ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Best art gallery
ART LAB
1000 Richmond Terr, Livingston
718-467-8657
ArtLabStl.com

The "Best Art Gallery" winner is: Art Lab, with 661 votes.
This nearly 40-year-old art school on the grounds of Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden is easily accessible to the North Shore artistic communities and holds regular shows and events.
Every summer, the not-for-profit facility sends art students of all ages into studio classrooms for best-to-advanced training in drawing, painting, photography and other disciplines.
First runner-up: Art @ Bay Gallery — 339 Bay St, St. George, skctrive.org — with 386 votes.

Best artist, visual
SCOTT LOBAID
Your "Best Visual Artist" winner is: Scott Lobaio, with 798 votes.
Perhaps the most recognizable art seen around town is that of Lobaio, also known as "America's Artist" for his patriotic murals.
Lobaio's years-long trademark flags often appear outdoors on the island, across the state and around the country.
Lobaio, though sometimes a controversial character on the island, has also ventured away from his flat renditions of Old Glory. Three-dimensional and abstract portrayals of the flag recently appeared in a SoHo gallery, during the opening of which, he live-painted an American flag.
First runner-up: Mary "Mal" Lombardo with 669 votes.
Second runner-up: Robert Padovano with 435 votes.

Best band
JOAN CADDELL & THE MIDNIGHT CHOIR
The "Best Original Band" winner is: Joan Caddell & the Midnight Choir with 526 votes.
Lawyer-by-day, folk-rocker-by-night, Caddell (aka the hardest working woman in S.I., showbiz) earned this win with her busy band.
Caddell and her Midnight Choir form an exciting nine-piece homegrown band by Caddell on vocals and acoustic guitar. She is accompanied by dynamic musicians Scott Caddell on bass and vocals, Sal Azzenelli on guitar, David Stolar on keyboards, Nicole Azzenelli on background vocals/percussion and Robert Boccignone on drums.
With an emphasis on powerful vocals and harmonies, the band interprets Caddell's original tunes with a unique blend of pop, Americana and rock with a bunch of country thrown in for good measure.
For more information, check out: ReviewsNation.com/saocaddellthomidnightchoir
First runner-up: The Headbrocks, with 604 votes.
Second runner-up: Paywolff with 473 votes.

Best band, covers
SCREAMING BROCCOLI
Your "Best Cover Band" winner is: Screaming Broccoli with 896 votes.
Note: This enduring S.I. band has seen quite a few lineup changes over the past decade. The gallery above includes photos from several incarnations of frontman Michael Loughlin's band.
More info: Screamingbroccoli.com
First runner-up: The Flesh Junkies with 784 votes.
Second runner-up: Man Down with 393 votes.

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The best gallery here, according to readers, is the Art Lab in Livingston.

Snug Harbor

The "Best place to bring out-of-towners" is Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden, with 1,719 votes.

What started as a formal resting place for decedent sailors has been revived and restored into Staten Island's most beautiful and bountiful offering of art, culture and entertainment.

Snug Harbor is a popular venue for events such as the New York Choral Society to rehearse, and hosts a wide variety of cultural events, from concerts to lectures.

Best patio

KILMER'S OLD BAVARIAN INN

2454 Arthur Kill Rd, Staten Island 718-351-3202

Kilmer's patio is the place to be for serious beer drinkers who need a place to relax.

First runner-up: Marina Cave - 154 Mansion Ave, Great Kills 718-673-3071; MarinaCafe.com with 882 votes.

Second runner-up: South Fin Bar - 330 Father Rodgers Ave, South Beach 718-447-7679; SouthFin GRill.com with 573 votes.

Best place to bring out-of-towners

SNUG HARBOR CULTURAL CENTER & BOTANICAL GARDEN

1000 Richmond Terr, Livingston 718-761-8808

The "Best signature drink" is Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden, with 1,719 votes.

This classic tropical getaway has been around for more than 40 years and it is one of the few places east of the Mississippi where you can kick back with a cocktail on your head straight from a pineapple.

The patio bar was famously toured by ultra-frothy Anthony Bourdain, who visited with New York Doll frontman David Johansen. Alongside its famous pup pu pu platter and other polish specialties, Snug Harbor serves up a mean zombie, sweet "coconut kiss" and the ominous-sounding "Scorpion," among others.

First runner-up: Bayou - 2072 Bay St, Staten Island 718-727-4831 with 1,203 votes.

Second runner-up: Above Rooftop - 1100 South Ave, Staten Island 718-477-2488 ext 9 with 479 votes.