

LAND AND LIBERATION, Black and brown experiences of the outdoors

An environmental art exhibit

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Curatorial Statement:

The *Land and Liberation* art exhibit connects the work of climate justice and youth education with art and culture as a resource to imagine better futures and outdoor equity. Outdoor preservation is often tied to practices of colonialism, settlement, and white supremacy, accompanied by images, photographs, and media that are exclusionary and erase the deep relationships that Black, Indigenous, and people of color have with the land and the outdoors, including ancestral practices of land stewardship. We challenge the notion that outdoor experiences only belong to privileged groups. These artworks actively recognize how Black and brown people have long had practices of building community in and with the outdoors. We celebrate and build upon these practices in our path to achieve outdoor equity. And we place images of outdoor BIPOC liberation and joy in our community's imagination.

This exhibition and its public offerings celebrate MEO's new program site in Saunderstown. We invite BIPOC youth, families, and the general public to experience this land and its history, to learn how they can support its stewardship and to participate in and support MEO programs.

Exhibit Runs: Oct 1 thru 29.

Opening Date: Sat, Oct 1, 1-4pm. With a blessing by Pokanoket members.

Location: MEO Lodge, 518 Gilbert Stuart Rd, Saunderstown, RI 02874

Artists:

Jazzmen Lee Johnson

Edwige Charlot

Becci Davis

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Savonnara Sok

Shey Rivera Ríos

MEO Students

Programming:

Sep 22 & 29 | Youth Silkscreen Workshop by Jazzmen Lee Johnson

Sat Oct 1, 1 - 4pm | Land & Liberation Opening Reception at the MEO Lodge.

Sat, Oct 8 | Haus of Glitter Dance Workshop

Sat Oct 15, 1 - 4pm | AfroCaribbean Culture Day Event

Partners:

Studio Loba

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New Urban Arts

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