Greetings!

Opening this Saturday, March 9 at the Patchogue Arts Gallery, Drawing Obsessions, is a group exhibit curated by Jason Paradis. Paradis states the exhibit "explores and questions the driving factors that artists use to create their work."

Join us at 4:30 PM when Paradis will give a curator's talk followed by a reception from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. The artists whose works are on exhibit are: David Ferris, Bryon Finn, Cal Fish, Mark Kremer, Emily Noelle Lambert, Michelle Mackey and Marjorie Van Cura. Read more about this exhibit below.

This year's Artful Antics Festival Season 2019 (AAFS) will create an atmosphere that celebrates whimsy, humor, joy, and play from April - October.

A few highlights of the AAFS 2019 antics in the works for April:

April 11th-13th: Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts (PTPA) and PAC's first co-production, Leonard Nimoy's play Vincent's Letters to Theo

April 12th: Absinthe Tasting - A Pre-Performance of Vincent Experience (see more below!)

April 27th: AAFS official kick off!
Whimsical poetry and performance in the PTPA lobby
Promenade inspired by the Ballets Russe's 1917 Parade, the event that the term Surrealism was coined for, and the event which also inspired Dada, Cubism, Surrealism, and the Bauhaus
PAC reveals its super big top secret!

Of course, save the date for **Arts on Terry** (AOT), the annual street art fair, on June 23rd from noon to 6:00 PM. It's a full day of art exhibits, organizations, galleries, and artists from across Long Island, demonstrations, family-friendly activities, live music and performances.

Keep your eye on your inbox for schedule updates and calls for sponsorship.

**AAFS Calls for Artists**

This year's AAFS has too many calls for artists to list here so head on over to [patchoquarts.org/artful-antics-arts-on-terry/](http://patchoquarts.org/artful-antics-arts-on-terry/) to see what call for artist is calling to you!

Stay Creative,

The Patchogue Arts Council Board of Trustees

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**Absinthe Tasting - A Pre-Performance Vincent Experience**

Presented by the Patchogue Arts Council and the Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts
April 12, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
$35 pp Tasting Event Only
$60 pp Tasting Event AND Reduced Price Ticket for Performance of Vincent

This event will take place in the Patchogue Theatre lobby. To register visit patchoguearts.org, email info@patchoguearts.org, or call (631) 627-8686.

Absinthe is a distilled spirit derived from plants, such as wormwood and green anise, and herbs. It became synonymous with stories of hallucinogenic effects on the drinker.

As its reputation grew, it inspired a great deal of art and literature in the 19th and 20th century and became popular with many famous writers, thinkers, and artists, including Van Gogh, Ernest Hemingway, and Pablo Picasso.
Explore the history, mystery, and rituals of this infamous green spirit that Van Gogh imbibed daily. Some say he was addicted to the "devil in a bottle," but the Absinthe Van Gogh was so fond of is not quite the same as the Absinthe that is so popular today. Hallucinogenic qualities are no longer a concern.

Join us for a unique pre-performance event to learn about the history of Absinthe, followed by a tasting of three varieties. We will also pair light bites with each tasting served.

During the evening you will be transported via green screen into one of Van Gogh’s paintings for a commemorative photo. Special thanks to the Patchogue-Medford Library for providing us with some green screen fun!

Don’t let the evening stop there, continue with a viewing of Vincent, the first ever co-production by the Patchogue Arts Council and Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts.

This one-person play, written by Emmy nominated actor Leonard Nimoy, explores the little known side to Vincent van Gogh. The world-renowned artist only grew to his fame after his death in 1890. Much of his personal life was left misunderstood as the masses saw him as an obscure kind of genius. For many years, we wrote letters back and forth with his brother, Theo, revealing the struggles and thoughts behind some of his most famous works. The play takes place after Vincent’s death as Theo recollects these letters and speaks about him to a gathering of peers. In this intimate production, we are transported to this gathering as if we are hearing about Vincent in an all-new light for the very first time.

Vincent will provide a multimedia experience by beautifully displaying Van Gogh's works on stage through projection as Theo talks about them, allowing you to view these paintings and drawings while listening to their fascinating backstories. This production is bound to pique your curiosity about one of the world's most renowned artists and offer a brand new perspective on his works.

This production will be open to school groups to attend at a discounted rate on Thursday, April 11 and Friday, April 12 at 10:00 AM. Talkbacks and curriculum guides will be available to participating schools as well.

To purchase performance tickets only visit [link]
Receive a 10% discount on tickets to Vincent with college ID.

Save the dates for these two March events!

**RESCHEDULED! New Date! March 30, 2019, 3:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Slide Slam 3:** [Haven Gallery](https://www.blueowlarts.com/)
155 Main Street, Northport, NY

*Slide Slam 3* presenting artists: Mary Ahern, Krista Biedenbach, Marissa Bridge, Chelsea Browne, Dan Fusco, Raymond Germann, Thomas Germano, Polly M. Law, Dawn Lee, Jeff Macholz, Jennifer Maggio, E Craig Marcin, Michael Mastermaker, Margaret Minardi, Kasmira Mohanty, James Schultz, Sungsook Setton, Maria Spector, Laura Helen Sweeney, and Joan Weiss

This program is part of PAC's 2018-2019 imPACtful Connections: Island-wide networking for creatives and supported in part with public funding provided by Suffolk County.

[Read More...](https://www.blueowlarts.com/)

**Ratgrl’s Vendor Circus**
**Sunday, March 31, 1:00-8:00 PM**
Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 E. Main St.

Long Island's most curious vendors will set up for this unique event throughout the entire theatre from the lobby to the backstage.

**The vendor circus is a free event for all ages and includes:**
- 40+ Vendors
- Live sketch with POP Draw!
- Free Bird Henna
- Tarot with Felix Forecaster of the Future
- Music by Instance_Destroy
- Live Painting by Evan Campanella & Amanda Reilly

Visit patchoquearts.org/ratgrrls-vendor-circus-2/ for the full list of participating vendors. Share this event on Facebook!

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**Art Therapy | Fine Art | Art History**

**Adult Workshops and Classes**

**Wining About Art: Post Impressionism**
Saturday, March 16, from 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Patchogue Arts Gallery, 20 Terry St., Patchogue
$35

Beginning in March 2019 PAC will present a new series of art talks at the Patchogue Arts Gallery. Each art historical topic will be paired with wines from the associated region.
Learning to Look with John Cino
Class / Lecture
March 21 and 28, 6:30-8:00 PM
$20 for Members, $25 for Non-Members

Have you ever wondered why Leonardo’s *Last Supper* looks the way it does, or why artists put certain things in still-lifes, or what Picasso was thinking, or why art from other traditions looks so different? This two-part lecture will offer tools for the viewer to better understand the message delivered through works of art. Exploring works from Renaissance, Modern, Asian art, and African art, the concepts for symbolism, form, function, and abstraction will be discussed.

Currently on Exhibit

*Drawing Obsessions*
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Curated by Jason Paradis
Patchogue Arts Gallery
20 Terry St., Patchogue
March 9 - April 14, 2019
Curator's Talk: Saturday, March 9, 4:30 PM
Reception: Saturday, March 9, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM
[Read more...](#)

*Latina: Paintings by Segundo Orellana*
PAC Satellite Gallery at the Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts
March 9 - April 21, 2019
Reception: Saturday, April 13, from 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Ecuadorian artist Segundo Orellana presents a variety of images of the feminine, from the mythic to the contemporary, portraying Latin American women in their strengths and struggles. [Read More...](#)
The Art of Protest: the Political Watercolours of Molly Crabapple
Presented by Muñeca Arthouse
12 South Ocean Ave, Patchogue
Curated by J.Valetin & B. Giacummo
Through March 2019
Closing reception and book signing with Molly Crabapple on March 23, 2019 (time TBA).
FB Event: facebook.com/events/240770833493063

The Patchogue Sketch Club
The PAC Sketch Club was created for the purpose of getting people together to discover the value of sketching.

PAC Photographers Group
This membership group is dedicated to beginner, advanced, amateur, and professional photographers to foster growth and learning of the art of photography.

Opportunities, Events, and Happenings

Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts (PTPA)
71 E. Main St., Patchogue, 631-207-1313
www.PatchogueTheatre.org
By the 1920s, Patchogue had established itself as one of the most prosperous villages in Suffolk County, New York... Read more about the history of the Patchogue Theatre here.

Wanted DOA: A Tribute to Bon Jovi, A Fundraiser for Long Island’s First Gigi’s Playhouse - March 1 at 8:00 PM

An Acoustic Evening with Lyle Lovett and John Hiatt - March 2 at 8:00 PM

Into the Woods: In Concert - March 8 at 8:00 PM, and March 9 at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM

Red Hot Chilli Pipers - March 12 at 8:00 PM

Plaza Cinema & Media Arts Center
20 Terry St., Patchogue, 631-438-0083
Visit www.plazamac.org for the schedule of films and events.

Latina Bosses Networking Event
Friday, March 8 from 6:00-9:30 PM
Toast Coffeehouse, 46 E Main St, Patchogue
Visit www.sepermujer.org/latinabosses for more information.

Latina Bosses is a networking event created to highlight and recognize trailblazing Latina women who are excelling in their respective industries and have successfully become notable professionals in their fields. It is an evening to celebrate Latina professionals who continuously challenge traditionally male-dominated industries and prove that Latina women can be bosses too, and in hopes that having an open conversation about being a Latina professional can inspire and motivate other Latinas in our community to pursue their professional passions and career ambitions fearlessly.

This event will include a keynote speaker, a panel of Latina professionals sharing their stories and successes in various fields, and a networking cocktail hour. One of the speakers will be Patchogue Arts Council Board Trustee Jessica Ratgrrl Valentin.

Tickets are available at https://www.universe.com/events/latina-bosses-networking-event-tickets-patchogue-1HNGPV

Panelist Jessica Valentin | Ratgrrl

SEPA Mujer is a 501(c)3 non-profit that has been working to support immigrant women on Long Island since 1993, bringing together community members and advocates to speak out against injustice, provide access to opportunities and services, take a stand against domestic violence and other abuses, and push for social change. We work with individuals and in partnerships with organizations (immigrant rights, civil rights, and domestic violence based). www.sepermujer.org
Latina Bosses
SEPA Mujer's 2nd Annual Latina Networking Event Recognizing Trailblazing Latina Professionals

Friday March 8, 2019
6:00PM - 9:00PM
International Women's Day
Toast Coffeehouse
46 E Main Street
Patchogue, NY 11772

Women's Work
A New Tradition
CELEBRATING
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Join us for fun, educational and inspiring events that explore the theme of women's work

SATURDAY 3/16 - MAKE IT WORK
Reflections Beauty Salon
235 Post Ave. Westbury NY
7pm - 10pm
DJ, Live Painting, POP! Drum, Live Performances, Panel Discussion and Open Mic

SUNDAY 3/17 - WATCH ME WORK
Yee We Can Community Center
141 Garden St. Westbury NY
12pm - 3pm
Family Fun, Interactive Artmaking, Pop Up Shop, Art Exhibit

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Westbury Arts
Official Event

This event is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature, and administered by The Huntington Arts Council.
The Patchogue-Medford Library **Seed Lending Library** opens on Saturday, March 9 with a **Seed Swap at 1:00 PM**. Learn what a seed library is and how to become involved. Bring your seeds and share your knowledge. If you don’t have any seeds of your own to share, take some home to plant, grow, and share next year!

At **3:00 PM** there will be an informative session presented by the **Long Island Regional Seed Consortium** that will show you how important it is to know where your seeds come from and how to get ready to save your seeds in the fall.

Register in person, by phone (631) 654-4700, or online at [www.pmlib.org](http://www.pmlib.org). #pmlibgrows

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**What’s Over Your Couch?** an installation exhibit with the Patchogue Sketch Club is on view through March 14 at the Bellport Arts & Framing Studio, 137 South Country Rd., Bellport. Call 631-803-6076 or email iframe@optonline.net for more info.

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**Distilled Life: Portraits & Illustrations by Tim O’Brien**
Curated By Beth Giacummo, Essay by Alexandra Giordano, Catalog Design by Donna Proper
Farmingdale State College Memorial Gallery, Hale Hall
Through April 12, 2019

FB Event: [facebook.com/events/305537930093559](http://facebook.com/events/305537930093559)
Peconic Crossing is an environment under construction for artists to create, collaborate, and live on West Main St in the heart of downtown Riverhead, home to East End Arts. They are currently accepting applications for inclusion in the future selection lottery. Call 631-830-6402 or email peconiccrossing@coniferllc.com for more information and how to apply or visit www.apartmentsforartists.com.

Save the Date - More Info Coming Soon

2019 Founders Gala
Luau for the Arts
Honoring
John & Kathleen Cino

Founders Gala | Luau for the Arts
Hawaiian inspired fare • Beer • Wine
Live music • Sculpture Burning
Traditional Hawaiian Dance

Sunday, June 9 from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tickets $80 - Members $70
@ the lovely home on the bay of
Dr. Kathryn Ko & Gil Romano
326 S. Dunton, Patchogue, NY
The mission of the Patchogue Arts Council is to promote, support, and encourage the arts. The Patchogue Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Thank you for your continued support.

**PAC Membership**

Thinking about becoming a member or need to renew your existing membership? Email Pat Sweeney at info@patchoguearts.org with 'Membership' in the subject line for more information.

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