

Two Exhibitions Showcase Art from The Hamptons and North Fork at William Ris Gallery

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William Ris Gallery welcomes its second year on the North Fork with an exhibition program that focuses on Long Island artists mixed with those further afield. The gallery continues this focus with the exhibition "[E S C A P E S](#)," a group show featuring land and seascape art inspired by the East Coast that includes a recognizable line of artists from the Hamptons and North Fork.

Due to demand, William Ris Gallery will present a second opportunity to meet several of the artists highlighted in the exhibition with an Artist Reception on Saturday, June 30, 2018 from 3 to 6 p.m.

"As a celebration for our second anniversary on the North Fork of Eastern Long Island, it seems appropriate to recognize Long Island artists who capture the essence of natural vistas found in both Suffolk and Nassau Counties," said gallery owner and director Mary Cantone of William Ris Gallery.



Artwork by Amy Worth. Courtesy of William Ris Gallery.

Exhibited in the show is art by prominent area artists [Kelly Franké](#), [Kurt Giehl](#), [David Peikon](#), [Jim Sabiston](#), [Eileen Dawn Skretch](#), [James Stewart](#) and Amy Worth. The work ranges from realism to ethereal and from abstract to illustrative.



Artwork by Jim Stewart. Courtesy of William Ris Gallery.

Curated and organized by Cantone, "*E S C A P E S*" will comprise of 30 works made up of paintings, photographs and ink drawings. Paintings include oil, watercolor and acrylic. The show remains on view through July 8, 2018.



Artwork by Eileen Dawn Skretch. Courtesy of William Ris Gallery.

“I was first introduced to the North Fork three years ago and felt an immediate connection to the environment and creative community of artists and knew I would one day relocate my gallery to the East End from New Jersey,” Cantone said. “‘E S C A P E S’ celebrates the beauty of the area and the artists who capture its essence.”



Artwork by Kurt Giehl. Courtesy of William Ris Gallery.

[The William Ris Gallery](#) is owned and directed by Mary Cantone, who is dedicated to the importance of collecting original art and supporting artists. The gallery exhibits an extensive selection of original contemporary works by East Coast artists with a Long Island concentration.

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Artwork by David Peikon. Courtesy of William Ris Gallery.



Artwork by Jim Sabiston. Courtesy of William Ris Gallery.

North Fork Connection Continues

The focus on the gallery's North Fork home continues in July with "Robert Oxnam: Chinese Inspiration/North Fork Creation." Oxnam will exhibit works that demonstrate a connection between his professional life as a China scholar and President Emeritus of the Asia Society New York and inspiration found on the North Fork, where he lives and has a studio.



Robert Oxnam. Photo: Eva Mallis. Courtesy of William Ris Gallery.

“Robert Oxnam: Chinese Inspiration/North Fork Creation” will be on view from July 14 to August 12, 2018. An Opening Reception will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2018 from 4 to 7 p.m.

An Artist Talk will be held on Saturday, July 28, from 4 to 6 p.m.



"Cai II" by Robert Oxnam. Naturally embedded rocks, organic milk paint and waxes, 14 x 14 x 13 inches. Courtesy of William Ris Gallery.

BASIC FACTS: "*ESCAPES*," a group show featuring land and seascape art inspired by the East Coast, will have an Artist Reception on Saturday, June 30, 2018 from 3 to 6 p.m. The exhibition continues through July 8, 2018.

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William Ris Gallery is located at 1291 Main Road, Jamesport, NY. The gallery is open daily from noon to 5:00 p.m. and by appointment. For information, visit www.williamris.com, instagram@williamrisgallery, <http://facebook.com/williamrisgallery>.

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