

***Sundays at Two* Lecture Series:
Plein Air Painting in the Greenbelt
with Impressionist Painter Viktor Butko
Sunday, May 22, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
Long Pond Greenbelt Nature Center**



Please join us for the first *Sundays at Two* of 2022 on May 22 when artist Viktor Butko will speak about and demonstrate “plein air painting” in the Greenbelt. In this style of painting, the artist leaves the studio to paint in the outdoors, which allows him to capture the changing light and landscape “in the open air” or *en plein air* in French (while it has been around hundreds of years, the French Impressionists first made this style of painting famous).

We are thrilled to welcome Viktor Butko to the Greenbelt for the presentation. Mr. Butko was born in 1978 in Moscow into a family of artists, including his grandfather, the famous artist Victor Chulovich. He studied at the Moscow Art School and later painted at the Academic Dacha of Artists where he worked under the guidance of famous artists Alexey Gritsay and the Tkachev brothers. Mr. Butko’s first solo show was held in 2002 at the McCarthy Gallery, one of the foremost dealers in the United States for Russian Impressionist art. In 2016, Mr. Butko took part in an international plein air event organized by American painter Ben Fenske and art dealer Laura Grenning, which resulted in his first of many exhibitions at the Grenning Gallery in Sag Harbor. His work is in the Vyshniy Volochek Museum collection, the collection of the IRRRA, and many private collections in Russia, China, and the United States. Mr. Butko regularly paints in and around Sag Harbor and Maine as well as Russia and Italy and is represented by the Grenning Gallery, gWatson Gallery, Williams Fine Art, and the McCarthy Gallery. He lives with his wife and fellow artist Kelly Carmody in Waltham, Massachusetts where they paint and teach in and around their studio.



On Sunday, May 22, we will meet at the Long Pond Greenbelt Nature Center, 1061 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton, at 2 p.m. Depending on conditions, Mr. Butko may move his demonstration down to the edge of Crooked Pond. Refreshments will be served.