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Entr'Exhibit **Your Water, Your Future**

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New Jersey Highlands Entr'Exhibits: Your Water, Your Future: Visions for the Next Decade and Beyond

Basking Ridge, NJ

Closing Reception February 25, 2024 from 1:00 4:00 p.m.

The New Jersey Highlands Coalition invites the public to the closing reception of Entr'Exhibit: Your Water, Your Future, at Farmstead Arts in Basking Ridge, NJ.

This special show is held in between (entr'exhibit) the Annual Highlands Juried Art Exhibit as an opportunity to further highlight the intersection of the Highlands natural beauty and the Highlands Coalition's mission to protect the places that inspire our creativity. This exhibit features an impressive mix of photography, oil and watercolor paintings, mixed media and sculpture. The art focuses on the landscapes, flora, fauna and historic and cultural resources of the four-state Highlands Region, with particular emphasis on the New Jersey Highlands. The artists are well known throughout the region and include: Peter Aldrich, George Aronson, Janet Cunniffe-Chieffo, Charles Dexter, Todd Doney, Denise Cocchiaro, Doris Ettlinger, Edward Fausty, Anthony Galati, Andrea Gianchiglia, Laurie Harden, Mary Hodgson, Theresa Hood, Marv Kaminsky, Judith Lieberman, Lisa Madson, Dennis Maida, Michael McFadden, Chad Mooney, Jack R. Moore, Nina Nemeth, Elaine Norman, Ewa Pokora, Patricia Quirk, Dennis Romano, Susan Roth, Shirley Slusher, Keith Vogrin, Miroslav Vrzala, Mary Waltham, J. Michael Williams, Ande Wittenmeier, and Barry Zawacki.

The public is welcome to attend a reception honoring the artists on February 25, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at The Farmstead Arts Center (<https://farmsteadartscenter.org>). The reception and general admission to the exhibit are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information and regular visiting hours, or to view the online exhibit, please visit <http://www.highlandsart.org>.

The artists who are inspired by the natural beauty of the Highlands are advocates for protecting the Highlands natural and cultural resources as much as we who strive for protective policies. For beauty is worth fighting for to protect. The landscapes of the Highlands: the great biodiversity of plants and animals, the broken, half-hidden remnants of the early industrial age that has since returned to forest, the granite outcrops and strewn, truck-sized boulders deposited by the glaciers, the cold and deep glacial lakes and ancient rivers, the narrow valleys crossed by patinated iron truss bridges, the undulating farm fields and wildflower meadows, the "asunals", the ceremonial rocks placed by the Lenape as wayfinders and to carry the prayers of successive generations — these are the same vistas and scenes that inspired an entire movement in art. The artists of our Juried Art Show and

Entr'Exhibits are the inheritors of the masterful Hudson River School. We are so pleased and honored to host their inspired works. Every show is a celebration of their creativity.

The Annual Juried Highlands Art Exhibit, founded by New Jersey photographer and Coalition trustee Dwight Hiscano, is curated by Donna Compton and organized by the staffs of the New Jersey Highlands Coalition and Farmstead Arts.

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About the NJ Highlands Coalition:

Through events such as the Highlands Art Exhibit, the New Jersey Highlands Coalition promotes awareness about the beauty, and cultural and natural resources of the NJ Highlands region. As a nonprofit organization in Boonton, New Jersey, the Coalition advocates for the protection of the water and other natural and cultural resources of the Highlands. The New Jersey Highlands region encompasses eighty-eight municipalities in Bergen, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, and Warren counties. The regions' natural resources are protected under the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, enacted to protect the drinking water for 6.2 million people in NJ as well as the numerous natural resource values our quality of life depends on. For more information, or to become a member of the NJ Highlands Coalition, visit <http://www.njhighlandscoalition.org/>

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To view all the art in this exhibit, please visit <https://www.highlandsart.org>
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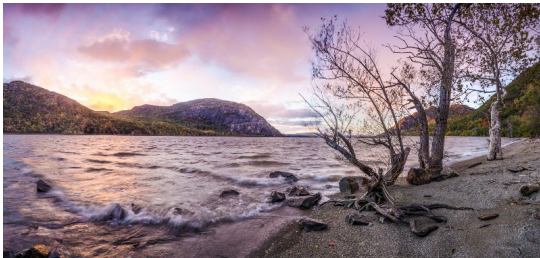
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