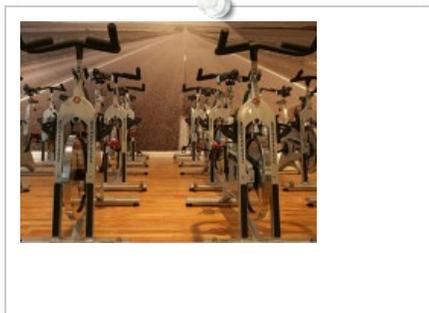


MY HAMPTONS

Stephanie Hirsch

Occupation: Artist

Current Residence: Bridgehampton



KDHamptons: How long have you been coming to the Hamptons? Why do you love the East End so much?

Stephanie Hirsch: Fifteen years~ I love it for it's natural beauty, long days, endless beaches and slower pace.

KDH: Do you come out for weekends during the off-season?

SH: We come a couple of times during off season: Hank's for pumpkin picking with my family, Buckskill Winter Club for ice skating, and Thanksgiving.

KDH: Share your perfect Hamptons day with our readers?

SH: A perfect day would be an early morning stroll with my kids [above left] on the beach, then a Soul Cycle Class, after class get a Dreamy Iced Coffee at Sylvester and Co in Sag Harbor, after that take a drive to Montauk and go surfing with my 8yr old. Come back around 3 or 4pm, and take a swim with both kids. By 5pm I am ready for some Rose and then to a dinner party at a friends house.

KDH: Do you have a specific piece you are you working on now? What inspires your art?

SH: I am working on a body of work titled "The Surf Series" – I am making beaded surfboards with iconic images and different mantras and sayings. Seeking the truth with both humor and enlightenment is what inspires me.

KDH: Do you exhibit your work in the Hamptons? Any plans for a summer show?

SH: Some of my work will be at Peter Marcelle's Gallery in Bridgehampton this summer and I will also be doing ArtMarket. [<http://www.art-mrkt.com/hamptons>]



KDH: Please describe your Hamptons home and decorating style? What is your most cherished item in the house?

SH: I went on a trip to Bali twelve years ago and brought back a container of furniture. I like to say my design aesthetic is a hybrid of Balinese mixed in with Urban Zen style. My favorite piece in my house is a daybed that we have outdoors. It is beautifully carved and the wood has weathered to a gorgeous grey color.



KDH: Do you have a favorite room in your Hamptons home & why?

SH: I love the Loft bedroom upstairs. It gets sunlight all day long, so I love to lie on the daybed and read a book. It is a very peaceful room.



KDH: What is your favorite Hamptons hamlet, how is it different than the other towns?

SH: Sag Harbor is my absolute fav and I spend a majority of my time there. It has that old world charm and beachy feel that makes you just want to take a stroll.



KDH: If you manage to carve out some “ME-time” during the day out East, what do you like to do?

SH: I love to surf, waterski, take long walks on the beach, and this summer I promised myself I will do Yoga!

KDH: What is your little secret about the Hamptons? A place where you can escape?

SH: I love to watch the sunset on Long Beach in Sag Harbor. It is a Bay Beach so the water is super calm and it feels like it takes forever for the sun to set...



KDH: You have fantastic personal style, do you have one new piece that will be your signature fashion statement this summer?

SH: I bought this Lucite clutch by Jimmy Choo that has “The Endless Summer” scene on it [pictured left]. I am obsessed with it! It is so kitschy, yet chic. It will for sure be my evening bag all summer.

KDH: New York photographers love to capture your edgy, personal style. Do you have a different look when it comes to the Hamptons? Which designer do you wear the most out East?

SH: I love to wear caftans by Theodora and Callum... they are so easy to just throw on, are super comfortable and look so chic during the day. For night, I love to wear Jennifer Miller Jewelry and something super fabulous from 25Park.com [left].

KDH: What is your favorite Hamptons restaurant, got a favorite dish & drink you get every time?

SH: I love Nobu during the summer [bottom left]. I see all of my friends whenever I go, and I love the Mushroom Salad and Lychee Martini.

KDH: Tell us about the incredible Queen’s crown you recently designed?

SH: I was incredibly honored to be commissioned by the iconic beauty brand,



Erno Laszlo, to create a crown for The Queen's Diamon Jubilee which will be on display in the windows of Harrods until June 15th [pictured below].

KDH: Do you have a Summer 2012 mantra to share with KDHamptons readers?
SH: Don't Accept Crystals When God Wants To Give You Diamonds. Believe it...Go for it...*Live Your Dream!*

*To see more of Stephanie's work please go to: www.Stephanie-hirsch.com



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