Artists capture the Bronx's greener, natural side

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would be a space-time traveler, clap my hands, and

annihilate all the fiendish machines, all the

horrible devices and communications. Eddies in the

river's current dominate the Gersz's photographs 

beneath the waves, swirling around a corner, and

the imagination. These images are like the

photos of Connecticut photographers that are

displayed in "Environmental Urgency: The Nature of the 

Boroughs," an exhibition that highlights the

biodiversity's robustness and variety of

green spaces. How well-worn pathways are

digitized and documented with

wildflowers, along train tracks and in

sprawling urban environments, along with those of 

River Hills. The cameras are turned on the

landscape and are focused on the

Lehman College Art Gallery and at the

Bronx River Art Center.

The "Sounds of the Contemporary Art World"

We also know that artists, we all know, are

interested in the environment.

Soukup McGregors, a woman at Wave Hill, says

that collaboration between her and

Erich Staufenberg is a must.

"The Bronx is a place where you can go and

see the beauty of nature, she explains. "The

people here are the Bronx is slowly the

story of nature and of people."

The exhibition seeks to insert that

idea. At Wave Hill, the McGregors

choose photographs that express

their vision of an art form that is
different from the
dominant traditions and techniques

of contemporary art.

The exhibition, "Environmental Urgency: 

The Nature of the Boroughs," is

on display at Wave Hill.

Erich Staufenberg's portrait of a Bronx Zoo keeper and pink flamingo is on display at Wave Hill.

Environmental portraits from Erich

Staufenberg's "Why Beasts" series will be on display at the

Bronx Zoo and at Wave Hill.

The exhibition of the Bronx Zoo

is sponsored by the Bronx Zoo

and environmental photography

organizations.

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Exhibit-related events

Opening receptions:

■ SATURDAY, OCT. 13, from 9 to 9 p.m., Bronx River Art Center

■ SUNDAY, OCT. 14, from 1 to 4 p.m., Wave Hill

■ TUESDAY, OCT. 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Lehman College Art Gallery

Other happenings:

■ WAVE HILL will host a talk tour of its new galleries by "Environmental Urgency: The Nature of the Boroughs," today, Thursday, Sept. 6 at noon, at the Bronx River Art Center. The tour will repeat on Saturday, Sept. 8, at 1:30 p.m.

■ MUSEUM week will host a free, in-hand workshop on nature photography, morning, Sept. 6 at 10 a.m., in the Wave Hill House. Participants can experience Wave Hill's autumn landscape through their camera lens and learn creative techniques through demonstrations, outdoor shooting and feedback. The fee per person is $25, and the workshops will be held in the south and north gardens and on the roof. The cost for the student levels is $16 for members, $20 for nonmembers, and $25 for nonmembers, respectively. The session starts at 10 a.m.

■ SATURDAY and Sunday, Oct. 13 and 14, 1 to 5 p.m. in the south and north gardens. The Wave Hill Arts Center Art Walk exhibition, "Environmental Urgency: The Nature of the Boroughs," will be on display at Wave Hill. Tickets are $8 for members, $10 for nonmembers.

■ THURSDAY, Oct. 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Lehman College Art Gallery will host the exhibition and the public will be invited to participate in a dialogue about the exhibition and the impact of art on environmental awareness. Tickets are $5, and there is a limit of 50 people. The event will feature a panel discussion and a performance by the artist.
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At the Bronx River Art Center, recently renovated, there is an exhibition of works by the artist Lauren Liebler. The show features photographs of the Bronx River, captured from different perspectives and on different days.

Liebler’s images are a departure from the usual urban landscape photographs, as she focuses on the natural beauty of the river and its surroundings. The exhibition includes both color and black-and-white photographs, as well as some paintings.

One of the highlights of the exhibition is Liebler’s series on the Bronx River’s wildlife. She has captured images of birds, fish, and other creatures that are often overlooked in urban environments.

The exhibition is open to the public and is free of charge. It will be on display until the end of the month. For more information, visit the Bronx River Art Center’s website.

Where to see the show

* Bronx River Art Center
  * Location: 1005 Riverdale Ave.
  * Hours: Monday through Friday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
  * Phone: 718-569-5819

* Lehman College Art Gallery
  * Location: 250 Bedford Park Boulevard
  * Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  * Phone: 718-960-3731

* Wave Hill
  * Location: 240-150 Monument Ave.
  * Hours: Monday through Friday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
  * Phone: 718-569-5819

* Jerome Park Reservoir
  * Location: Jerome Park Reservoir
  * Hours: Monday through Friday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
  * Phone: 718-569-5819

* Palisades Interstate Park
  * Location: Palisades Interstate Park
  * Hours: Monday through Friday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
  * Phone: 718-569-5819

\* "META MAPA: Bronx," taken by photographer Yumi Janettu Rich can be seen at the Bronx River Art Center.

\* "LAURA NAIMER: Making a Seed Bank," at Wave Hill.

\* "BRAVE, RAW GILBERTS: Striking Crow," and at left, Crow by Ron Teran can both be seen at Wave Hill.

\* "At LIT, a serene photograph taken by Antonio Llamas is familiar sight, the Henry Hudson Bridge is among the artworks on display in the Lehman College Art Gallery.

\* "BELOW, DAVID GILBART and Robert Schneider's panoramic photograph of the Tappan Zee Bridge is in view at Wave Hill."