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SUMMER SUNDAYS FINAL EVENT - ART + NATURE
At
CREVASSE 22 | RIVER HOUSE SCULPTURE GARDEN AND ART CENTER
AUGUST 11, NOON - 5PM

**A family event with free artist talks, all ages art making,
live art demonstrations and more!**

Join us this summer for the final installment of **Summer Sundays 2019 at Crevasse 22 | River House August 11, NOON to 5PM.**

Visitors from near and far can enjoy a great day of art and nature at this unique end of summer event hosted by Crevasse 22 | River House on Sunday, August 11, just twenty-five minutes from the French Quarter, at 8122 Saro Lane in Poydras, LA. The sculpture garden and art center offers an idyllic setting for escape from hectic city life.

Each event features talks, demonstrations, art making opportunities, tours, and free exploration of the art center and sculpture garden, plus nature walks through the adjacent woods. Light snacks and drinks are provided. All events are free and open to the public.

The exhibition on view in the River House Art Center, *Landscapes and Monsters*, explores the beauty of southeastern Louisiana's natural landscape as well as the

ecological threats to our region due to coastal erosion and rising sea levels. This exhibition also features a special, first-time ever, exhibition of Walter Anderson working drawings made while camping on the offshore islands near Biloxi. Other works featured include multi-media pieces by regional contemporary artists, wildfowl decoys by regional carvers, as well as architectural renderings by Robert Tannen and Frank Gehry.

Event Details:

Artist talk - John Anderson, son of Walter Anderson

Collaborative art - sculpture making with artist Jeff Becker

All ages art project - duck decoy and “monsters in the landscape” drawings

John Anderson, son of New Orleans born artist Walter Anderson will join us to discuss the significance and legacy of his father’s art, as well as the elder Anderson’s connection to the flora, fauna of the region expressed through his art.

Artist and set designer Jeff Becker will also be on site, adding to the found-material monster sculpture begun at the first Summer Sunday event in June. Guests are encouraged to participate in the collecting of materials and enhancement of the sculpture.

Art activities for all ages will be held throughout the day. Inside the River House, guests will have the opportunity to add to the informal gallery display by creating monster sketches inspired by the work of exhibition artist Jonathan Mayers, or add to the collaborative neighborhood mural begun in previous sessions. Outside in the sculpture garden, guests can paint duck decoys to add to the crevasse display created by the St. Bernard Art Guild or take them home to enjoy.

About Crevasse 22 | River House

Artists within the River House Gallery include old masters such as John James Audubon and Walter Anderson, as well as, contemporaries such as Pippin Frisbie-Calder, Tina Girouard, Jonathan Mayers, Gina Phillips, and Michelle Varisco.

Other exhibition elements in the River House Art Center include significant work by regional wildlife carvers, landscape photographs by Rudolph Radlinger, and architectural works by Robert Tannen and Frank Gehry.

Sculptures in the Crevasse 22 sculpture garden include works by Raine Bedsole, Luis Colmenares, Clifton Faust, Donna Dodson and Andy Moerlein, Mitchell Gaudet, Gene Koss, Jennifer Odem, Chris Salcedo, Robert Tannen, and the St. Bernard Art

Guild.

A prototype of the Robert Tannen Mod-Gun has moved from the front of the Ogden Museum of Southern Art to the Crevasse 22 sculpture garden. The architectural model that incorporates design elements Frank Gehry integrated into the Mod-Gun design, thus adding a “twist” to the rectilinear geometry of the house design, is on view in the River House Art Center. This design is in development on the Mississippi Gulf Coast at this time.

Crevasse 22 | River House, the sculpture garden and art center is located at 8122 Saro Lane, adjacent to the Mississippi River levee about 25 minutes from the French Quarter, at the very location where a natural "crevasse", or breach in the levee flooded all of St. Bernard during high water on the Mississippi River in 1922. The garden and center present exhibitions and art works themed in relation to the "beauty and risks of nature". On non-event days, the site is open to the public by appointment.

Sidney Torres and Roberta Burns, owners of the site of Crevasse 22 | River House express that “Summer Sundays are a wonderful opportunity to invite guests to enjoy the unique beauty of St. Bernard Parish.”

CANO Executive Director Jeanne Nathan “thoroughly enjoys providing artists a unique and personal platform to interact with guests, while offering guests the opportunity to create their very own works of art.”

Directions: Take St. Claude Avenue to the bridge, keep going as St. Claude veers left and becomes St. Bernard Highway. Travel down St. Bernard Highway for about 12 miles, passing through a canopy of live oak trees and two port sites. After the second port, where a large military ship is berthed, go to the next stop light, with Guillory’s grocery on the left, and a purple and pink snowball stand on the right and turn right. Without coming out of the turn, see the Saro Lane sign, and signs for the River House. Stay right, passing through a small suburban area; proceed almost to the levee, where a gate opening on the left welcomes you to the Crevasse 22 site. You will be directed where to park.

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