

Hull Artists announces two show openings, featuring work by new members

Hull Artists, a regional arts association based in town, is pleased to announce the opening of two new shows in Hull.

The first is an exhibition with 39 pieces of fine art and photography by nine members at the Nantasket Beach Resort, 45 Hull Shore Drive. The three new member artists featured are Patricia Tkaczuk Giffin, David Holt, and Kevin Locke.

Holt is a watercolor artist who creates realistic paintings that feature exact details filled with rich color and natural light, such as the painting entitled "Rowes Wharf." Based on the South Shore, Holt is excited to join Hull Artists to display his work and meet fellow artists.

Griffin creates drawings with graphite or charcoals but usually works in watercolors.

"I love everything about watercolor – the transparency, the subtlety, the colors and color-mixing, even the challenge when it's difficult," she said. Griffin is a member of several local art associations, as well as the New England Watercolor Society, and shows her work through their exhibits and competitions. Among her art on display is the work entitled "Snow Kissed"

Locke is a new resident of Hull, but has been familiar with the natural beauty of the peninsula since childhood. Locke's photographs are evocative and often relate to his passion for social justice and advocacy. His sepia-toned photograph "Hope for Justice?" was taken in a village in Nicaragua, where he was helping to build houses for the villagers. Of the photo, he said, "I wanted to capture the reality of desolation, that the poor will always be with us."

Other artists displaying work at the Nantasket Beach Resort are Bart Blumberg (photography), Donna Goes (mixed media with fused plastic), Avis Pinkos (oil painting), Rita Walsh (photography), Sandra Weeks (colored-pencil drawings), and Lara Williams (encaustic paintings).

Hull Artists would like to extend its appreciation to the Nantasket Beach Resort for its continued support of local art and culture by providing a year-round space for displaying work. The

"gallery" is in a hallway off the main lobby and is open seven days a week.

Also, Gallery Nantasket, Hull Artists' juried retail gallery featuring the work of 28 fine art and artisan crafters, opened its spring collection on March 2. Each season, the gallery invites its members to submit work to be displayed and sold.

The gallery features more than 150 pieces of fine art oil and acrylic paintings, watercolors, pastels, drawings, photographs, encaustic and mixed-media pieces of many subjects, but often featuring the natural beauty and iconic subjects of the region. They range in size from 5"x7" to 4'x4'.

In addition to the fine art, the gallery's artisan crafters offer their beaded, wired, and metalsmith jewelry, pottery, clothing and fiber art, mobiles, glass pieces, pebble and stone art, birdhouses, calendars, and greeting cards.

The gallery prides itself on the quality and variety of locally-produced art and strives to offer something for the more than 1,000 visitors each year. The gallery encourages everyone to "take home a treasure or a gift for someone special."

New to the gallery this term are Stacey Kevorkian, who works with hammered sterling silver in addition to other jewelry techniques; Carolyn Kami Loughlin, whose photographs have won numerous awards and hang in the offices of several Boston companies; and Maureen Mann, a South Shore native and spiritual counselor, who creates reiki-infused oracle decks that help people connect with the healing properties of the ocean utilizing her seascape photographic images.

The gallery is located on the ground floor of the Ocean Place Condominiums, 121 Nantasket Ave., a few doors down from Toast. It is open Wednesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To learn more, visit the Hull Artists website, hullartists.com/gallerynantasket