

Quiet as it's kept Related Events

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Trolley Barn Gallery

489 Main St, Poughkeepsie NY 12601

***quiet as it's kept* Artist Talk**

Saturday, October 14, 1–3pm

Facilitated by curators from the Trolley Barn Youth Curatorial Team, this artist talk is a chance for audiences to hear from local Black artists about their creative process and the inspiration behind works in the exhibition *quiet as it's kept*.

Community Still Life Workshop with Melissa Small Cooper

Saturday, October 21, 12–4pm

The Trolley Barn Gallery invites Hudson Valley residents to bring a small sentimental object to the gallery for a “paint and sip”-style event. Objects loaned to the gallery will be added to a still-life setup that will grow and evolve as more objects are added. No registration is required; attendance is on a drop-in basis, and art supplies will be provided. *quiet as it's kept* artist and Hudson Valley arts educator Melissa Small Cooper will lead the class, providing hourly lessons on artistic methods of capturing light, shape, and tone. With Cooper’s guidance, artists and non-artists will learn to draw and paint beautiful images of personal objects that are meaningful to them.

Community members who drop off objects will be encouraged to write a description of what makes these pieces special. The Trolley Barn Gallery will document the objects, the art, and the accompanying stories as a way to preserve the living history of Poughkeepsie and the Hudson Valley.

About the Instructor: Melissa Small Cooper is an oil painter and art educator, based in the Hudson Valley. Cooper studied painting and photography, earning her BFA at Hartwick College. She earned her MFA at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. Born in the Bronx and raised in Ossining, NY, Cooper lives in Beacon, NY, and teaches at Peekskill High School.

First Friday After Hours Guided Tours

Friday, November 3, 2–8pm

The Trolley Barn Gallery offers guided group tours on the First Friday in November. Poughkeepsie’s First Friday is a city-wide celebration held monthly from 5:30–8:30pm, when shops, galleries, and community spaces stay open late to engage with communities that may not have access during usual business hours. Groups can sign up ahead of time or drop in to learn more about the exhibition and curatorial activism from the Trolley Barn Gallery’s youth curators.

Inner Beauty Wellness Panel

Saturday, November 4, 1–3pm

As part of the *quiet as it's kept* exhibition and as a method of sharing knowledge with our community, the Trolley Barn Gallery youth curators host a panel of local wellness organizations to speak on movement, food literacy, language justice, and mental wellness.