



## CONVERSATIONS IN THE ARTS

### "Galleries"

*A talk about some of the unique  
galleries of Long Island*

March 10, 2022, 7:00 – 8:30pm

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### PANELISTS

**KRYSTIN BANKO, Curator, Spotlight at the Paramount**

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**KATHERYN LAIBLE, Managing Partner, The Firefly Artists**

Katheryn Laible is a writer and photographer with extensive experience in organizational development. She has been a Managing Partner of The Firefly Artists of Northport since 2019, an eclectic, community oriented gallery founded in 2011 and member artist since 2017. Katheryn is founder of the online Synchronicity Network Newsletter, serving and celebrating folks who care for Art, Science and the Common Good.

Katheryn spent five years as Acting Director of Leadership Huntington, and nearly ten years as Assistant Director of Vision Long Island. She has served as a consultant, program coordinator, and writer for many other organizations including the Nassau County Museum of Art, Nathan Hale VFW Post 1469 and The Corridor: Long Island's Journal for Strategic Alliances.

Katheryn participated in a Rotary Group Study Exchange throughout Minas Gerais, Brazil, resulting in tremendous perspective on her own community leadership experience. She is also a longtime supporter of the effort to transform the Coltrane Home into a museum and education center.



**KAREN LEVITOV, Director/Curator Paul W. Zuccaire Gallery  
Staller Center**

Karen Levitov is Director and Curator of the Paul W. Zuccaire Gallery. In her seven years as Director, she has presented annual graduate and undergraduate student shows, faculty exhibitions, and professional solo and group exhibitions of contemporary art, including prominent artists such as Faith Ringgold and the feminist collective the Guerrilla Girls. She oversees diverse educational programming, including Artist Talks, Salons, Art2Go and the campus-wide Art Crawl, and teaches a Gallery Management Workshop class.

Prior to her Stony Brook appointment, she was a curator and senior administrator at The Jewish Museum, New York, where she organized numerous exhibitions, including a solo exhibition of contemporary artist Kehinde Wiley's monumental portraits. Levitov's books published in conjunction with her exhibitions include *New York: Capital of Photography*, *Camille Pissarro: Impressions of City and Country*, and *Collecting Matisse and Modern Masters: The Cone Sisters of Baltimore*.

**MODERATOR**



**JESSICA VALENTIN, RATGRRL, Curator & Owner Muñeca Arthouse**

Jessica Valentin, Ratgrrl is a visual artist and fixture in the Long Island arts community for years. Her passion and focus has been on diversity in the arts as well as art styles. She brings that focus to her venture as curator and owner of Muñeca Arthouse as well board member at Patchogue Arts Council. She also runs an annual event called Ratgrrl Vendor Circus to give artists and artisans a chance to sell work.

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