

PECONIC LAND TRUST



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PECONIC LAND TRUST TEAMS WITH C FINE ART FOR SCULPTURE EXHIBITION ON THE GROUNDS OF BRIDGE GARDENS

“Uncommon Ground”, featuring the work of nine internationally recognized sculptors, will be on display from June 16 through Labor Day. Artists participating in the exhibition are: John Von Alstine, Kevin Barrett, Jim Henderson, Win Knowlton, Joel Perlman, Carol Ross, John Ruppert, Isobel Folb Sokolow, and Naomi Teppich.

In celebration, Bridge Gardens will be FREE to visitors Friday through Sunday, June 25 through June 27.

Press Preview: Saturday, June 26 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm

The Artists will be at Bridge Gardens to meet the public on Saturday, June 26 from 6:00 to 8:00pm

May 20, 2010. Southampton, New York. John v.H. Halsey, President of the Peconic Land Trust, and Rick Bogusch, Garden Manager, announced a partnership with C Fine Art to bring contemporary sculpture to Bridge Gardens this summer. Curator Cheryl Sokolow has organized a group exhibition presenting a survey of contemporary outdoor sculpture by nine internationally recognized sculptors, entitled ***Uncommon Ground***. ***Uncommon Ground*** explores the relationship between “nature” and “art” and examines our own notions of perspective with regard to our environment. The works on display at Bridge Gardens were expressly selected because of their organic aesthetic – either in choice of material or by subject or style – and are being placed to complement the garden features.

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“In working with Cheryl and the artists, we found a wonderful balance between the gardens intrinsic beauty and the sculptures natural elegance. The gardens and artwork have a wonderful balance and compliment each other – and give the gardens a new dimension and point of reference for both the new visitor as well as our loyal garden members,” said Rick Bogusch, Garden Manager, Bridge Gardens.

“The Trust is always looking for partnership opportunities that allow us to find new audiences for our work as well as to expand upon the enjoyment of the public and our loyal supporters. Bridge Gardens is a work of art in and of itself. The addition of the exhibition this summer will hopefully provide all visitors with a new perspective – as the gardens themselves will always be a dynamic environment,” said John v.H. Halsey, President, Peconic Land Trust.

“The artists and I see Bridge Gardens as truly a beautiful place and our intention is to provide another dimension from which the visitor will view the natural environment. All the work selected is organic in nature; and each sculpture relates uniquely to the physical and psychological aspects of the garden. We are thrilled to have Bridge Gardens as our home this summer and look forward to working with John, Rick and the Trust to showcase not only the works of art, but the garden to new and hopefully loyal visitors,” said Cheryl Sokolow, Director, C Fine Art.

“As each piece presents a different response to its environment, it poses its own unique spatial reality, one that confronts and interacts with the viewer on a variety of levels. This exhibition will explore these ideas through a survey of the various mediums and techniques employed by the contemporary sculptors represented,” added Sokolow.

Uncommon Ground will feature the work of John Von Alstine, Kevin Barrett, Jim Henderson, Win Knowlton, Joel Perlman, Carol Ross, John Ruppert, Isobel Folb Sokolow, and Naomi Teppich. Details about the artists can be found on the Trust website or at www.c-fineart.com.

The exhibition will be on display from June 16th through September 12th, 2010.

A special press only preview will be on June 26th from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

The gardens will remain open on Saturday until dusk to allow the public to meet the artists on June 26th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

The Gardens will open on weekends from April 3rd through the end of October. Beginning Memorial Day, through Labor Day, the Gardens will expand its open days to include Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Open Days & Hours

Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: noon to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays & Thursdays (beginning May 26): Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Fridays (beginning May 28): noon to dusk.

Admission: \$10/adults; \$20/family.

Seasonal memberships: \$35/individuals; \$50/family.

(Family admission/membership covers 4 individuals.)

Other programs at Bridge Gardens this summer include:

Fridays at 6 Music Series: Beginning June 4 and through Labor Day, join us at Bridge Gardens for music from local musicians. Bring friends and a picnic and enjoy the late setting sun of summer.

Saturday, June 19 at 10:00 am: Tour and Talk with Rick Bogusch and Jeff Negron on "The Herb Garden in Spring and Early Summer." A hands-on demonstration is included to build your own herb container to take home. \$20/person. Participants should bring their own 10" patio pot.

Visit us online at www.PeconicLandTrust.org for more information on *Connections* programs and the Friday music series.

The Gardens are also available for group tours as well as for private events and commercial photo shoots. For more information, contact Rick Bogusch at 631.537.7440 or Justina Fargiano at the Trust's office at 631.283.3195 or email BridgeGardens@PeconicLandTrust.org.

About Bridge Gardens

Bridge Gardens was established in 1988 by Harry Neyens and Jim Kilpatric, who designed and installed the gardens over the ensuing 10 years. In 1997, Bridge Gardens Trust was created as a charitable corporation to maintain and preserve the gardens. In 2008, Neyens and Kilpatric donated Bridge Gardens to the Peconic Land Trust. Rick Bogusch is the Garden Manager.

Bridge Gardens covers five acres and consists of an Inner Garden and an Outer Garden. Developed first, the Inner Garden features a large, meticulously-trimmed knot garden surrounded by beds of 180 different culinary, medicinal, ornamental, and textile and dyeing herbs. Overlooking these plantings, the garden house is the manager's residence/education center. In the Outer Garden, the favorite attraction is a collection of 800 antique and modern roses. Bridge Gardens also contains animal topiaries, a lavender parterre, perennial beds and borders, a water garden, woodland paths, a hidden bamboo room, double hedgerows of privet with viewing ports, and specimen shrubs and trees.

About the Peconic Land Trust

The Peconic Land Trust was established in 1983 to conserve Long Island's working farms and natural lands. With the help of many, the nonprofit Trust has worked in partnership with landowners, local government, organizations, and communities to conserve over 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 or call 631.283.3195.

About C Fine Art

Lead by Director Cheryl Sokolow, C Fine Art specializes in the placement of fine art in residential, public and corporate environments. C Fine Art represents the work of established mid-to-later career artists with a focus on abstract and semi-representational sculpture and works on paper. C Fine Art excels in the placement of larger scale, outdoor and indoor sculpture and welcomes commissions, curatorial and site-specific projects. C fine Art provides estimate reports for existing collections and offers consulting and advisory services to both the seasoned collector and first time buyer.

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