

Art is where you find it

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After you've run through the galleries at the Neuberger or Hudson River Museum, there are plenty of smaller venues and shows that might capture your interest, too.

"Off the Record: New York Music After Woodstock," opens in May at Rye Arts Center. The show revisits the post-hippie era with [photos](#), paintings and video footage. Stop by for the opening reception and you'll hear a performance from Aeric Lee and the Razors. Stay afterward for a panel discussion led by local radio personality Dennis Elsas, who will interview concert promoter Eppy Epstein, former rock photographer Steve Rosenfield of Rye and Commander Cody himself — aka George Frayne — who will talk about his days with His Lost Planet Airmen. The exhibit opens May 22 with a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. (concert at 3:30); the interview by Elsas runs from 5 to 6 p.m. (\$5, reservations required at 914-967-0700, ext. 33). Free. Through June 18.

Details: Rye Arts Center, 51 Milton Road, Rye. 914-967-0700, www.ryeartscenter.org.

Top clay artists

This exhibit at the Clay Art Center features California clay artist Lana Wilson, who invited four potters to join her in showcasing their art: Margaret Bohls, Nan Coffin, Bernadette Curran and Leah Leitson. More than 75 pieces will be on display from the five artists, all well known in the world of handmade pottery and sculpture. You can meet Wilson at a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. May 14, when the exhibit opens. Free. Through June 11.

Details: 40 Beech St., [Port](#) Chester. 914-937-2047, www.clayartcenter.org.

Flying solo

Chicago artist Nina Rizzo, winner of Pelham Art Center's 6th annual Alexander Rutsch Award in Painting, showcases 17 of her works. Her paintings include glacial landscapes from her residency in Iceland and portraits of cacti from her residency in Wyoming. Rizzo was selected from 400 applicants for this year's Alexander Rutsch Award, created in honor of the artist, who lived in Pelham. Opening May 6 with an art workshop for all ages (7-8:30 p.m.). Free. Through June 25.

Details: 155 Fifth Ave., Pelham. 914-738-2525, www.pelhamartcenter.org.

Art times three

See three exhibits on display simultaneously at Larchmont [Public Library](#) in May. The Oresman Gallery has "Celebrations," featuring the artwork of Joan Scheuer, and "Four Generations," showcasing four generations of artists from the Baker/Cammer family. Also on display in the main-floor showcase: a sculpture exhibit, "Acrobat 3-D Sketches," by Marian Froehlich. Reception for "Celebrations" May 7 (2:30-4 p.m.), reception for "Four Generations" May 14 (2:30-4 p.m.). Free. May 3-27.

Details: Larchmont Public Library, 121 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 914-834-2281, www.larchmontlibrary.org.

Dreaming in color

Elan Daniel Louis' "Pensieve: Images in Chalk Pastel and Pencil," at Mamaroneck Artists Guild, offers works by the artist known for his vibrant portraits. Louis will stop by for two receptions: June 3 (6-8 p.m.) and June 18 (3-5 p.m.). May 31 to June 18. Free.

Details: Mamaroneck Artists Guild, 126 Larchmont Ave., Larchmont. 914-834-1117, www.mamaroneckartistsguild.org.

Last chance

"Shakespeare's Women" features pieces by 25 local artists inspired by females in William Shakespeare's writings. Part of the Sound Shore Shakespeare Festival. The exhibit is open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays and 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Through May 6. Free.

Details: Museum of Arts & Culture, New Rochelle High School, 264 Clove Road. 914-675-6518, www.dbmac.org.

Take it outside

Spring is the ideal time to experience al fresco art, such as George Sherwood's 24-foot-tall kinetic sculpture, Wind Orchid, outside Katonah Museum of Art; or James Tyler's Brickhead Revisited, an enormous head made of, yes, bricks, which commands a spot of prominence at Rockland's Garnerville's Arts Center.

Closer to home is The Donald M. Kendall Sculpture Gardens at PepsiCo headquarters in Purchase. It's open year-round, but this time of year it's particularly breathtaking to experience the 168 acres just starting to bloom. The grounds, which include a pond, clearings and gorgeous gardens, harmonize with 45 major contemporary sculptures by Moore, Nevelson, Rodin, Joan Miro and other 20th-century artists.

Details: Free. The gardens are open daily, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. 700 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, 914-253-2001.

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