



NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS COALITION

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - UPDATES PREVIOUS MEDIA ADVISORY ISSUED 10/05 WITH THE ADDITION OF A PREVIEW EVENT AT THE 10/20 OPENING

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11th Annual Highlands Juried Art Exhibit At Maxfield Engine House, Boonton NJ Exhibit Opens Sunday, October 20, 2024

NOTE: Original September 29 opening changed due to delay in completion of Maxfield renovations

The 11th Annual Highlands Juried Art Exhibit opens to the public with a free preview Sunday, October 20, 2024 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The exhibit features an impressive mix of original photography, paintings, sculpture and mixed media, all inspired by the landscapes, flora, fauna and historic and cultural resources of the four-state Highlands region, with particular emphasis on the New Jersey Highlands. The exhibit will be held at the newly restored Maxfield Engine House, 713 Main Street, Boonton NJ. Regular visiting hours through December 29 will be posted on the web site.

Artists' Reception and Announcement of the Award Winners on Sunday, November 3, 2024

The winners of the competition will be announced at the Artists' Awards Reception, Sunday, November 3, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Cash prizes totaling \$1,200 will be awarded for first, second and third places in the Fine Art and Photography categories; Honorable Mentions and Youth Awards will also be announced. From among the juried entries, Hal Bromm, curator and founder of his namesake gallery in New York City, will select the fine art winners; Dwight Hiscano, founder of the Highlands Juried Art Exhibits, will select the photography winners; and Paul Jach and Kristy Brucale Jach, of Speakeasy Art Gallery, Boonton, NJ, will select the Youth award winners.

To qualify for the exhibit, artwork submitted for the competition required approval by a panel of jurists: Dwight Hiscano, award winning landscape photographer and founder of the Highlands Juried Art Exhibit; Elliott Ruga, Policy & Communications Director at the New Jersey Highlands Coalition and award winning photographer and filmmaker; Donna Compton, current Highlands Juried Art Exhibit curator and director and founder of Compton Gallery, Boonton, NJ; Paul Jach and Kristy Brucale Jach, curators and co-founders of Speakeasy Art Gallery, Boonton, NJ; Mitchell Rosenzweig, award winning painter, photographer and filmmaker; and John Castronovo, fine art and photography printer and founder of Tech Photo, Boonton, NJ.

Fifty artists whose works will be exhibited include: Linda Aldrich, Peter Aldrich, George Aronson, Jane Biron, Mitchell Brozinsky, Linda Calvet, Jessica Cavaliere, Denise Cocchiaro, Rob Creteau, Debra Oliver Dewing, Charles Dexter, Todd Doney, Doris Ettlinger, Edward Fausty, Patricia Gear, Rafal Goraczniak, Eric Gustavsen, Robin Gutkin, David Henderson, Paul Jach, Marv Kaminsky, Joe Kazimierczyk, Andrea Kelly, Paul Kowalchuk, Justine Kovacs, Judith Lieberman, Chris Lind, Lisa Madson, Dennis Maida, Angelo Marcialis, Michael McFadden, Rich McGuigan, Allison Miskulin, Patricia Mueller, Elaine Norman, Kim Parker, Erica Engfer Pizza, Ewa Pokora, Dennis Romano, Martha Romano, Ken Ross, Seth Ruggles Hiler, Christopher Smith, Jeremy Travers, Miroslav Vrzala, Debra Wallace, Mary Waltham, J. Michael Williams, Leslie Wisniewski and Barry Zawacki.

The exhibit will be on display until December 29, 2024.

Visitors are welcome during the posted hours on the website <https://highlandsart.org/contact-hours-directions>

Exhibited work is for sale, with a portion to benefit the New Jersey Highlands Coalition.

Exhibit information: 973-910-2400 email: highlandart@njhighlandscoalition.org web: <https://www.highlandsart.org>

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 New Jersey Highlands Coalition works to protect, restore, and enhance the water and other natural and cultural resources of New Jersey's 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 over 7 million people in NJ as well as the numerous natural resource values on which our quality of life depends. For more information on the NJ Highlands Coalition or to become a member, please visit the organization's website: <http://www.njhighlandscoalition.org>

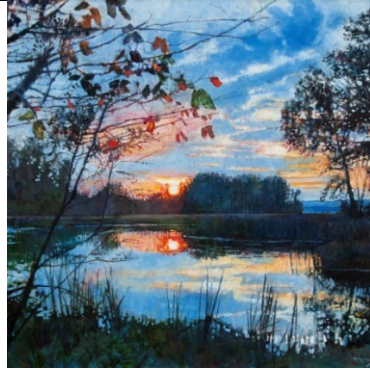
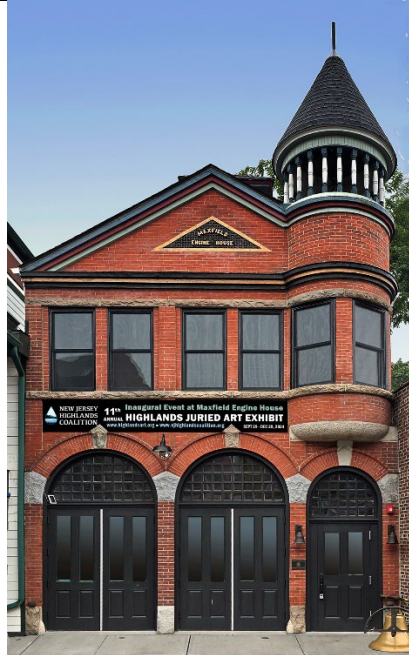
ABOUT MAXFIELD ENGINE HOUSE

The Center for the Study of Cities and Small Towns (CSST) Foundation renovated the firehouse according to a preservation study done by researchers from Penn Praxis at the Weitzman School of Design, University of Pennsylvania. Constructed in 1893 by civic-minded Boonton citizens led by then City Council president, Esli B. Dawson, great, great grandfather of CSST board members, Ryan Dawson of Mendham and Rebecca Birch of New York City, the firehouse occupies a prominent location in the center of Boonton, NJ's Main Street Historic District. It has served a variety of functions since the town's fire engines became too large for its original use.

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Todd Doney, Swamp, October 2, 6:36 PM, oil painting



Dave Henderson, Blue Heron on the Rockaway oil painting



Jessica Cavaliere, Forest Floor, mixed media



Lisa Madson, Peony and the Bee, cyanotype with mixed media

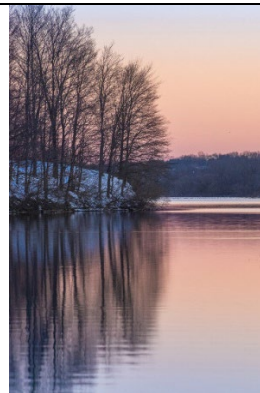


The Last Ash Tree, Christopher Smith, hand-hammered copper

Peter Aldrich, Placid Rockaway, Photograph



Rafal_Goraczniak_Misty_Solitude_photograph



Linda Calvet, Winter Sunset, Spruce Run Reservoir, photo

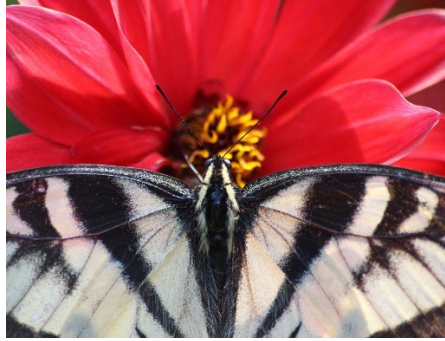


Dennis Maida, Warm Friends, photograph

See MORE IMAGES *below*



Angelo Marcialis, Forest Floor
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Robin Gutkin, Wing and Petal,
photograph



Debra Wallace, Silvermine, photograph

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