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ROCKY NECK NOW, 2020: Finding Structure

The Annual Spring Members' Show

Exhibition Dates: February 13 –March 29, 2020

Cultural Center at Rocky Neck

6 Wonson Street, Gloucester, MA

Galleries open: Thursday-Sunday, 12:00-4:00 PM

Opening Reception: Saturday, February 15, 2:00-4:00 PM

Artists' Talk: Sunday, March 8, 3:00 PM

Closing Celebration: Sunday, March 29, 2020, Viewer's Choice Awards at 3:00 PM

Free

Gloucester MA—ROCKY NECK NOW 2020: Finding Structure, the highly anticipated annual members show is the opening exhibition of 2020 at the Rocky Neck Art Colony (RNAC). This year's theme, *finding structure* provided the opportunity to display work inspired by or including the use of structure, as a literal or abstract device in any medium. Homes, factories and stairs, lobster pots, ropes and ladders are just a few of the many elements that have inspired generations of artists in the creation of masterful works of art on Cape Ann. The Cape Ann Museum has displayed works by Edward Hopper, Stuart Davis and Jeffrey Marshall that makes use of these devices and other Gloucester inspired iconography. RNAC members now display their exciting new work inspired by many of these same elements.

The exhibition runs for seven weeks beginning Thursday, February 13 and continues through Sunday, March 29, 2020 at the Cultural Center on Rocky Neck, 6 Wonson Street in East Gloucester. The exhibition features recent work by more than 30 of the Rocky Neck Art Colony's artists. This show, open each Thursday through Sunday, noon-4:00 PM. in both galleries at the Cultural Center includes a wide range of artistic interpretations with representational, abstract and expressive styles in all media.

The public is invited to celebrate the creativity of RNAC artists at the Opening Reception on Saturday, February 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. View the art, meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments, drink and always lively conversation. Visitors to the galleries are encouraged to participate in the popular Viewers' Choice Award by voting for their favorite work of art. Three artists receiving the most votes will be recognized at the closing celebration on Sunday, March 29 at 3:00 PM. These awards provide the artists and the organization with important feedback from the community.

The Artists

Some of the more than 30 well-known, RNAC participating artists include John Abisamra, John Bassett, Joan Benotti, Matthew Cegelis, Michele Champion, Yhanna Coffin, Pamela Courtleigh, Cheryl Curran, Jillian Demeri, Loren Doucette, Nancy Dudley, Liz Sibley Fletcher, Dina Gomery, Maureen Holub, Cindy Journey, Jane Keddy, Randolph Kelts, Bobbi Iervolino Kovner, Ira Levine, Brenda Malloy, Carmela Martin, Jay McLauchlan, Ronald Pruett, Jenny Rangan, Judy Robinson-Cox, Kate Somers, Karen Watson, and Suellen Wedmore among others. The majority of members in the exhibit are from Gloucester and Rockport with others from Beverly, Brookline, Essex, Ipswich, Manchester MA, Mason, NH, Swampscott and Worcester, MA.

Artists' Talk

On Sunday, March 8, 2018, at 3:00 PM, the public is invited to a panel discussion featuring selected ROCKY NECK NOW artists. Audience participation is encouraged and the discussion will cover a wide range of topics, many based on questions asked by audience members.

With an exciting roster of planned exhibitions and events in 2020, the public is invited to receptions and events throughout the year with refreshments, admission and nearby parking free of charge. More information for all Cultural Center events is available by visiting the website at www.rockyneckartcolony.org, by email at director@rockyneckartcolony.org or telephone 978 515-7004.

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The Cultural Center at Rocky Neck, 6 Wonson Street, Gloucester, MA 01930, the official Welcome Center for Rocky Neck and home of the Art Colony, hosts exhibitions, workshops, meetings, lectures and cultural events of all kinds. The Center accommodates up to 100 people. For information about renting the facility for a meeting, theatrical or musical performance, a small wedding or anniversary, both private or for the community, please contact:

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Images and caption information:

Matt Cegelis, *Untitled 3696B*, digital photograph

Michele Champion, *Coffee, Tea*, oil painting

Judy Robinson-Cox, *Abandoned*, Photograph

Cindy Journey, *Solivtur Ambulando - It is solved by walking*, Sculpture of silk wrapped paper with metal paints