

PICKS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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A Sculpture work on Wesley Lake, Asbury Park

Long Branch and Asbury Park collide this Saturday, May 8. It's the second edition of Second Saturday in the Friendly City (details to follow). It's also the kick-off of the Shore Institute of Contemporary Art's (SICA) Sculpture. The annual outdoor urban sculpture park has been an exclusive Long Branch event. This year, it comes to Asbury Park, too. You may have already seen some of the art around town (see above, which you can also see in person along Wesley Lake in Asbury).

Here's the 411 on that, followed by the Second Saturday info.

This year SICA has joined forces with Asbury's ArtsCap to expand their highly successful Urban Sculpture Park beyond the borders of Long Branch. The 5 month-long sculpture display (from today, Saturday May 8 through October 14) will also take place in city of Asbury Park.

Representatives from SICA and ArtsCAP evaluated and selected the artists and the locations of the submitted works. Those artists selected to participate this year are Lois Bajor, John Belardo, Clifford Blanchard, Katherine Clear, Marah Fellicce, Harry Hukkenin, Deborah Jean-Weinstein, Kevin Karwan, Alexandra Martin, Bob Mataranglo, Emilio Rossi, Chela St. Onge, Jeffrey Seeds, Joe Sicignano, Quinn Stone, Michael Taylor, and Eric Von Arx.

Sculpture sites include locations on downtown Broadway and at Pier Village in Long Branch; guide booklets to the 2010 display in both cities are available in SICA's gallery at 20 Third Avenue, Long Branch and the Transportation Center on Main

Street in Asbury Park.

SICA's HQ will also be the setting for High Relief: SICA's 4th Annual High School Sculpture Competition. The gallery will be exhibiting the finalist sculptors in each grade from New Jersey high schools, and the winners will be formally announced in a reception that runs from 10:00 a.m. to noon. At 3 and 4 p.m., on the Asbury boardwalk, La Placa Pottery Works and then Hot Glass Studio will be holding Sculpture related events. Finally, come by and meet the artists at a special party for all SCULPTURE participants at Trinity & The Pope, 649 Mattison Avenue, downtown Asbury from 5 - 7 p.m.

// Saturday, May 8 //

**Second Saturday in Long Branch;
Sculpture in Long Branch
& Asbury Park**

We'll be bringing you more about the work of Sculpture in a future issue. Meanwhile, here's what the folks behind Second Saturday in Long Branch want you to know:

Going on at locations all over town - and practically around the clock - the slate of happenings for Saturday, May 8 presents the first official follow-up to Imagine Long Branch, A Masquerade Ball, the sensationally successful inaugural bash hosted at Architectural Accents on April 10. This Saturday's schedule harnesses that energy and takes it out of doors, into the light - and even into the night.

When the sun rises on Saturday, the Long Branch Environmental Commission welcomes some of the city's favorite part-time residents for International Migratory Bird Day - with a public-invited Lake Takanassee Cleanup that's sponsored by the City of Long Branch, with special thanks to the Department of Public Works. Volunteers are invited to show up "rain or shine" to the corner of North Lake Drive and Greens Avenue in Elberon, making sure to bring gloves, hard soled shoes and pants (cleanup supplies will be provided by the city) in a coordinated effort to beautify the lakefront area and learn simple actions that can be taken to cut down on litter in our local waterways. Registration runs from 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., with cleanup commencing at 9:15 and continuing until noon. There'll be a live drum circle, free yoga session and art on display as well, and you can register in advance to lbgreenteam@yahoo.com.

By the bright rays of Saturday afternoon, the event known as

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