

Art + Environmental Advocacy Panel Discussion

6 pm NEWPORT ART MUSEUM (76 BELLEVUE AVENUE)



SPECIAL GUEST PANELISTS INCLUDE:

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse

Jonathan Stone, Executive Director of Save the Bay

Joan Hall, Exhibiting Artist

Moderated by Avory Brookins, Environment Reporter for Rhode Island Public Radio



Artists often serve as bell-weepers for contemporary issues and concerns. Fearless, artists are frequently some of the most vocal, animated, forward-thinking, and inspired champions of underrepresented social, economic, intellectual, moral, spiritual, humanitarian, global, and environmental issues.

The current solo exhibition, *Sea of Heartbreak* by artist, sailor and environmental activist Joan Hall, is as visually stunning as it is a disturbing cautionary tale. Her delicate, complex and lacy large-scale works of art and installations have a dark underbelly. They seek to expose the damage to the global marine ecosystem caused by thousands of metric tons of un-biodegradable plastic waste floating in our seas. Increasing ocean temperatures has contributed to devastating ecological shifts, invasive algae blooms and dying coral reefs.

The Art + Environmental Advocacy Panel will dive into issues of global warming and ocean health, public policy and personal responsibility, in a panel discussion held at the Newport Art Museum in partnership with Rhode Island Public Radio on July 6, 2018 at 6 pm.

Admission to this event is free, but space is limited and advanced reservations are highly recommended. Donations welcome.