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11th Annual Highlands Juried Art Exhibit At Maxfield Engine House, Boonton NJ

Opening Reception and Announcement of Winners

The Opening Reception of the 11th Annual Highlands Juried Art Exhibit, featuring 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, will take place on **Sunday, September 29, 2024 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** at the newly restored Maxfield Engine House, 713 Main Street, Boonton NJ.

Announcement of the Award Winners

Cash prizes totaling \$1200 will be given at the **Opening Reception** 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, curator and founder of Hal Bromm 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 in 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 in Boonton, NJ; Paul Jach and Kristy Brucale Jach, curators and co-founders of Speakeasy Art Gallery in Boonton, NJ; Mitchell Rosenzweig, award winning painter, photographer and filmmaker; and John Castronovo, fine art and photography printer and founder of Tech Photo in 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 Cocchiario, 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 Koalchuk, 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 regular visiting hours posted on the website <https://www.highlandsart.org/contact>
Exhibited work is for sale, with a portion to benefit the New Jersey Highlands Coalition.

Exhibit information: 973-910-2400 Highlandsart@gmail.com <http://www.highlandsart.org>

ABOUT THE NJ HIGHLANDS COALITION

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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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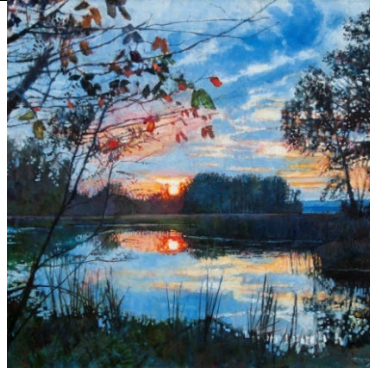
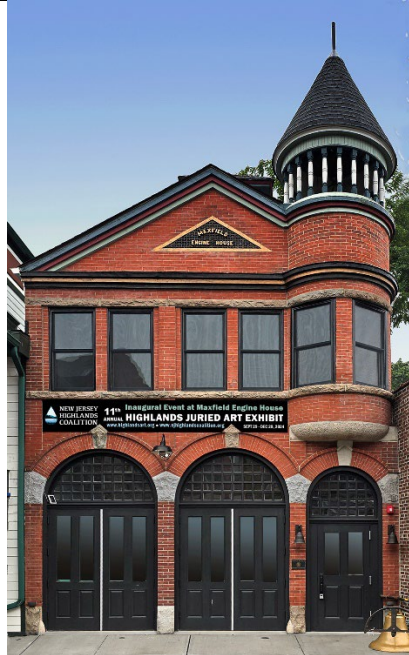
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See SELECTED IMAGES *below*
These are also attached as high-resolution pdf



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

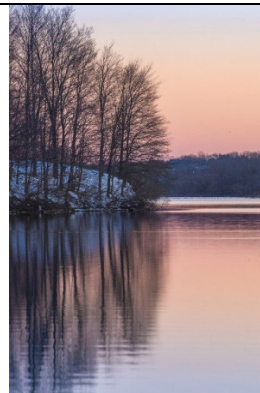


The Last Ash Tree, Christopher Smith, hand-hammered copper

Peter Aldrich, Placid Rockaway, Photograph



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Linda Calvet, Winter Sunset, Spruce Run Reservoir, photo

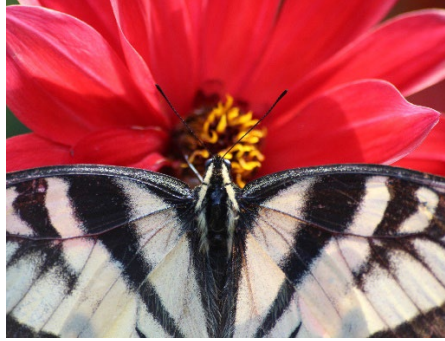


Dennis Maida, Warm Friends, photograph

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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