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First Friday Guide – October Edition

Our roundup of things to do on Oct. 5.

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Photo courtesy of Vessel Gallery

“Irrigation Blanket” by Christy Kovacs

STAFF PICK

Utopia: Forecasting Our Future

Vessel Gallery’s current exhibit takes a look at environmental preservation as artists explore the idea of utopia. In partnership with the recent Global Climate Action Summit and San Francisco’s COAL + ICE exhibit, Utopia: Forecasting Our Future features philosophical and historical ruminations through photography, acrylic ink, weaving, and other works by a slate of predominantly local artists of color: Kim Anno, David Burke, Rubén Salgado Escudero, Dave Young Kim, Hyeyoung Kim, Christy Kovacs, Yuyang Liu, and Cyrus Tilton. “Preserving what we know to be precious, individuals must collectively advance a global, inclusive vision of unity and respect for Mother Nature,” Vessel Gallery owner Lonnie Lee wrote in her curator’s statement. “A collaboration rooted in love and respect for all human life, and reverence for nature, is ultimately the only way to bring us closer to utopia.” Discuss your own vision of utopia — and combatting climate change — at the celebration coinciding with First Friday. — Janelle Bitker

Reception Friday, Oct. 5, 6-9 p.m., runs through Oct. 20, free,

471 25th St., Oakland, Vessel-Gallery.com

First Friday

\$5 First Friday at Chabot: Each \$5 First Friday at Chabot is an exciting and immersive experience for all ages! Join us each month for hands-on activities and live demonstrations that are fun for the whole family. Each month there will be new things to explore!, Some activities have limited capacity and are first come, first served. Pre-purchase your tickets First Friday of every month, \$5, Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, ChabotSpace.org.

Before You, Above the Circle: Mika Sperling takes viewers on an introspective journey through visual imagery and welcomes them into an intimate layer of personal history that explores the complexities of family and place. Oct. 5-Nov. 3, free, Aggregate Space, 801 West Grand Ave., Oakland, AggregateSpace.com.

Into The Woods: New nature-inspired paintings in oil by Oakland artist Bella Bigsby. Artists reception on Friday, Oct. 5, from 5:30-8 p.m., Oct. 5-Dec. 3, free, 482-A 49th St., Oakland, ShopEsqueleto.com.

Loop Melody: United by a mutual appreciation for rhythm, color, and pattern, artists Alexander Kori Girard and Rachel Kaye spiral off into their own personal explorations of hidden symbols and frenetic motion. Art murmur reception on Friday, Oct. 5, from 5-8 p.m., Oct. 5-Jan. 4, free, Johansson Projects, 2300 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, JohanssonProjects.com.

Marconi's Machines: A unique audio installation by sculptor, composer and playwright Dan Weber. Artist reception on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 2-4 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays, 12-5 p.m. Continues through Nov. 10, free, Manna Gallery, 473 25th St., Oakland, MannaGallery.com.

Setting forth by signs: A group exhibition featuring sculptures and paintings by Yevgeniya Baras, Sahar Khoury, Lauren McKeon, and Mindy Rose Schwartz. Saturdays, Sundays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Continues through Oct. 21, free, Interface Gallery, 486 49th St., Oakland, InterfaceArtGallery.com.

Being Seen: A photography exhibition that explores themes of identity, anonymity, privacy, and space. Through Oct. 27, free, SLATE contemporary, 473 25th St., Oakland, SlateArt.net.

First Friday Follies: Burlesque performances, with MC JUICY D. Light and music by, Elegant Trash First Friday of every month, free. Stork Club, 2330 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, StorkClubOakland.com.

First Fridays at The New Parkway: Come enjoy the First Friday Art Walk at The New Parkway Theater! Happy hour specials: \$10 for a pint and appetizer, 6-9 p.m. (with flyer). Artist showcase: All Around Oaktown, by Bayflix (reception 6-7:45 p.m. in the Mezzanine). Karaoke in the Mezzanine, 8-11 p.m. Throwback Theater: Love Jones, 9:30 p.m. First Friday of every month, 6-11 p.m. free. The New Parkway Theater, 474 24th St., Oakland, TheNewParkway.com.

First Fridays Community Potluck: Once a month ArtVale invites the community to come on out and break bread with one another. Bring friends, family and food to share. Stay for a small drawing session. First