Autumn Art Festival on the Palisades

A Fall celebration of art from the Palisades at The Fort Lee Historic Park – October 19 and 20, 2024.

Featuring art, music, talk-backs, and more.

SATURDAY, October 19 —11:00 AM – 5:00 PM Art Exhibition on display inside Visitor's Center: A House with a View – Growing Up on the Cliffs. Palisades, GWB, and Hudson River themed and inspired works by Fort Lee artist Paul D. Ortlip (May 21, 1926 - Feb. 14, 2008) featuring works by four generations of Ortlip artists including work by H. Willard and Aimee Eschner Ortlip, as well as works by fellow Fort Lee cliff artist the late Irv Docktor, and guests.

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM *An Outdoor Art Show on the Historic Park decks and throughout the park.

Theme: The Ever-Changing View from the Palisades, plus Autumn on the Cliffs - An exhibition featuring local and community participating artists/photographers and artisans including students.

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM: Art Workshop open to All! Come and participate in a collective work of art, created by everyone – this ongoing event will incorporate a unique art process in collage, no previous art experience necessary! Contribute to our Unity Tree! *Supplies will be provided*.

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM: Children's art activity/storytelling (for ages 6-10): with Carol A. Ortlip – published author, professional storyteller and children's educator, plus eldest daughter of Paul D. Ortlip. *Supplies will be provided*.

2:00 PM: Auditorium – Special Guest art presentation and Talk/Q&A with award winning professional artist Patti Jordan, former Fort Lee High School art student/alum and recent recipient of a NJ Council of the Arts grant, Patti will display some of her exciting works and talk about her process, and the Palisades as inspiration, growing up as an artist in Fort Lee.

3:30 PM: Auditorium – Special Guest Talk/Q&A with Fort Lee High School alum, Peter Bailis. Peter will present his models and discuss how he constructs them.

5:00 PM: Reception with live music.

SUNDAY, October 20

- 11:00 AM 5:00 PM Art Exhibit in the Visitor's Center
- 11:00 AM-4:00 PM Outdoor art exhibits
- +Plein Air painting with fellow artists and friends! Artists are encouraged to paint throughout the park. Meet up on Visitor Center patio. Artists bring their own art supplies.
- *11:30 AM 2:00 PM: Children's activity, new participants and pick-up from Saturday. (for ages 6-10): with Carol A. Ortlip. *Supplies will be provided*.
- +12:30 PM 2PM: Autumn Art Therapy Workshop and Demonstration: Unwind from stress and feel refreshed! Outside of the Visitor Center among the trees. A therapeutic art-making session that focuses on freely exploring art materials to create a piece inspired by the surrounding colors and shapes of autumn. Prior art experience is not necessary. Guided by therapeutic art facilitator, licensed creative arts therapist and artist, Eunice Yu of Still Waters Studio in Fort Lee. Limited space for participation is by registration. *Supplies will be provided*. All are walk-ins are welcome to observe the demo!
- 2:00 PM: Auditorium: Talk/Q&A led by Historian Eric Nelson who will discuss the infamous Riviera Night Club that adorned the north Palisades in the 1950s it's art and architecture, and more!
- 3:30 PM: Art Show presentation of children's works and Unity Tree!
- 4:00 PM: Auditorium: Art Talk/Q&A Ortlip family members and friends will discuss growing up on the cliffs in Fort Lee art studios in the 1960s, including the infamous "Castle" where the likes of Peter Max, Andy Warhol, Allen Ginsberg and friends congregated...Bring your memories, too!
- 5:30 Closing Reception with Music
- *Programs subject to change.
- *Weather permitting- rain date for outdoor exhibit tba