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## Art in Store To Enliven Main Streets in the Town of Bedford

*Three Katonah storefronts to launch on May 22<sup>nd</sup> in conjunction with the Katonah Art Stroll*

**May 6, 2021: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE--** Art in Store (AIS), a project to showcase art in vacant storefronts and enliven the main streets in the three hamlets of Bedford, will launch in Katonah on May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4-8pm when, in conjunction with a revival of the Katonah Art Stroll, three empty storefronts in the Katonah Commons (192-202 Katonah Avenue) will be filled with bold and colorful quilts by seasoned Westchester artists.

The AIS launch will feature quilts by [Donna Chambers](#), (192 and 202 Katonah Ave.) a Westchester-based and nationally renowned artist who teaches quilting at Antioch Baptist Church. Another storefront will feature the quilts of Brazilian artist Arlete Chaves (194 Katonah Ave.), an Ossining-based quilter whose handmade bags have been a favorite at the Community Center of Northern Westchester's Shop. One of the storefronts (202 Katonah Ave.) will also exhibit quilts crafted by incarcerated women from the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. All the storefront artworks will be on display from May through July 2021.

The Art In Store project is under the auspices of the [Katonah-Bedford Hills-Bedford Village Arts League](#) (KBBAL). "Art In Store has been an amazing collaboration with landlords, artists, community members and town organizations," noted Mindy Yanish, founder of KBBAL. "This project not only will attract visitors and shoppers to our main streets and beautify our physical spaces, but also will cultivate equity and inclusion by showcasing art that reflects our shared humanity and unites the community."

The May 22<sup>nd</sup> celebratory kickoff for the storefront art project will take place in conjunction with a revival of the popular Katonah Art Stroll. Visitors can start the Art Stroll at the Katonah Museum of Art (4-5pm) to experience the exhibitions currently on view: *Still/Live*, *The Rothko Room* and *Beatrice Scaccia: My Hope Chest*. Admission is free to Art Stroll participants (when [reserving advance-timed tickets](#), select the Art Stroll option). The Art Stroll festivities on Katonah Avenue (5-8pm) will feature live music performed by [the Gwen Laster Trio](#), an improvising string trio that offers 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century works and original compositions as a vehicle for social activism. The Art Stroll will also include late-night hours for Katonah galleries and retail shops, and special giveaways, including frozen desserts from an ice cream truck sponsored by The Mark Boyland Team, a Bedford-based realtor. A specially designed Art Stroll map will guide attendees to the participating stores, restaurants, and galleries. Current Covid protocols will be required for visitors, including mandatory masks.

Town of Bedford Deputy Supervisor Ellen Calves, a member of the Art In Store planning committee, noted that "after a year of pandemic isolation and economic strain, resulting in many vacant stores, Art In Store will promote economic vitality starting in Katonah, and then expanding to more storefronts in

the hamlet, as well as in Bedford Hills and Bedford Village. We're grateful to Urstadt Biddle Properties for helping Art In Store launch with three prominent Katonah storefronts and for collaborating on this exciting venture."

Art In Store is sponsored by the Katonah Village Improvement Society, the KBBAL Board, Giner Realty, Houlihan-Lawrence Katonah, The Mark Boyland Team, and Renwick Real Estate, with support from the Katonah Museum of Art and Urstadt Biddle Properties.

**EVENT NAME:** KATONAH ART STROLL CELEBRATING THE LAUNCH OF ART IN STORE

**COST:** FREE

**DATE:** SATURDAY, MAY 22

**TIME:** 4-8PM

**LOCATION:** KATONAH MUSEUM OF ART (4-5PM) and ART IN STORE at 192-202 Katonah Avenue (5-8pm)

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PHOTO ATTACHED: "New York City Fashionistas" by Donna Chambers, one of the quilts featured for Art In Store.



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