

CAPE ANN Museum

Tim Ferguson Sauder's Americans Flags

On View: August 13 through September 25, 2022



Tim Sauder. *Flag 09 – White Sand + Red Dirt*. Courtesy of the artist

GLOUCESTER, MASS. (August 2022) – This summer, the Cape Ann Museum presents [Americans Flags](#), an exhibition of works by artist, designer and professor in the practice of design at Olin College of Engineering, Tim Ferguson Sauder. The exhibition on view at the Janet & William Ellery James Center at the Cape Ann Museum Green (CAM Green), explores American identity through the creation of flags that have been constructed by using mark-making collected from the different people and places that make up our country.

In a country where political discourse is growing ever more polarized, this project encourages discussion about awareness of and empathy for the many different people that make up our great nation. The work celebrates those differences and what they bring to America through a series of American flags built from marks left by these different people. These flags are intended to encourage those who see them to stop and contemplate how our actions affect each other and to feel patriotic about the complex nation that we're all building together.

“The Museum is delighted to again present the work of Tim Sauder at CAM Green,” said Oliver Barker, Cape Ann Museum Director. “We displayed his work at the White-Ellery House in 2016, and when we saw how closely the participatory, community-sourced, underpinnings of *Americans Flags* align closely with CAM’s commitment to convening our community around art and ideas, we were delighted to welcome him back.”

As part of this current exhibition, Sauder worked with the CAM Teen Council to create both indoor and outdoor participatory art installations that promote conversation around American Identity. These installations will kick off during the Opening Day on Saturday, August 13 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

In addition to being a designer, artist, builder and teacher, Sauder has extensive experience producing graphic design work for corporate clients, consulting on visual communication with non-profits, working with students to produce design solutions for live clients, creating public artwork and exploring how visual design affects our views of sustainability. He is the founder of [asmallpercent](#), a design studio through which he has worked for a number of large clients like Google, Saucony, and Intel. As a co-designer of the Accessible Icon Project, Sauder's work is in the permanent collection of the MOMA and Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum in NYC.

Activities related to the exhibit include:

[Opening Day](#)

Saturday, August 13 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Participatory art projects and performances coordinated by the CAM Teen Council

[CAMTalks: Americans Flags](#) with Tim Sauder

Saturday, August 27 at 1:00 p.m.

Cape Ann Museum Green, 13 Poplar Street, Gloucester, MA

[Brazilian Independence Day Celebration](#)

Sunday, August 28 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Downtown Campus, 27 Pleasant Street, Gloucester, MA

[Indigenous Heritage Day](#)

Saturday, September 24 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Cape Ann Museum Green, 13 Poplar Street, Gloucester, MA

CAM Green Hours: Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Visits are free and open to the public, parking is limited.

The Cape Ann Museum, founded in 1875, exists to preserve and celebrate the history and culture of the area and to keep it relevant to today's audiences. Spanning 44,000 square feet, the Museum is one of the major cultural institutions on Boston's North Shore welcoming more than 25,000 local, national, and international visitors each year to its exhibitions and programs. In addition to fine art, the Museum's collections include decorative art, textiles, artifacts from the maritime and granite industries, three historic homes, a Library & Archives and a sculpture park in the heart of downtown Gloucester. In Summer 2021, the Museum opened the 12,000 square foot Janet & William Ellery James Center at the [Cape Ann Museum Green](#). The campus also includes three historic buildings – the White-Ellery House (1710), the recently acquired Babson-Alling House (c.1740), and an adjacent Barn (c. 1740), all located on the site at the intersection of Washington and Poplar Streets in Gloucester.

The Cape Ann Museum is located at 27 Pleasant Street in Gloucester and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$15.00 adults, \$12.00 Cape Ann residents, seniors, and students. Youth (18 and under) and Museum members are free. Cape Ann residents can visit for free on

the second Saturday of each month. For more information please call (978)283-0455 x110 or visit www.capeannmuseum.org.

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