

Wilderstein to open outdoor sculpture exhibition

Wilderstein Historic Site in Rhinebeck will celebrate the opening of its fourth Outdoor Sculpture Biennial this Saturday. The exhibition includes 18 sculptures and installations by a diverse group of Hudson Valley and regional artists. The sculptures will grace Wilderstein's Calvert Vaux-designed grounds overlooking the Hudson River.

The show will be open daily, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., from June 3 to Oct. 31. The Opening Party is set Saturday, June 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets for the party are \$25 per person. Reservations are requested; to RSVP, call (845) 876-4818.

Noted artist and curator Franc Palaia has selected a variety of sculptures that encompass a wide range of traditional and unorthodox styles and mediums. Several of the pieces incorporate traditional materials

such as, wood, stone, marble, metal and gold leaf. Other experimental works utilize and are fabricated from found industrial detritus, recycled signage, coal and even a patch of growing mushrooms.

Artists include Michael Asbill, Jodi Carlson, Dave Channon, Joe Chirchirillo, Michael Ciccone, Mimi Czajka Graminski, Carl Grieco, Tom Holmes, Jeff Johnson, Bernard Klevickas, Alex Kveton, Norm Magnusson, David Nyzio, Shelley Parriott, Peter Schlemowitz, Herman Roggeson Suprina and Naomi Teppich.

Those who come to see the sculptures are encouraged to tour the Queen Anne mansion, one of the Hudson Valley's most important examples of Victorian architecture. Docent-led tours of the house museum run Thursday-Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. (last tour begins at 3:30 p.m.)



Wilderstein's fourth Outdoor Sculpture Biennial Exhibition includes a variety of works in a wide range of mediums, including (top) "Zebra Cactus" by Naomi Teppich and (left) "Ringer" by Joe Chirchirillo. Photos courtesy of Wilderstein Historic Site



through Oct. 29. Admission is \$11 for adults, \$10 for students/seniors, with children under 12 free.

Palaia is an award-winning and active exhibiting artist, muralist and independent curator. His resume includes more than 350 exhibitions and more than two dozen curated exhibitions that have been presented at the Newark Museum in New Jersey, Alternative Museum in New York City, Collaborative Concepts in Beacon,

Poughkeepsie Art Museum, the American Academy in Rome and Arte Contemporanea in Torino, Italy. Reviews of his work have been featured in the New York Times and on PBS-TV.

Palaia will give free Curator's Tours of the sculpture show at 1 p.m. on three Sundays: Aug. 6, Sept. 10 and Oct. 8.

Wilderstein is at 330 Morton Road in Rhinebeck. Visit www.wilderstein.org or call (845) 876-4818 for more information.