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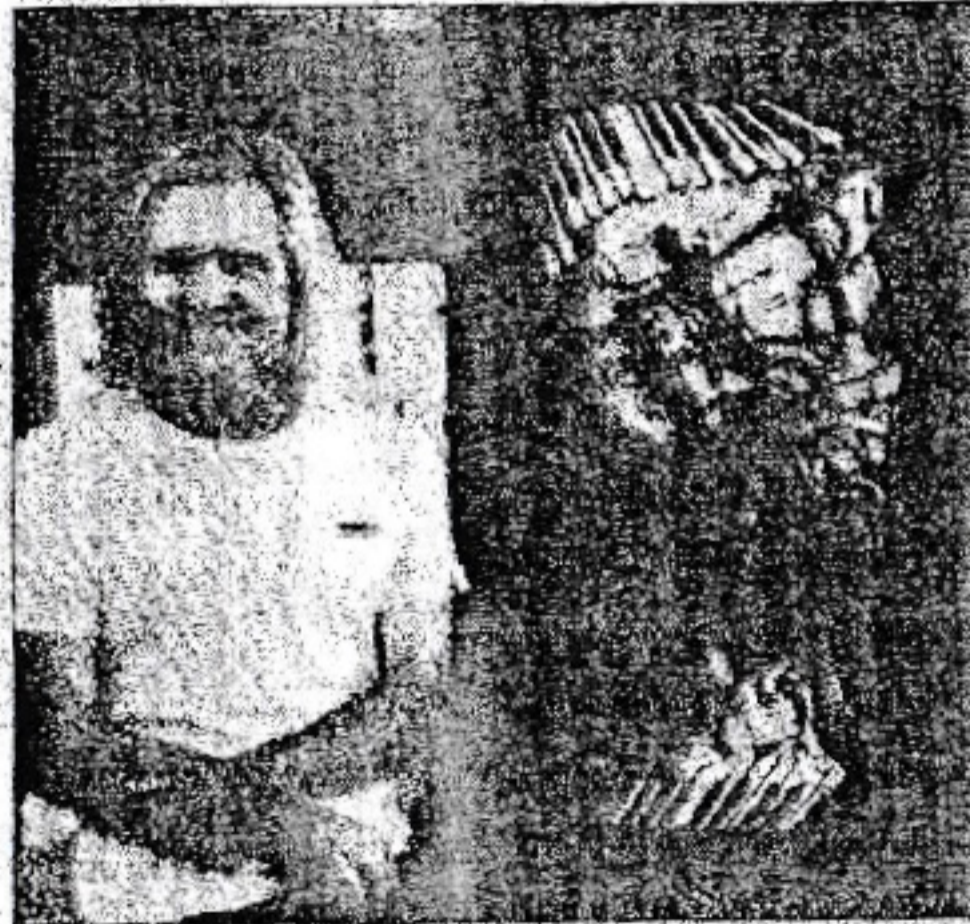
Introducing the Queens Coast Art Tour

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"Artists at work" is the theme for the Queens Coast Art Tour, scheduled Oct. 21 and 22.

The self-guided tour will feature artists and artisans throughout Queens County, at their own studios and several alternative locations, including Coastzens Place in Port Mouton, White Resort and Astor Theatre in Liver-

The tour evolved from a series of meetings recently, which also resulted in the formation of a "Queens Coast Creatives" network of the region featuring more than a dozen artists, artisans and galleries. The map idea was presented by Scott Slessor, a former diplomat who operates



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Tribute to Bach (J.S.). Mixed media by Chris Jensen, resident artist at Gallery 244 in Brooklyn.

SAS Glass and conducts workshops with community groups wanting to produce glass and stained glass projects to promote their organizations.

"The art tour and map are perfect examples of how collective action can tap the rich creative environment here in Queens County", says Slessor, "Promotion of art and culture is essential to the success of the region and this project is certain to attract art tourists from the region and beyond."

Artists and artisans will make their studios and galleries open for the public both days, with some locations presenting hands-on art experiences, such as "Trash to Treasures" and "Kiln Carving" at SAS Glass Studio. The tour

will feature work from oil, acrylic and watercolour painters, sculptors, ceramists, carvers, glass artists, printmakers, jewelers, fibre artists and furniture makers.

As part of the tour, on Oct 21, Gallery 244 in Brooklyn will host a "Speedy Paint-A-Thon", with six artists creating a painting from scratch in 90 minutes, beginning at 1 p.m. In addition to watching the artists paint, there will also be a live auction of the paintings at 2:30 p.m. The artists are: Cres Jensen, Oliver Hatton, Gary Selig, Delchinni, Raymond Chow and Willo Treschow.

More information about the event and the artists, plus a map can be found on their Facebook page, Queens Art Tour.