

Sea Cliff's K. DiResta Collective Exhibits "City Grids, Country Patterns" Photos

Photographs contrast views of contemporary New York City skyscrapers with views of painter J. Alden Weir's historically preserved Connecticut home and grounds

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Roslyn Heights artist, Xiomáro, presents his new photographic art series, City Grids, Country Patterns, at Sea Cliff's K. DiResta Collective from October 1 to November 1, 2013.

The 12 photographs in the series juxtapose views of contemporary New York City skyscrapers with those of J. Alden Weir's historically preserved Connecticut home and grounds now known as Weir Farm National Historic Site (www.nps.gov/wefa). Weir was part of an eminent family art dynasty and a founder of American Impressionism whose works now hang at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Each photograph is a close-up so that the series transitions from modern grids to organic patterns, which highlights the abstract beauty within each subject.

"There's a tradition of artists, like J. Alden Weir, who lived and painted in the country, but made their reputations in the cultural world and art market of New York City," explains Xiomáro (pronounced SEE-oh-MAH-ro).

Xiomáro is a nationally exhibited artist who is frequently commissioned by the National Park Service to artistically photograph historical sites. His other collections include Theodore Roosevelt's Sagamore Hill mansion in Oyster Bay, which was covered by the New York Times (http://tinyurl.com/cje2ck8) and will be exhibited at Harvard University next year.

His photographs of the William Floyd house in Mastic, Long Island, are on exhibit at New York City's Fraunces Tavern Museum. His collections can be seen and purchased at his website, www.xiomaro.com, where a free souvenir print from the City Grids, Country Patterns exhibit is available.

Xiomaro's City Grids, Country Patterns opens on October 1 at K. DiResta Collective, 212 Sea Cliff Avenue, Sea Cliff, and remains on view until November 1, 2013. The photographs complement the line of geometric jewelry designed by gallery owner Kathleen DiResta-Roth who also oversees the Sea Cliff Council of the Arts.

Admission to gallery is free and hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. All other days and hours are by appointment by calling (917) 767-9216.

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