



# December 2017 South Shore Artists Group

## Year in Review-by Palma Mingozzi

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It's been a busy and exciting year for the South Shore Artists Group, let's recap!

1. Our ongoing project is still in effect as we are in the process of producing a Documentary celebrating 70 years and more for the first art group on the island, estimated in 1946.

2. This year our exhibits led us to St. John's, ArtLab Snug Harbor, Biddle House, The Rutan House, Conference House Expo and Conference House 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Governor's Island, RichmondtownFair featuring Antonio De Santis, Etg Books with Elaine Mendez/Labyrinth and the presentation of SWAN Day – Support Women Artists Now.

We collaborated with Michele Helf at SIDAC and her school to create a paper quilt and donated it to the Hospital for Special Surgery Pediatrics unit.

September is a busy month as we participated in the Holy Name Car Show and Flea Market, Westerleigh Fair and Snug Harbor, and the Richmondtown Fair.

3. We had Fund Raisers and a Yard Sale, Bingo, Pot Luck, a Luncheon in June and December and celebrated Valentine's Day with a Pizza Party.

4. We had several Guest appearances Volker Goetze and Michael Dylan Schwartz's Representatives.

5. We had quite a few Community Television Interviews with local artists, members and celebrities.

6. Presentations of Art and Poetry led us to the Huguenot Library with Jeannine Restucci, Rikki Botte, June Palo, Annette Marten, Maria Morales.

7. Always In Love Book Launch by Palma Mingozzi and June Palo's Book Launch Mrs. Pecora and her purple hat and PoArtry for Women at Esca's 8&9. This year we were included in a series of workshops with Staten Island Arts for Grant application in association with the Altman Foundation. Also, creation of two workshops, Painting Abstract Expressionism and Painting on Tiles

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Places to call Home

We said our goodbyes from St. Alban's Church, (Eltingville) on August after 30 years of painting on location and placed our belongings in storage. We were able to retrieve them in December where we made preparations to work from our new location at The Rutan-Beckett House in Tottenville, Staten Island. We will have the opportunity to paint indoors and enjoy the beauty of painting the parks landscape for three consecutive Tuesdays each month, and also paint at Moravian Church, 2205 Richmond Road, the first Tuesday of every month. Our new homes allow us to return to our original roots and paint in Plain Air as a Colony of Artists in our environment. We also meet at the Visitor Center of the Conference House Park with the South Shore Writers Group to assemble a book on the history of painting on Staten Island and create a book describing the reasons that motivate and inspire us as Artists who stay together, grow and continue to paint through the years, making a difference in our community and as a non profit.



## EXHIBITS 2017

Our Collaboration for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the Grounds of The Conference House Park with SIDAC Staten Island Dance and Arts Center was a great success. The project came together with Michele Helf, Maria Morales and the South Shore Artists and the children in Tottenville, and is an event that we will surely never forget nor would we have thought the paper quilts celebrating the Arts painted by the children would have adorned such an amazing space as the Hospital for Special Surgery. The children painted square paper tiles in an effort to create themselves as present and future ideas of who they are and wanted to be. It was a success since most painted themselves as dancers, artists, singers, musicians, writers and chefs. I would like to extend my thanks both for the participation and great involvement of this project and to the children, they are patient and extremely absorbed in the painting process of their own dreams and it is so very special, and to Susan Ippolito thank you for the creation and idea of the paper quilt project. For the past 50 years we have had our annual exhibit at the Conference House Park inviting hundreds of local artists and vendors from the tri state area to participate in one of the largest gatherings of artists on Staten Island, this year was no different. We have one artist who participates from Italy, Erasmo Serretti. The event attracts visitors from the neighboring town and NY and NJ, and Pennsylvania and Upstate. With the easy access to the internet, we are happy to be able to share our works in this event Internationally.



Sidanceandartscenter.com

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**50th Anniversary Art Show at Conference House Park**  
Sunday, June 4, 2017

Come celebrate the 50th year of one of Staten Island's longest running outdoor art exhibitions.

Free Admission  
11 am - 5 pm

For information contact  
SouthShoreArtists@gmail.com  
917 903 6456

Rain Date is the following Sunday.

This event is made possible in part by an Encore Grant from Staten Island Arts with public funding from the New York State Council on the Arts.




IT WAS AN AMAZING YEAR WITH SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES THAT CAME UP TO EXHIBIT ON THE ISLAND AND BEYOND. I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE ARTISTS THAT TOOK HOME PRIZES AND WITH GREAT MERIT AND ACHIEVEMENT. ALL OF THE EXHIBITS ARE A REMARKABLE FEATS AND IT IS INDEED AN HONOR TO BE INCLUDED IN SO MANY EVENTS. I AM MOST PROUD OF OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT ON THE CONFERENCE HOUSE GROUNDS AND OUR COLLABORATIONS WITH ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL VENUES ONE THE ISLAND.



IT WAS A WONDERFUL COLLABORATION WITH ELAINE MENDEZ FROM LABYRINTH IN TWO HISTORIC EVENTS. THE FIRST AT ETG BOOKS CELEBRATING WOMEN ARTISTS AND PRESENTING THE CAUSES AND EFFECT OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS, ITS EXISTENCE, HISTORY/HERSTORY AND PROGRESS. ELAINE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ORGANIZING BOTH THIS EVENT AND THE EVENT AT GOVERNORS ISLAND ALONGSIDE STEVEN WEISS. THE EVENT, FACES, INVITED THE PUBLIC TO PAINT THEIR SELF PORTRAIT IN A GALLERY ATMOSPHERE AND INVITED THE CHILDREN TO PAINT ON A LARGE CANVAS ON THE GROUNDS OF THE HOUSE. IT IS THE FIRST TIME TWO ART GROUPS COME TOGETHER TO REPRESENT OUR ISLAND ON ANOTHER ISLAND. IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS WITH HUNDREDS OF CURIOUS VISITORS WHO SAT DOWN TO SPEAK TO THE ARTISTS AND DRAW WITH US.



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# SWAN DAY

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georgia ghana  
hawaii israel  
india illinois  
jamaica kentucky  
kenya minnesota  
massachusetts  
maryland michigan nevada  
pennsylvania  
new york new mexico new hampshire  
new jersey north carolina oregon  
texas utah virginia west virginia  
vermont wisconsin washington

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# FACE TO FACE

Imagine Yourself

by Labyrinth Arts Collective

Steven Weiss  
Liz Maroffi  
Danielle Venucci  
Shandita Powar  
Robert Bunkin  
Alma Mingozzi  
Joanna Maria Morales Miarostami  
Serena Roman  
Matthew C. Hogan  
Laura Feathers  
Elaine Mendez

**August 25-27**

Governor's Island Open House GI Series  
from 11-5 pm, each day inside Bldg 7A Nolan Park

The program is made possible by: the Trust for Governor's Island, Friends of Governor's Island and the National Park Service

**August 25, Special Opening Reception 2-5p**



RICHMONDTOWN EXHIBIT 2017  
 FEATURING ANTONIO DE SANTIS



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Exhibition at the **Richmondtown Fair**  
 441 Clarke Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10306  
 Presenting:  
**ANTONIO DE SANTIS**

**The Golden Age**  
 Saturday September 2 – 4, 2017  
 11 AM to 5 PM  
 Richmondtown Courthouse  
 2nd Floor

441 Clarke Avenue, Staten Island, NY  
 Dialogue with Palma Mingozi and Rose Stella Proscia  
 Presentation Antonio De Santis  
 on Saturday at 12:00 to 1 PM

A beautiful setting in the Richmondtown Courthouse, one of the most authentic and original places on Staten Island celebrating American life and history.

Meet and Greet our exhibiting artists:

Helen Bilotti	Susan Ippolito	Rikki Botte	Rita Moog	Palma Mingozi
Rose Proscia	Stephanie Olsen	Joanna Maria Morales Miarrostami	June Palo	Kay Lamanna
		Jeannine Restucci	Frank Vaccaro	
		Danielle Vannucci		



Art is the light that shines through the window of my life. Antonio De Santis

story in mythology of Icarus and Daedalus and the creation of the Labyrinth. Over and again though in a futuristic time Icarus never learns from his mistakes and having been given wings to fly does indeed once again burn his waxened feathers in the sun, hence falling into the ocean and drowning. We can all imagine the surprise of having before us paintings of the very same representation though in Antonio's futuristic setting. We find throughout his work, surprise, sarcasm, irony and many people showing the way, his insight and leading road to the future, telling us all – this is the way. Indeed Antonio explains to us the setting for a visionscape and plans for a new world. A place where Artists go to and create, his creations are giant Metro domes of peaceful cities where all roads for the artist lead. His engineering and architecture skills are exquisitely formed in a balance and harmony rarely seen in any artist. He is a visionary and unique in his artform, work, composition, creation, characters, gestures and expressions, leaving the viewer in both awe and questioning tone. Each line, form, shape and color is well thought out and formed before the pencil touches the paper. We can imagine living in the cities you are building and truly enjoying the conversations. Many congratulations on your success Maestro!

It was my pleasure to present Antonio De Santis' and his remarkable work, alongside the South Shore Artists at the Richmondtown Fair 2017. His collection is expansive and an example of a huge imagination and vision. In his presentation he captures the enthusiasm of dreamlike states as he recites the

CTV Community Channel 34

It has been an entertaining and joyous year on television for many artists on Staten Island. Harry Oppenheimer graced the studio and played the Mountain Dulcimer. One can only imagine the enchantment of being taken to another world one of country, rocking chairs, pipes and true folk tales. Harry is a skilled musician having dedicated his life to the instrument, its history and the teaching of such. Harry can often be heard at ETG Books, The Conference House Park and Richmond Town, he travels throughout the country along with many seasoned mountain dulcimer musicians.

Deborah Woodbridge, Coordinator of the Conference House Park joined us as we discussed her artwork based on science, alchemy and experimentation. She is interested in the inside works of matter and how she can experiment with paint and its causes and effects. Her works are a formidable shape of color and content, representing the inner workings of objects and nature. She most especially enjoys working with Gold on texture and her latest works on the phases of the moon are a remarkable show of skill, mystique and mystery. She is an accomplished artist and organizer of most events created at the Conference House included the Art Expo 2017 which was a huge success.

Christian Penn/Projectivity and David Nudelman/Stereotype Co. were interviewed about their companies and current projects for the community. An interesting, unique and diverse array of talent, both Christian and David introduced their new rap songs. Congratulations on your continued success.

Stereotypeco.com



Left to Right: Rosemarie Furno, Palma Mingozi, Deborah Woodbridge, June Palo



Harry Oppenheimer Rosemarie Furno, Palma Mingozi



Christian Penn: Projectivity

 A promotional graphic featuring a close-up of a man's face (Dave Noodlez) wearing a black hat. Below the image is text providing broadcast information for an interview on CTV Channel 34 in April.
 

CATCH DAVE NOODLEZ INTERVIEW  
ON CHANNEL 34 CTV THIS APRIL  
Tuesday 3 am & 3 pm  
Wednesday 10:30 am & 10:30 pm  
Thursday 5:30 am & 5:30 pm  
Friday 6:30 am & 6:30 pm  
Saturday 10:30 am & 10:30 pm  
Sunday 11:30 am





Knighted Cav. Giuseppe Taormina and Vincenza Taormina, graced the studio and honoring us with his powerful presence and voice. The famous Tenor began singing since he was a young boy in Italy and his dream was to sing at the Metropolitan, he won a scholarship and has made his home in the US ever since. He has traveled worldwide and has entertained in some of the most magnificent stages and important dignitaries. His skill in Opera is unrivaled and Mr. Taormina continues to sing and move us all to tears with his noble and powerful voice and mannerism. He is a person of character and heart and the American Dream lives on, most especially his pupil and daughter Daniela. Congratulations to you Maestro and Family!



The Artwork of Ruben Ruiz  
 "When I'm in front of a canvas, I create my own perfect world the way I want to see it: Dominated by beauty, love and good memories". Ruben's work is truly an exception to the rule. His creativity has no bounds and he creates the most magical, realistic painting I've ever seen. Whether it is a rose or one thousand sunflowers, we can be blown away by the beauty of his creation. We can be sure to see a ferry boat in day or night and believe it to be so real that our eyes seem to betray us. Ruben is a natural talent, skilled, fun and resourceful. The art of Ruben Ruiz delightful.

<http://Rubenarts.com>

Joanna Maria Morales Miarrostami is a South Shore Artist. She has been painting since childhood and remembers growing up sketching horses. With her deep love of nature and art in general, she is capable of painting all subjects, in every medium, including landscapes, abstract, still life, figurative and on any surface. She has a superb skill and is self taught.



The South Shore Artists Group Maureen Powers, Susan Ippolito, Palma Mingozzi, June Palo, Annette Marten and Rikki Botte presented their artworks and Joel Bibula is filming the Colony. We discussed our longstanding love affair with the arts, the beliefs of staying power in the arts, why create and the introduction to our Annual Conference House Show.

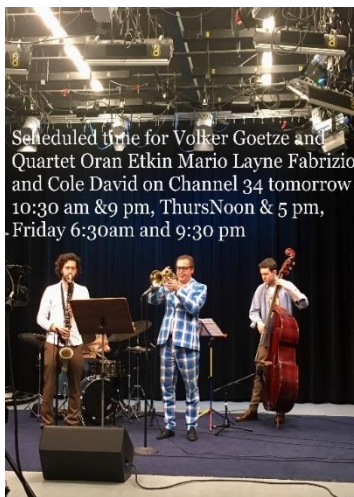
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This year took us on an amazing journey as June and I presented Volker Goetze, and a multitude of gifted composers and musicians Oran Etkin, creator of Timbaloo Music, Mario Layne Fabrizio, and Cole Davis. No words can describe this unique panel of musicians, as they performed one the most beautiful and rare sketches on the island. Some of the most beautiful things in life are felt, and this episode was certainly a privilege, it is one that we will all surely never forget.



Tryouts began with Francesca Mingozzi, June Palo and Olivia Malloy for a new episode of Teen Talk.

Artists With a Message Palma Mingozzi Host June Palo Co Host

### WELCOME New Members:

**Rose Proscia**

**Denise Canlon**

**Diana Malagrecó**

**Al Nelson**

Poetry Presentations: June Palo, Funky Elephant, Esca's, PepperJack Grill

Poetry Presentations: Palma Mingozzi, Esca's, Huguenot Library, Cornelia Café, Nothing New Thrift Shop, Greenbelt with Jessica Katz, Marianna Randazzo and LJ Amodeo

Activities: Course with Cathy Fieramosca Conference House Park, Class at Toastmasters, course with Ellen Lytle at New New Dorp Library writing course

with Ellen Lytle

Interview with Brainard Carey Yale Radio, Radio Canada, Radio Italia

**Happy New Year 2018**