

CALENDAR VISUAL ARTS

[ARHOUSTON] Welcome to G-Mart

Political cartoonist and painter Bonnie Young draws life-size, minimalist cartoons of stereotypical Wal-Mart shoppers in black and white. The desired social statement? That's a gray area. **July 5-21.** Opening reception July 5, 6PM. *G Gallery, 301 E. 41th St., 713.869.4770, www.ggalleryhouston.com*

American Watercolor Society Traveling Show

The top watercolor painters in the country bring their work to Houston. Look for local artists H.C. Dodd, Kieko Yasuoka and David Maxwell. **July 7-Aug. 24.** Opening reception July 11, 6PM. *The Watercolor Art Society-Houston, 1601 W. Alabama St., 713.942.9966, www.watercolorhouston.org*

Bering & James' 100th Opening

After eight years on the Houston art scene, this local fave makes its centennial show a family affair—mixed media "oil slicks" by Blakely Bering and Austin James. **Through July 9.** *Bering & James, 805 Rhodes Pl., 713.524.0104, www.beringandjames.com*

[ARHOUSTON] Ordinary Narratives

Area artists Lauren Boldon and Wesley Harvey revamp routine in this sculpture exhibit. Look for dream-enhanced elements to invade everyday scenarios in Boldon's work—we spotted an installation featuring the proverbial workplace water cooler sporting a unicorn horn and animal ears. **July 9-Aug. 3.** Opening reception July 12, 7PM. *M2 Gallery, 325 W. 19th St., 713.864.6070, www.m2-houston.com*

[ARHOUSTON] Group Show

International artists take over both of Thornwood's H-Town locations. Look for Houston-based artist Bob Chrzanowski's *Heart of the Matter* at the Colquitt location and Sabine Stromeier's *Poppy-Lation* at the Birdsall gallery. **July 11-25.** *Thornwood Gallery, 1204 Birdsall St., 713.864.2787 and 2643 Colquitt St., 713.528.4278, www.thornwoodgallery.com*

[ARHOUSTON] In the Wake of Awake

Recent University of Houston grad Jeanne Cassanova layers outlined figures, bold blasts of color and varying elements of texture in her large-scale painted dreamscapes. The drawn figures are inspired by random snapshots of individuals collected by the artist as well as societal references (one piece features a dinosaur and a pistol-wielding cowboy). **July 11-Aug. 2.** *Joan Wich & Co. Gallery, 4411 Montrose Blvd., 713.526.1551, www.joanwichgallery.com*

Sherri Angels

This area artist is known for her three-dimensional sculpted paintings—which boast individually sculpted wooden frames embellished with color and textures. **July 11-31.** Meet the artist on July 11, 5PM. *The Tasting Room, Uptown Park, 1101-18 Uptown Park Blvd., 713.993.9800, www.tastingroomwines.com*

[ARHOUSTON] Gladys Poorte

In oil paintings by this Argentina-born and now Austin-based artist, small, everyday objects like toy figurines, blocks and utensils come to life as characters in a narrative. Look for "Talks" where two teams of tools face off. **July 12-Aug. 16.** *Hooks-Epstein Galleries, Inc., 2631 Colquitt St., 713.522.0718, www.hooksepsteingalleries.com*

[ARHOUSTON] Miguel Abugattas and Janice Mann

Fresh from San Antonio, these budding artists display their ceramic compositions. Abugattas uses innovative shapes to construct pedestal pieces while Janice Mann's colorful figures are crafted from clay and glass fritts. **July 12-Aug. 9.** *Goldeberrry Gallery, 2625 Colquitt St., 713.528.0405, www.goldeberrrygallery.com*

[ARHOUSTON] Red

Local artists go red! See how participating artists Ali Cavanaugh, Andrew Scott Dejesse, John Jenkins, Peggy Port, Lin Swanner, Carole Holt and Dana Sparks responded to the challenge of incorporating the emotion-invoking color into their latest works. **July 12-17.** Opening reception July 12, 6PM. *Bering & James, 805 Rhodes Pl., 713.524.0104, www.beringandjames.com*



[ARHOUSTON] HARD LOOKS

Sean Healy shows off his latest installation-based exhibit. The multimedia artist has also been busy with the Bureau—Healy was hand-picked to work on the Houston FBI headquarters, set to open later this year. **July 12-Aug. 9.** *Moody Gallery, 2815 Colquitt St., 713.526.9944, www.moodygallery.com*

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[ARHOUSTON] Journey

Italian-native, and now Houston-based artist, Nicola Parente illustrates the life of a traveler in a series of abstract paintings. **July 12-Aug. 25.** Opening reception July 11, 6PM. See more on Parente in this month's The Loop Art. *Gremillion & Co., 2501 Sunset Blvd., 713.522.2701, www.gremillion.com*

[ARHOUSTON] Damnatio Memoriae

Inspired by daily drives down a narrow country road near her home, Tennessee-based artist Margaret Munz-Losch's latest paintings vividly demonstrate how all life is connected. The artist says her nature-centered paintings explore the space between the vital and the mortal. **July 12-Aug. 30.** *New Gallery, 2627 Colquitt St., 713.520.7053, www.newgallery.net*

[ARHOUSTON] Sequence

Artists Susanne Ackermann and Rossana Martinez explore the use and repetition of lines. Ackermann's drawings examine how line sequence creates shape, form and depth, while Martinez depicts the relationship between the body and surrounding space through varying line patterns. **July 12-Aug. 30.** *Gallery Sonja Roesch, 2309 Caroline St., 713.659.5424, www.gallerysonjaroesch.com*



Detail from Libbie Masterson's 'Antarctica 360'

PERSPECTIVES 162: SNOW

Houston photographer Libbie Masterson and conceptual artist Allie Bogie display environmental installations that question our detachment from nature and the veracity of man-made landscapes. **July 18-Sept. 28.** *Contemporary Arts Museum, 5216 Montrose Blvd., 713.284.8250, www.camb.org*

[ARHOUSTON] Helene Pfeffer

This Sante Fe-based artist's *Linear Series* contains large and small-scale paintings that feature subtle movements of horizontal lines against neutral backdrops. **July 12-Aug. 16.** Opening reception July 12, 6PM. *Wade Wilson Art, 4411 Montrose Blvd., 713.521.2977, www.wadewilsonart.com*

[ARHOUSTON] Dark Matter

Paintings by Houston-based Kent Dorn literally jump off the page—sporting heavy clumps of dried oil paint that lift inches off the canvas. **July 10-Aug. 16.** *McClain Gallery, 2242 Richmond Ave., 713.520.9988, www.mcclaingallery.com*

Peggy Sexton and Joan Son

Sexton, shows off her sculpted kimonos while Son debuts intricate origami. **July 13-Aug. 23.** Opening reception July 19, 5:30PM. *Archway Gallery, 2013 W. Gray St., 713.522.2409, www.archwaygallery.com*

In the Forest of Fontainebleau

Explore the Parisian forest of Fontainebleau through the work of three generations of painters, all compelled to use the land as a "natural studio" between the 1820s and 1870s. Corot, Rousseau and Monet all captured the raw beauty of the landscape—making it one of the most painted places of the natural world. **July 13-Oct. 19.** *Museum of Fine Arts, Audrey Jones Beck Building, 1001 Bissonnet St., 713.639.7300, www.mfab.org*

Spacetaker Summer

The Spacetaker Artist Registry, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping H-Town's budding artists, showcases the work of area painters. **July 17-Aug. 23.** *The Laura U Collection, 1840 Westheimer Rd., 713.522.0855, www.laurau.com*

Windows and Mirrors

Native Houstonian Marcus Miller's ghostly monotypes contain hints of the human form—reflective of his dual role as a physician and an artist. **July 19-Aug. 14.** Opening reception July 19, 6PM. *Bering & James, 805 Rhode Pl., 713.524.0101, www.beringandjames.com*

Made in America

Forget fireworks, this is the way to celebrate our nation's independence. Varied multimedia works take a patriotic (cups and plates adorned with famous faces) and sometimes snarky (a pistol hidden in what looks like grandma's basket) look at American affairs of the past and present. **Through July 31.** *Peel Gallery, 4411 Montrose Blvd., 713.520.8122, www.peelgallery.org*

End Game

This 21-work multi-media installation highlights work from the Young British Artists movement of the '90s. See more in this month's The Loop Trends. **Through Sept. 28.** *Museum of Fine Arts, Caroline Wiess Law Building, 1001 Bissonnet St., 713.639.7300, www.mfab.org*

CALENDAR AND THIS...

Movies at the MFA

Catch a screening of *The Tracey Fragments*—the Canada-set film that features *Juno* star Ellen Page as a teen who breaks out of her hometown in search of her missing brother. The film is based on Maureen Medved's novel of the same name. **July 1-6**, consult website for schedule. Also showing, *Movie Trailers: Trash or Treasure?* **July 12**, consult website for schedule. *The Museum of Fine Arts, Caroline Weiss Law Building, 1001 Bissonnet St., 713.639.7515, www.mfab.org*

Tai Chi

Instructor Sifu Dale Napier—a titan of Tai Chi—walks through the slow, meditative body movements that make up this centuries-old martial art. Napier's a true pro, he's published papers on the topic and nabbed gold medals at tournaments for the sport. **July 1-29**, consult website for schedule. \$15 per session. *Houston Arboretum Nature Center, 4501 Woodway Dr., 713.366.0421, www.houstonarboretum.org*

Chevy's Freedom over Texas

The biggest bangs are coming from Houston. Catch the largest land-based fireworks show (televised live statewide!) and performances from Sara Evans, Miranda Lambert and Jo Dee Messina. **July 4**, 4PM. Tickets \$8. *Eleanor Tinsley Park, 500 Allen Pkwy., 713.247.3500, www.chevysfreedomovertexas.com*

Real (Art) World artists reception

DiverseWorks has turned the keys to its gallery over to four artists—Maria Guzman, Tina Kotrla, Kia Neill and Eric Zapat—who will share the space as a joint studio for the month of July. See how they're handling the *Real World*-type set up at this meet and greet session. **July 10**, 6PM. *DiverseWorks, 1117 E. Frwy., 713.223.8346, www.diverseworks.org*

Houston Roller Derby

The women of the HRD have found a home at Verizon. Catch the speedy sisters in the midst of their season. **July 13**, 5PM. *Verizon Wireless Theater, 520 Texas Ave., 713.230.1600, www.livenation.com*

Red, White and New

Who needs a sommelier? Sign up for this tasting tutorial and get the scoop on select summer vinos. The light, easy-to-drink wines include reds, whites and the market's most recent picks. **July 16**, 7pm. Tickets \$25. *The Wine Bucket Boutique & Bar, 2311 W. Alabama St., 713.942.WINE, www.thewinebucket.com*

Messina Hof Harvest

Channel your inner Lucy—hike up those pants, hop into the wine press and start squishing! The local winery invites guests to make their own vino before chowing down on a fab feast, all to kick off Harvest season. **July 18**, 6PM. Tickets \$70. The celebration continues through August with daytime pickins-and-stompins and four-course murder mystery dinners. Consult website for event listings and prices. *Messina Hof Winery and Resort, 4545 Old Reliance Rd., Bryan, 800.736.9463 ext. 34, www.messinahof.com*

[STYLE FILE] J. Silver trunk show

Internationally renowned jewelry designer Chan Luu stops by the boutique to unveil her latest collection. Get there fast, J. Silver's the only place in town you can nab Luu's chic "wrap bracelet." **July 18**. *J. Silver, 2412 Rice Blvd., 713.807.1644, www.jsilverjewelry.net*

Explore Buffalo Bayou by canoe

Get a better look at one of H-Town's 10 bayous on this half-day ride that will take you from Interstate-610 to Shepherd Drive. **July 19**, 1PM. Tickets \$95. *Houston Arboretum & Nature Center, 4501 Woodway Dr., 713.681.8433, www.houstonarboretum.org*

[STYLE FILE] Louise Blum Bridal Salon

The Best of Louise Blum Fashion show features gowns by Monique Lhuillier, Kenneth Pool and Vera Wang. **July 24**, 6PM. Tickets \$25. *Hotel ZaZa, 5701 Main St., 713.526.1994*. Lazaro trunk show and personal appearance, **July 25-26**. *Louise Blum Bridal Salon, 1801 Post Oak Blvd., 713.622.5574, www.louiseblum.com*

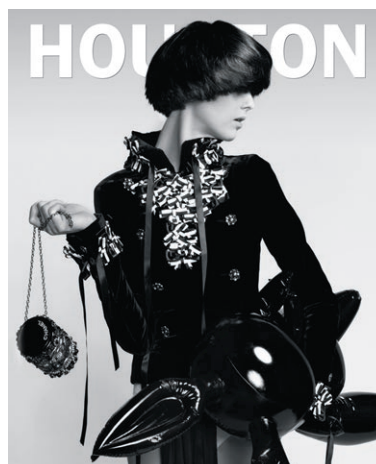
Pampering and Wellness Bazaar

Put your feet up, literally, and help celebrate Naked Body + Bath's one-year anniversary. In between browsing the 95-percent natural products—soaps, lotions, fragrances and facial skincare—partygoers will be treated to complimentary chair massages and foot soaks. **July 25**, 6PM. *Naked Body + Bath, 2516 Times Blvd., 713.942.8800, www.nakedbodyandbath.com*

[STYLE FILE] Dimensions

In celebration of its new remodel, the women's boutique will donate all sales of Victory summer scarves and beaded bracelets to the American Cancer Society. **Through Aug. 28**. *Dimensions, 6100 Westheimer Rd., 713.780.8564, www.dimensions6100.com*

CORRECTION: In *Houston* magazine's June issue, we incorrectly reported in The Loop Now that DTOX pool party had moved to Hotel ZaZa. At press time, DTOX was in talks with a site to host the weekly event. We regret the error.



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Black velvet jacket, \$12,945, and box bag, \$22,450, both at Chanel, in the Galleria.