

Come Out and Play Sculpture Show is Calling to You

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As the first anniversary of 9/11 approached, a group of women, including myself, organized art shows around the area to mark the occasion with art. The idea being to honor all those affected by the day with artwork and not visuals of the events of that day. My husband, Eric Brantley, and I hosted a sculpture show at our 17-acre farm as part of this vision. One of the artists, who lives in Chatham, created metal work in honor of his cousin, a firefighter who was killed on 9/11. Many people who saw the sculpture show said it helped them heal, and requested we continue the tradition. So the show has endured, now with the name of Come Out and Play, and takes place each fall (comeoutandplay.info).

This year's show, our 17th, will open on Saturday, August 25 and Sunday, August 26, at noon and will close after dark. It continues the first four Saturdays in September, opening at 3 p.m. and closing at dark. The photos of the sculpture, "Free Rein," that accompanies this article is by TJ Christiansen, and it will be in the show this year. The artist was inspired by the wild horses on the North Carolina Outer banks. The event is free and includes fantastic art from over 80 artists, live music, and food. There is no entrance fee and food and drink is free. Artists must be invited to be a part of the show but they keep 100 percent of any proceeds from sales. Dogs on leashes are encouraged to attend since we know how much they love art. Children are also encouraged to attend. This wonderful collection of the serious and the whimsical, the large and the small, is a great way to show children that art can be an integral part of everyday life because being at the show is just downright fun.

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