poppy Johnson](#). Emerging area include painter Jacqueline Ferrante and ceramicist Peter Jauquet. The full line up includes a variety of mediums and includes Patrick Caulkins, Rosemary Gabriel, Cara Galowitz, Anders Goldfarb, Carol Halliburton, Marty Heitner, Bob McInnis, [Scott McIntire](#), Gail Miller and many others. There are a few South Fork artists tucked among the show. See if you can pick them out while viewing the exhibition. Click [here](#) for details.

**UPCOMING:** A solo show by Charley Freidman opens on January 20, 2018. The show coincides with the opening of a husband-and-wife artist exhibition at Stony Brook University’s Paul W. Zuccaire Gallery. “[Double Portrait: Charley Freidman and Nancy Friedman-Sanchez](#)” also opens January 20,

2018 and continues on view through February 17, 2018. Artist Receptions for both shows will be held on January 20, 2018. The Greenport Village Gallery leads off with an Opening Reception from 1 to 3 p.m. The Stony Brook University Gallery follows next with its Opening beginning at 7 p.m.

VSOP Art & Design Projects is located at 311 Front Street, Greenport, NY 11944.  
[www.vsopprejects.com](http://www.vsopprejects.com).



‘Twisted Bittersweet I’ by Scott McIntire, 2017. Graphite and gold pencil on paper in artist’s frame, 13 x 17 inches. Courtesy of VSOP Projects. Exhibited in “Winter Salon.”



Woodcut by Paul Kreiling, 2016. 10 x 8 inches. Courtesy of VSOP Projects. Exhibited in “Winter Salon.”



“Composition” by Patience Pollock, 2017. Paper collage on board, 10 1/2 x 6 inches. Courtesy of VSOP Projects. Exhibited in “Winter Salon.”

## William Ris East

### “Gallery Artists”

**On View through February 11, 2018**

By contrast, the art exhibited at William Ris East in Jamesport, NY is reflective of the gallery’s year-round program. Presenting salon style, the gallery features contemporary art and American Craft. Expect to find representational, contemporary abstraction and realism in painting, sculpture and other mediums all communing in harmony. The gallery opened two years ago as a second gallery to its mainstay New Jersey home. Embracing new possibilities on the North Fork and the artists discovered on the East End, gallery director and owner Mary S. Cantone decided to move her headquarters to the North Fork and serve her collectors from a single location.

William Ris East allows for a free discovery of artists and art works in way that’s easy to enjoy. Expect to find works by [Jane Hartley](#), [William Ewing](#), [Bethane K. Cople](#), [Marilyn Weiss](#), [Charles](#)

[Wildbank](#) and others. Click [here](#) to discover the full rooster.

For January 2018, the gallery features new paintings and artwork by [Peter Beston](#), Anahi DeCanio, [Scott McIntire](#), Jim Stewart and Valerie Zeman. The art captivates and can encourage fanciful flights of imagination. What better way to escape a snowlocked East End?

**UPCOMING:** In February, the gallery changes focus and presents a two-person show of photography by [Michael McLaughlin](#) and Scott Farrell. “Imaged, Urban & Actual” will have an Opening Reception on February 17, 2018 with an Artist Talk also planned. Stay tuned!

William Ris East is located at 1291 Main Rd, Jamesport, NY 11947. [www.williamris.com](http://www.williamris.com).



“Love at First Sight” by Peter Beston. Oil on canvas, 9 x 12 inches. Courtesy of William Ris East.



“Southern Charm” by Anahi DeCanio. Mixed media, 36 x 36 inches. Courtesy of William Ris East.



“Morning Glory & Long Legged Fly” by Scott McIntire. Enamel on canvas, 24 x 18 inches. Courtesy of William Ris East.

## Alex Ferrone Gallery

### “Water - Small Works 2017”

**On View Through January 7, 2018**

The Open Call juried photography show “Water - Small Works 2017” represents Alex Ferrone Gallery’s final show of the season. The show features 35 artists and 55 photographs that are all no larger than 12 inches framed. Designed to be a gift-friendly exhibition for the holidays, the show also aimed to encourage creativity through the universal topic that water conjures. The juror is architect and urban planner Glynis Berry. A former gallerist (Art Sites in Riverhead), Berry is the

founder of the non-profit organization [Peconic Green Growth](#), whose mission is to foster integration of environment, sustainable practices and community on eastern Long Island. Extending the theme of water even further, 10 percent of photography sales will benefit those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas.

The exhibition presents an interesting range of works that have water as its muse. Abstract, figuration and landscapes are all part of the mix. Exhibiting artists hail from across the United States including California and Washington State as well as a vibrant list of artists working on the East End. Artists selected for the show include [Gerry Giliberti](#), [Eva Iacono](#), Paula Kelly, Katherine Liepe-Levinson, Jenna Lynch, Kate Madara, [Mike McLaughlin](#), Alissa Rosenberg, Thomas Rozakis, [Jim Sabiston](#), Steven Schreiber, [James Slezak](#), [Sarah Jaffe Turnbull](#) and others.

Awards were bestowed upon Katherine Liepe-Levinson for *Earth/Water 3*; Second Place went to Jack Long for *Fluid Flower*; and Third Place was awarded to George Lowell for *Rest Stop*. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Helen Janson for *Long Island Sound 1*; Mark Testa for *Swim* and Pamela Waldroup for *Niagara Falls #1*. To read more, click [here](#).

Can't make it to the North Fork this weekend to see the show in person? View the exhibition online by clicking [here](#).

**UPCOMING:** The gallery continues to be open by appointment. To schedule, call 631-734-8545 or click [here](#) to contact online.

Alex Ferrone Gallery is located at 25425 Main Road, Cutchogue, NY 11935. [www.alexferronegallery.com](http://www.alexferronegallery.com).



"Earth / Water 3" by Katherine Liepe-Levinson. Shown framed,  
Awarded First Place. Courtesy of Alex Ferrone Gallery.



"Cold Spring" by Peter Brauné. Courtesy of Alex Ferrone Gallery.



"Rain / Walk - Capitol Hill" by Paul Wood. Courtesy of Alex Ferrone Gallery.

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