

# Dimensions of living



Short Beach Driftwood, by Nesconset artist Catherine Rezin, is one of the pieces on view in the Smithtown Township Arts Council's new exhibit, *The Long Island Landscape—from Awe to Action*.

## Hoping exhibit reaction leads to action

With the effects of climate change constantly in motion, the Smithtown Township Arts Council (STAC) is hoping its latest exhibit, *“The Long Island Landscape—from Awe to Action,”* will not only raise awareness but encourage visitors to the exhibit to take action on climate change within their own lives.

On view at STAC’s Mills Pond Gallery, from Awe to Action opens this Saturday, January 29, and is on view through February 26. An opening reception is set this Saturday, January 29, from noon to 4 p.m. to meet exhibiting artists and view their work.

The exhibit, featuring 60 works by 51 artists, provides a “visual journey across Long Island’s unique landscape, hoping the art exhibit helps audiences build an emotional connection to their natural world on Long Island, inspiring them to care for and look after their environment.”

“This exhibit is simply about trying to reach people about climate change in a different way and hoping that the beauty of our Long Island landscape will make a strong enough connection with the viewer to have them become more familiar with the subject as it relates to their lives right here on Long Island,” said STAC Executive Director Allison Cruz.

To compliment the exhibit, local environmental agencies have informational brochures available for visitors to take. “The difference between this and another landscape exhibit is that I hope the viewers will take some information about the many organizations right here on Long Island which are working to fight climate change, or at least learn more about how we as everyday people can do simple things to help fight it,” said Ms. Cruz.

Local artists exhibiting their work include: Anita Simmons (Commack), Carol Ceraso (Hauppauge), Catherine Rezin (Nesconset), Donna Gabusi (Smithtown), Dorothy Fortuna (Smithtown), E. Craig Marcini (Commack), Gisela Skoglund (Kings Park), John

Hunt (St. James), John Taylor (Commack), Joyce Bressler (Commack), Lucia Alberti (Smithtown), Lynn Staiano (Smithtown), Madeline Stare (Smithtown), Mary Ann Vetter (St. James), Regina Halliday (Nesconset), Theodora Zavala (St. James), and Tracy Tekverk (Kings Park).

The Mills Pond Gallery is located at 660 Route 25A in St. James. Admission to the gallery is free and all

parking is in the rear lot off Mills Pond Road. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. For additional information, visit [millspondgallery.org](http://millspondgallery.org) or call 631-862-6575. All gallery visitors are asked to wear a mask, present their vaccination cards upon entry and practice social distancing.

-Kimberly Brown

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St. James, NY