

NORMAN ROCKWELL MUSEUM

and

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Friday, July 26, 5 -7 p.m.

Please join Norman Rockwell Museum and Casablanca, one of the Berkshires' finest clothing stores, for an exciting evening of "Fashion Meets Art"

at

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9 Glendale Road | Stockbridge, MA 01262

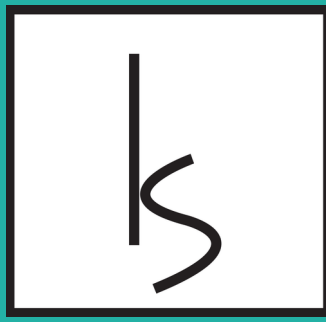
Meet Kent Stetson, Rhode Island artist
and view his latest handbag designs derived from original illustrations.

Complementary wine & cheese will be served.



All are available for purchase and a portion of sales will support the Norman Rockwell Museum exhibits and education programs.

RSVP to this exclusive fun event to alexa@nrm.org by July 25th and SHOP FOR GOOD



KENTSTETSON

In 2000 I was making partially computer-generated paintings and showing them in galleries around Providence, Rhode Island. In 2003 I started cutting up some of the prints and crafting them in to handbags and I noticed right away how they sold much better than the wall-hanging pieces. It turned out that I didn't need the wall, and that a handbag was a perfectly-suitable way for me to show my paintings.

Since then, handbags have become my medium. The son of a blacksmith and equestrian, I was raised on a horse farm in New Hampshire where I have early memories of my mother making and maintaining horse tack. I had all of the tools for crafting handbags, I just had to connect the dots with my paintings to develop what has become a signature clutch style (larger totes and briefcases also join the array of designs that I create from my studio).

These handbags have greater interactive and social aspects than my early wall-hanging pieces, and I hope that my handbags promote the idea that art can happen in unexpected places.

