
Meet Featured Artist Anne Banfield at Clay Hill Farm's #VerandArt Reception on September 5th

To honor Ogunquit's long-standing history as an artists' colony and showcase the local artists in the community today, Clay Hill Farm- together with TaleSpinStudio in Ogunquit, launched the #VerandArt Project in the spring of 2018. The unique outreach program features a new local artist's collection in the Veranda Room at Clay Hill Farm every 6-8 weeks for the public to view and enjoy. The next featured artist is local photographer Anne Banfield, with a public artist meet and greet Reception scheduled for Thursday, September 5th from 5-7pm at Clay Hill Farm.

After a change in careers and a return to the East coast, native New Englander Anne Banfield rediscovered her passion for photography through her life-long love of Maine. What began as an interest in her 20's, soon became a professional hobby, shooting family portraits and weddings after many years of courses and workshops. As the industry shifted to digital, Banfield put the camera down for a bit and began a new life on the West coast. Now back in Maine, her passion reignited, Banfield finds herself at home again- in more ways than one. "I photograph what I love," says Banfield. "The ocean, boats, buoys...anything coastal. The ocean, weather and surroundings are changing constantly, so the background is never the same. I thrive on the beauty in my own backyard."

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be provided at Banfield's art opening on September 5that Clay Hill Farm and all are welcome. Banfield's "Coastal Life" collection will be displayed in the Veranda Room at Clay Hill Farm through October 23rd.

The #VerandArt Project is an artistic collaboration between Clay Hill Farm and TaleSpinStudio in Ogunquit, bringing the love of art and food into experiential harmony. More information on the artist and the mission for the #VerandArt Project is available on Clay Hill Farm's website: www.clayhillfarm.com

Local artist Amy Kelly of TaleSpinStudio in Ogunquit is the curator and co-founder of the project. Local artists interested in being a part of the #VerandArt Project may contact Amy Kelly at Amy@talespinstudio.com. Clay Hill Farm is an experiential dining and event venue on 11 private acres in Cape Neddick, Maine- just 2 miles from the downtown Ogunquit. A certified environmental sanctuary committed to local outreach; Clay Hill Farm is proud to celebrate the natural beauty of Maine by supporting the arts in our community. (207) 361-2272. www.ClayHillFarm.com

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