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Bob Mosci and Sarah Yuster of West Brighton talk with Edward and Janice Ellison during last year's Staten Island Museum Fence Show at Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden.

BUMPER CROP OF POP-UP ART

Venerable and vibrant Staten Island Museum Fence Show decorates Snug Harbor



Art proliferates on the eponymous fence during the Staten Island Museum's annual show. This year's edition is set for Saturday, Sept. 13. (STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE PHOTOS/BILL LYONS)



Elizabeth Welch of Brooklyn talks with artist Elizabeth Sollazzo about her work.

LIVINGSTON — Decades before there was any such thing, the Staten Island Museum was presenting a pop gallery — its annual one-day Fence Show at the Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden.

At age 64 this year, the exhibition preserves some time-honored traditions: All the art is original. The artists are present, so prospective buyers/collectors are able to meet them (and perhaps dicker over the price).

The 2014 show will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13. There are still a few spaces available for exhibitors (8 years and older). Fees range from \$35 to \$75.



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Jody Stoll of St. George and Diane Arneith of West Brighton look at jewelry by Irma Bohorques-Geisler.



Sisters Paulette Gasparino of Long Island and Catherine Gasparino of West Brighton look at New World Delftware by Kristi Pfister and Steve Nutt. (STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE/BILL LYONS)

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The show is more than just a fresh-air art sale, according to exhibitions director Diane Matyas: "You really do see all sorts of things at this show... from your neighbors pulling old pieces out of their basements that they've never had the gumption to show, to renowned artists who just aren't into the formal gallery scene."

The audience is interesting, too, Matyas added: "It's just a huge cross-section of people."

Again this year, Musical Chairs Chamber Ensemble will perform a marathon classical/new music/popular concert for much of the day. From fall to spring, MCCE, a resident group, presents its subscription series in the museum auditorium.

Consult StatenIsland-Museum.org for details or to get an application. Audience admission and parking are free. Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden is located at 1000 Richmond Terr., Livingston. For off-Islanders: It's only a five-minute bus ride (S40/S44) from the St. George Ferry Terminal.

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