



Dear Readers,

This August, Side of Culture brings to you three of the exquisite jewel box art institutions in the state of Maine including the [Farnsworth Museum](#) in Rockland, the [Ogunquit Museum of American Art](#) and the ocean-side Winslow Homer art studio in Portland. Abbe Levin, the cultural coordinator for the Maine Office of Tourism says, "Maine holds a distinct place in the art world that is nationally and internationally revered. It is rare to have such a deeply rich arts culture in a rural state like Maine and the [Maine Art Museum Trail](#) is evidence of that."

We are also highlighting this month the New York Botanical Garden as this has just re-opened and remains a haven for visitors and contributes so much to its local community in the Bronx and New York City. A bit further south, the [Brandywine River Museum of Art](#) is part of the preservation of the culture, beauty and heritage of the Brandywine River Valley in the state of Pennsylvania.

Virtually, and in person, arts travelers are wonderful supporters and multipliers for these arts and cultural organizations that are mainstays of their communities. As you will read, these organizations are deeply involved in their local communities and provide arts education programs and/or services in the community.

Thank you for joining us for this August 2020 issue of [www.SideofCulture.com](http://www.SideofCulture.com)

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### The Farnsworth Museum: Celebrating Maine's Role in American Art

By Barbara Radcliffe Rogers

The Maine coast has inspired generations of artists, the Farnsworth Museum in Rockland is dedicated to exploring Maine's role in American art. Nowhere else can you see as complete a collection of paintings and other works by artists who either lived or painted here. [Read on](#)

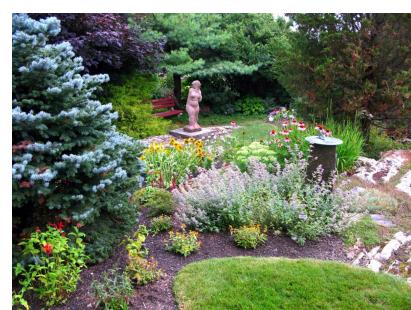


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### The Ogunquit Museum of American Art

By Stillman Rogers

Set on the rocky shore overlooking Narrow Cove, a spot where artists have long gathered to paint, the Ogunquit Museum of American Art is the culmination of Ogunquit's long history as an art colony. [Read on](#)



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### Winslow Homer's Maine Studio: Inspired by the Sea

By Stillman Rogers

Just outside of Portland, Maine, the ocean-side studio where artist Winslow Homer painted some of his most memorable works is open to visitors on tours arranged through the Portland Museum of Art. [Read on](#)



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### A Garden Treasure in the Bronx

By Linda Cabasin

To many visitors, the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) is an inspiring place to explore beautiful landscapes; it's also a world-class scientific institution that nurtures important plant collections and develops educational programs. [Read on](#)



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### Brandywine River Museum of Art: Culture Painted Large

By Stillman Rogers

Part of the Brandywine River Conservancy, founded to preserve the nature, beauty and heritage of the Brandywine River Valley, the museum embodies the conservancy's mission to preserve the natural and scenic resources as well as its cultural ones. [Read on](#)



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