**PARRISH ART MUSEUM**

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**AT COMMUNITY DAY, THE PARRISH ART MUSEUM CELEBRATES FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WITH FREE ADMISSION TO THE MUSEUM AND ACTIVITIES**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

***Art and music making workshops and gallery tours are scheduled from noon to 3 pm, along with refreshments and treats***



 Opening of the 2019 Student Exhibition at the Parrish Art Museum. Photo: Tom Kochie

**WATER MILL, NY 2/28/2019—**The Parrish Art Museum continues its month-long celebration of the community, families, and young artists with a free **Community Day** on **Sunday, March 10**. This festive event is the culmination of the Museum’s Family Month, welcoming the entire community with a day of art workshops led by artists and Museum educators, *zip-tours* of exhibitions, art scavenger hunts, children’s book reading, drumming circle, complementary refreshments, and free admission to the Museum for all. The Museum is open and free to the public 10 am to 5 pm; activities are scheduled between noon and 3 pm.

“Community Day is an opportunity for members of the public—adults, children, and families—to experience all that the Parrish Art Museum has to offer year round: engaging art exhibitions; creative and fun art workshops for children and adults. What is most important is the opportunity for all to engage with art, artists, and one another,” said Parrish Director Terrie Sultan. “We invite the entire community to join us and we especially look forward to welcoming anyone who has not yet visited the Parrish. The Museum is here for everyone.”

Community Day activities—scheduled throughout the Museum between noon and 3 pm—include a wide array of art and music making opportunities. At 12:30 pm in the galleries, guests can join a special interactive drumming workshop facilitated by musician Jerome Liggon. At 1:30 in the lobby, illustrator Ellen Weinsteinwill give a reading of her charming, whimsical children’s book *Yayoi Kusama: From Here to Infinity*.

Ongoing art workshops inspired by the *Student Art Exhibition* take place in the lobby and studio*.* Museum educator Madolin Archer will teach children and families how to create a special type of ink prints. Parrish collection artist Virva Hennemo will lead workshops on constructing a unique form of paper sculpture; and illustrator Weinstein will engage participants in developing their own collages inspired by the work of the brilliant Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama. At their own pace, families can have fun exploring the Parrish collection through an engaging art scavenger hunt.

Between noon and 3 pm, Parrish Art Museum docents will be on hand to lead mini “zip-tours” of the two exhibitions on view: the *2019 Student Art Exhibition* and the Permanent Collection exhibition, *Every Picture Tells a Story.* The *Student Exhibition* features work by more than 1,000 young artists from 37 Eastern Long Island schools from Pre-K to High School, plus work created in a residency with Shinnecock Indian Nation member Jeremy Dennis, who conducted workshops for 350 students based on his approach to storytelling combining photography, Native American mythology, and actual events *Every Picture Tells a Story* is an eight-gallery installation that explores how images carry narrative meaning. More than 100 works on view—featuring 40 important new acquisitions that include artist portraits by the iconic photographer Fred W. McDarrah, and paintings by David Salleand Photorealist artists—invite viewers to create their own interpretations.

**COMMUNITY DAY:**

Sunday, March 10, 10 am–5 pm. Ongoing activities 12-3pm.

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**About the Parrish Art Museum**

Inspired by the natural setting and artistic life of Long Island’s East End, the Parrish Art Museum illuminates the creative process and how art and artists transform our experiences and understanding of the world and how we live in it. The Museum fosters connections among individuals, art, and artists through care and interpretation of the collection, presentation of exhibitions, publications, educational initiatives, programs, and artists-in-residence. The Parrish is a center for cultural engagement, an inspiration and destination for the region, the nation, and the world.