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Clouds Have Lifted, and the Hamptons Beckon



Gordon M. Grant for The New York Times WHAT'S HOT? A lot. Visitors to the Hamptons this season will find new clubs, restaurants, shops, shows, workouts and a fresh scene in Montauk. Above, the Navy Beach restaurant in Montauk. 5 more images

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IS it summer already? It certainly feels that way in the Hamptons, where a post-recession lift brings new places to dine, shop and, of course, party. Mercifully, the mood has shifted from the go-go 2000s. Instead of magnums of Cristal, it's now about communal seaplanes, hipster charities, hippie festivals, Montauk and more Montauk. Our guide:

NOT SEASHELL ART

Can't make it to Venice or Basel? The contemporary art scene in the Hamptons isn't too shabby. Summer highlights include Richard Prince, a part-time Hamptons resident who will exhibit new works at Guild Hall, based on photographs of Jackson Pollock (Aug. 13 to Oct. 10). Tauba Auerbach will show at Glenn Horowitz Bookseller (Aug. 13 to Sept. 11).

And then there's Gloria Hole, a group show at the Fireplace Project featuring works by Terrence Koh, Agathe Snow, Aurel Schmidt, and Cindy Sherman, held in an old garage across the road from the Pollock-Krasner house in the Springs (May 27 to June 20). The opening party on Saturday promises to be a spectacle with pallid hipsters mingling with the Tory Burch set.

Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton; (631) 324-0806; guildhall.org. Glenn Horowitz Bookseller, 36 Newtown Lane, East Hampton; (631) 324-1131; glennhorowitz.com. The Fireplace Project, 851 Springs Fireplace Road, East Hampton; (631) 324-4666; the fireplace project.com.