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The Dog & Pony Show Opened at the Barn at Downing Yudain



From top left:
Painting by Heidi Howard, Max with Pheasant, oil on wood panel constructed from 19th century boards. A dry brush watercolor of Cork, a Glen of Imaal terrier, a commissioned work by Ralfael McKenzie Soares. A work by J William Middendorf II, former Greenwich resident and former Secretary of the Navy, Out for a Walk, 2017, mixed media.

From center left:
"Pinky," a trompe l'oeil painting by artist Becky Ford.

Artist Julie Betts Testwuide of Bedford with her son KC Testwuide in front of one of her works, Blonde Back, a monumental glicee print. Ted Pardoe, rector of St Barnabas Church, and his wife Helen pictured with Norma Bartol of Greenwich and artist Frances Middendorf, formerly of Greenwich. Gallery owner Lily de Jongh Downing with Isabelle and Peter Malkin of Greenwich.

The Dog and Pony Show, an exhibit of paintings, sculpture and works on paper of dogs and horses opened last Friday, May 5th, at the Barn @ Downing Yudain in Long Ridge Village in North Stamford.

Guests from Greenwich, Stamford and Bedford enjoyed viewing the art

and gathering for a festive evening.

The exhibit, curated by Lily de Jongh Downing, features works from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. According to Ms. Downing, "from a fresh bold take on traditional fox hunting riders and hounds by spirited early 20th century American painter Gifford Beal, to a monumental, wall

sized close up photograph of a horse by Bedford's Julie Betts Testwuide, this show delivers something for everyone who loves our canine friends and equestrian life. Our barn gallery is the perfect venue to view images of sporting and country life."

Former Greenwich resident J. William Middendorf II, a former

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Secretary of the Navy and Ambassador to the Netherlands, and a beloved artist whose work provides a light hearted commentary on his world, has eight drawings in the show depicting dogs and people, including “The Worlds Longest Dog” in a circus setting. Frances Middendorf, a Greenwich Country Day alumna, William’s daughter and a noted Rome, Italy based artist, has a pencil drawing in the show called “Selfie” of a man and his dog on a bicycle shooting a photo of themselves. Greenwich resident, the painter Malcolm Moran, has three moody equestrian pictures including a large oil of a rider and horse. Greenwich artist Rebecca Ford, a realist painter, is showing a work of two horses entwined with a ikebana arrangement, and a trompe l’oeil work depicting a painting of a Chihuahua taped to a board.

Also featured in the show are works by American masters, 20th century painters and photographers, recent drawings and important animalier sculpture. Among the recent works are detailed dry brush watercolors of Rafael Soares, and

whimsical assembled sculptures of a dog and a horse by Geoffrey Gorman. Classic 19th century dog portraits in the show include a hound by renowned 19th century sporting artist Arthur Fitzwilliam Tait, and lovers of show jumpers and hunters will enjoy the work of MP Stone including a bold black and white capture of a jumper aloft.

Two lively contemporary folk art portraits of Labrador Retrievers, painted on 19th century boards, by Connecticut artist Heidi Howard are favorites, capturing the breed in repose, and are must sees for anyone who has a family pet of the breed. The well known environmentalist photographer J Henry Fair contributed a touching image from his native South Carolina of horses approaching the viewer for a pat.

Other artists in the show include Steve Cope, Howard Hill, Joseph Hirsch, W. R. Leigh, Edward McCartan, A. L. Ripley, George Shepard, Abbot Anderson Thayer, and Frank Algernon Stewart and William Zorach



Above: Heidi and Peter Howard, Mel Morley (back).

.The Dog and Pony Show runs at the Barn @ Downing Yudain Gallery through June 16th by appointment. Open hours for the show this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 13th and 14th, 3pm - 6pm. Additional open hours are published on the gallery website art357.com, or by appointment by emailing info@art357.com or calling 203 930 1770.

