



SOCIAL SCENE: Springs Improvement Society Artist Members Show Draws a Crowd

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Artists turned out in droves to support the Springs Improvement Society (SIS) when it opened its annual Artist Members Show with a Benefit Reception on Friday, May 24, 2019. The show continued on view through May 27, 2019. The primary mission of SIS is to oversee the historic Ashawagh Hall in East Hampton, NY. The Artist Members Show is one of two exhibitions held by SIS annually.

The art show itself features a single artwork by hundreds of artists, providing a snapshot of contemporary art being made locally. Exhibiting artists in this edition included Aurelio Torres, Setha Low, Brandon Hernandez, Ron Focarino, Gina D'Orazio, Mary Milne, Lieve Thiers, Christa Maiwald, Bo Parsons, Beth Meredith, Sheila McInerney, Roseann Schwab, Patricia DiGiovanni, Rosalie Buffa, Laurie Hall, Sue Ferguson Gussow and many others.

Check out some of the artists and the work on view that made the Benefit Reception for the 35th Annual Artist Members Show a fun one.

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Exhibiting artist Steve Haweeli stands beside his mixed media painting "Blues @ 2:50 pm" at the Opening Reception on Friday, May 24, 2019. Photo: Pat Rogers.

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Springs Improvement Society board members Elizabeth Meredith and Ira Barocas take a moment from welcoming guests at the Opening Reception of SIS's "Members Art Show." Photo: Pat Rogers.

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Springs Improvement Society opened its annual Artist Members Exhibition Reception on May 24, 2019 to support the mission of SIS. Photo: Pat Rogers.



“Azur” by Lieve Thiers, Acrylic on canvas, and “Spiral Cupcakes (for Robert Smithson)” by Christa Maiwald, digital photography. Photo: Pat Rogers.



Exhibiting artist Michael Cardacino explains the finer points of his sculpture “Emptiness of Shark” to Terry Ross. The artwork is 3D printed, metabolized and polished. Photo: Pat Rogers.



Exhibiting artist Gerry Giliberti and artist Camille Perrottet enjoy the Reception. Photo: Pat Rogers.



“Spume” by Marcia Previtti. Mixed media. Photo: Pat Rogers.



Artists Lutha Leahy-Miller and Peter Gumpel stands besides their artwork. Top: “Lüthårt – Oceania 41919” by Leahy-Miller. Ink, brush and pen on paper. Bottom: Gumpel’s watercolor, “Smile.” Photo: Pat Rogers.



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Discussing art after examining Bo Parsons fired ceramic sculpture "Architectural Fragments". Photo: Pat Rogers.



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Ashawagh Hall. Photo by Pat Rogers.

BASIC FACTS: The Springs Improvement Society's Members Show was on view Memorial Day Weekend from May 24 to 27, 2019 as Ashawagh Hall in East Hampton, NY. SIS's next exhibition is the Springs Invitational and will be held August 2 to 11, 2019 with the annual Fisherman's Fair held on August 10, 2019.

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