

PECONIC LAND TRUST



"GEMS OF THE HAMPTONS"  
NEW PLEIN AIR PECONIC ARTWORKS OF FAVORITE  
PECONIC LAND TRUST SITES  
JULY 2 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2010  
*Meet the artist reception on Saturday, July 10 from 6 to 9 pm*

*For immediate release*

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**JUNE 25, 2010. SOUTHAMPTON, NY.** The Peconic Land Trust and Plein Air Peconic have joined together to present an exhibition of artworks, Gems of the Hamptons: The Art of Conserved Land at Tiffany & Co., 53 Main Street in East Hampton July 2-Labor Day September 6 with an opening champagne reception Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm-9pm.

On view will be never before exhibited photographs and paintings of the artist's favorite inspirational sites conserved by the Peconic Land Trust in partnership with landowner, communities, local government and partner organizations.

*"The farmlands and open spaces conserved by the Peconic Land Trust really are the true gems of the Hamptons."* -- painter Casey Chalem Anderson

*"Phillips Pond in Southampton has been a recurring theme in my paintings. I have a favorite old*

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*painting done in 1984 of this same spot. I used to climb up on the dunes in my twenties and thirties and paint several of the behind the dune bays and ponds. The calmness of these views as compared to the action of the ocean beaches always intrigued me.” -- painter Susan D’Alessio*

The artists of Plein Air Peconic are photographers Tom Steele, Kathryn Szoka, and Ellen Watson; and painters Casey Chalem Anderson, Susan D’Alessio, Aubrey Grainger, Gail Kern, Gordon Matheson, Michele Margit, Joanne Rosko, and Eileen Dawn Skretch.

Now in its fifth year, the collaboration between the artists of Plein Air Peconic and the Peconic Land Trust provides the public with a unique perspective of the natural landscape. It is the forests, ponds and bays, salt marsh estuaries, beaches, dunes and the working farms that truly define the heritage and character of the East End.

“The Trust is grateful to the artists of Plein Air Peconic for capturing the natural beauty of our communities. The partnership has truly been inspirational; and to have Tiffany & Co. join with us in exhibiting these works to the public is truly a new, wonderful aspect, to this collaboration,” said John v.H. Halsey, President, Peconic Land Trust.

The artists of Plein Air Peconic donate a portion of all sales to the Peconic Land Trust for land protection and stewardship programs. To learn more about the artists of Plein Air Peconic, visit their website at [www.pleinairpeconic.com](http://www.pleinairpeconic.com)

### **About the Peconic Land Trust**

The Peconic Land Trust was established in 1983 to conserve Long Island's working farms and natural lands. Since its inception, the nonprofit Trust has worked conscientiously with landowners, communities, partner organizations and local government to conserve

approximately 10,000 acres of land on Long Island. The Trust's professional staff carries out the necessary research and planning to identify and implement alternatives to outright development. While working to conserve the productive farms, watersheds, woodlands, and beachfront of Long Island, the Trust is also protecting the unique rural heritage and natural resources of the region.

The Trust has Stewardship Centers in Cutchogue, Bridgehampton and Amagansett and its Main Office is in Southampton. A common misperception, however, is that the Peconic Land Trust is the recipient of the monies raised through the Peconic Bay Region Community Preservation Fund (also referred to as the 2% land transfer tax or the Peconic Land Tax). This is NOT the case. The CPF tax is collected by Suffolk County and then redistributed to the five East End towns, the distribution of which is based on the location of the property from which the tax is acquired. For more information about the Peconic Land Trust visit [www.peconiclandtrust.org](http://www.peconiclandtrust.org) or call 631.283.3195.

Gems of the Hamptons: The Art of Conserved Landscapes.

Tiffany and Co., 53 Main Street East Hampton

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Reception with the artists: July 10 from 6 to 9pm

Images: Low-resolution images attached. High resolution images available.

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