



**Suffolk Center on the
Holocaust, Diversity and
Human Understanding, Inc.**



*****MEDIA ALERT***
For Monday, October 20**

**CELEBRATING
EMBRACING OUR DIFFERENCES
and
RECOGNITION OF ARTISTS**

OCTOBER 20, 2014; 4 PM

Grant Campus, Suffolk County Community College, Sagtikos Building, Van Nostrand Theatre

The public will gather on October 20 for a ceremony celebrating the Eighth Annual *Embracing Our Differences-Long Island* project and recognizing sponsors and artists featured in Long Island's largest outdoor Art Exhibition.

This year's event will feature a panel of artists addressing Being Different on Long Island. Panelists will discuss how their artistic expression has been influenced or inspired by difference, and how art can have a role in breaking down barriers created by difference and bring about understanding and acceptance. The panel will be moderated by Patricia Lannes and participants will include Robert Carter, Chang-Jin Lee and Juan Lopez.

Embracing Our Differences is a project of the Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity & Human Understanding, Inc. The development of art and the ensuing exhibition challenges us to build a society that respects human dignity and lives in peaceful coexistence.

A panel of distinguished judges selected the 27 art works for the exhibit. They include: Allen Keener, professor of photographic imaging at Suffolk County Community College; Carol Brown, coordinator of arts in education for Eastern Suffolk BOCES; and Karen T. Albert, Associate Director of Exhibitions and Collections, Hofstra University Museum. The exhibit features artwork created by professional artists, adult artists, and entries from 11 schools on Long Island, including Syosset H.S., Plainview-Old Bethpage H.S., Cold Spring Harbor H.S., Half Hollow Hills East H.S., Floral Park Memorial H.S., Henry Viscardi School, Locust Valley H.S., Longwood Elementary, Park Avenue Elementary, W.E. Howitt Middle School, and West Hollow Middle School.

EXHIBITION DATES: **October 16 - 29 at the Grant Campus, Suffolk County Community College
November 3-12 at the South Ocean Middle School, Patchogue**

WHEN: **October 20, 2014, 4 pm**

WHERE: **Suffolk County Community College, Grant Campus, Sagtikos Building, Brentwood**

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