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THE ART LOUNGE PROVIDES CREATIVE SPACE FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS TO EXPLORE THEIR PASSIONS

From Traditional Kids Art Classes and Birthday Parties to Adult Paint Nights, Open Mics and Art Installations, Bayport's Newest Business Inspires Creativity

BAYPORT, NEW YORK, MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025 — Described by Studio Owner Kristen Duer as a "space for people of all ages to unlock their artistic abilities," **The Art Lounge in Bayport** opened somewhat quietly, earlier this year. Located at 650 Montauk Highway, Suite 20, the studio has its own secret hideaway, behind Shaolin Martial Arts, alongside the Speedway gas station. Blink, and you just might miss it. But, tucked in the space is a creative oasis with limitless possibility.

A visit to the company's <u>online booking site</u> details an array of classes, such as a St. Pat's Sensory Play and DIY Leprechaun Doors for children, and knitting/crocheting and Sourdough Starter programs for teens and adults. Most distinctive, perhaps, are the opportunities the studio space offers for unique parties and events — like open mic nights, art exhibits and even baby or bridal showers, among an endless array of other activities.

"The Art Lounge is the realization of my lifelong dream to provide a space within my community where creatively minded people can connect and share their passions," says Duer. "As a mom, I also wanted to offer other parents the opportunity for their children to be exposed to a wide range of artistic skills. Ultimately, I hope that The Art Lounge becomes everyone's favorite neighborhood escape."

Further into March, Duer is offering necklace making, cookie decorating and spring sunset painting classes. There are also a variety of "Little Kid and Me" courses available for families with younger children who are looking for fun daytime activities. In addition to creative classes, The Art Lounge also hosts a variety of health and wellness programs for the community, including the upcoming evening meditation event and a rotating schedule of workshops in collaboration with Motherhood Moves.

A Sayville native, Duer is proudly involved in supporting neighborhood organizations, such as school PTAs, community art programs and more, through fundraisers. With the flexibility that The Art Lounge affords, fundraisers can be held either at the studio or in a community space related to the organization. Duer recently support Cherry Avenue Elementary PTA with a painting fundraiser at her studio and is currently hosting weekly cartooning classes at the school. She also is teaming up with SMBA and South Bay Arts for a grant and scholarship fundraiser.

For more information about The Art Lounge, visit the studio on <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Instagram</u>, or at <u>www.theartlounge.pembee.app</u>.

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