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LIAA & AARP Long Island to Co-Host First Art@50+ Exhibit at Bloomingdale's Furniture Gallery

*Ten Local Artists selected for November exhibition in celebration of
National Family Caregivers Month*

LONG ISLAND, N.Y.—Long Island Arts Alliance (LIAA) has teamed with AARP Long Island and Bloomingdale's Furniture Gallery in Roosevelt Field Mall to host the first-ever [Art@50+ art exhibit](#). Ten Long Island artists 50 and older have been selected as finalists including Phyllis Coniglio of Massapequa, Joseph Cooke of East Setauket, Ernani Da Silva of Massapequa, Dan Fusco of Patchogue, Trudy Kopp of Lynbrook, Rose Lauria of Wantagh, Linda Louis of Dix Hills, Dinah Maxwell-Smith of Southampton, Martha Mcaleer of Hampton Bays and Michael Pizzurro of West Babylon. The Free Artists Reception is November 15 at 5:30 PM at Bloomingdale's Furniture Gallery at Roosevelt Field Mall.



The exhibit, which will open at Bloomingdale's on November 15, will celebrate National Family Caregivers Month in November in recognition of the contribution family caregivers make to their loved ones and their communities.

Top Left: *Knight in Shining Armor* by Phyllis Coniglio
Center: *Forest of Dreams* by Joseph Cooke
Top Right: *Comfort* by Trudy Kopp
Lower Right: *Pucci* by Martha Mcaleer

“Like art, caring for a loved one is a deeply personal experience,” said Bernard Macias, AARP Associate State Director for Long Island. “We hope this exhibit serves an opportunity for 50-plus Long Islanders to express those emotions on paper or canvas. We’re excited to see the results.”

“Our partnership with Bloomingdale’s allows us to offer free gallery space to Long Island artists through exciting exhibits such as Art@50+. When AARP Long Island suggested this celebration of caregiving, we knew this exhibit would touch a cord in all our hearts,” said LIAA Executive Director, Theresa Statz-Smith.

All entrants, guests and families are invited to a free artists reception on November 15 at 5:30 p.m. to celebrate the opening of the exhibit, which will take place at Bloomingdale’s Furniture Gallery in the Roosevelt Field Mall at 630 Old Country Road in Garden City. The public exhibit will run November 15 to December 31.

This exhibit is presented by LIAA in partnership with AARP Long Island, Bloomingdale’s, Southwest Airlines and Martha Clara Vineyard.



Long Island Arts Alliance (LIAA) is a collaborative platform of the region’s not-for-profit arts, cultural and arts education organizations, promoting awareness of and participation in Long Island’s world-class arts and cultural institutions. Formed in 2003, LIAA offers diverse support services to arts organizations, serves as an advocate for arts education in our schools and collaborates on strategies for economic development and community revitalization.

AARP is the nation’s largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With nearly 38 million members and offices in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, AARP works to strengthen communities and advocate for what matters most to families with a focus on health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also works for individuals in the marketplace by sparking new solutions and allowing carefully chosen, high-quality products and services to carry the AARP name. As a trusted source for news and information, AARP produces the nation’s largest circulation publications, AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org or follow @AARP and @AARPadvocates on social media.

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