

Gallery Galleon



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Gallery Galleon owner Marion Fischer

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With Vieques on the cusp of becoming a full-blown tourist destination, a number of entrepreneurs are setting up shop here as an escape for themselves and an opportunity for locals and visitors.

Meet Westchester, NY native Marion Fischer, who has just opened the doors to **Gallery Galleon** located about a mile from the seaside village of Esperanza. “I want to offer something unique to the island by bringing a high level of art to the gallery from the United States and around the world, as well as offering a platform for local artists to come and show their work,” she says. “Right now we represent artists from New York City, Cape Cod, Providence, Rhode Island and the Washington DC area, and local artists from Vieques. They specialize in oil, water color, photography and sculpture. We want this to be an elegant place for artists and visitors to come and enjoy and celebrate talent. We will see where the journey leads us!”



“Early Morning” by Provincetown artist Michael McGuire

In addition to the beautiful grounds housing the gallery and a working studio, there is space at Galleon for relaxation and conversation or a quick dip at nearby Playa Negra, the black sand beach about a five-minute walk from the gallery. “It is down a now-dry creek bed,” Fischer says. “The path is like a Jurassic Park walk leading to this beautiful stretch of beach. This is magical for me. I have been looking for 10 years for an art gallery space like this. I love horses and the beach, so Vieques is really my dream come true.”

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