



Beauty; something to contemplate

On October 30, 2017

Monday, October 30, 2017. An overcast weekend, mild in the 60s, with a lot of rain moving in on Sunday throughout the day. A perfect autumn weekend with one of those rains that somehow begin the grand finale of the foliage.

I got a glimpse of it yesterday morning when I drove across the 79th Street transverse of Central Park. The ultra-violet rays took over the darkness by highlighting the yellow of the leaves about to fall to the roadside. I see Change of Seasons as Mother Nature's assurance of Hope. Beauty; something to contemplate.

Over on the West Side, the rain kept the crowds from the farmer's market that is set up on the Columbus Avenue side of the Museum of Natural History. It kept the booksellers and scarves, caps and gloves purveyors from the front of Zabar's. Inside it was not so busy for a Sunday morning. New Yorkers don't go out in the rain if they can help it. Just like everybody else.



Kim McCarty at the opening of her latest series of paintings at the Morgan Lehman Gallery.

Last week was another fill 'er up on the Calendar. Those of us on the go-around were lucky with the weather. Last Thursday night, **Kim McCarty** had a opening of her latest series of paintings at the Morgan Lehman Gallery (534 West 24th Street, Chelsea).

There was a big crowd, not surprisingly since Kim, basically a California artist who is very popular all over the world these days. I've known her and her art for a long time because of Michael's – her husband Michael's restaurant. To this day many of Michael's clientele are still unaware that amongst the **Hockneys**, **Stellas**, et al on the walls of the rooms, are a number of Kim McCarty's.

Among the guests: **Blythe Danner, Brenda Vaccaro, Joel Grey, John McEnroe and Patty Smyth, Eric Roth, James Brooks, Brooke Shields, Pamela Fiori, Joanna Cassidy, Martin von Hasselberg, Desiree Gruber, Paige Peterson, Michael Gracias.** Afterwards many of the guests and then some adjourned 26 blocks north up to Michael's on West 55th Street for "bites and drinks." That first little item "bites" at Michael's is a feast that can't stop giving, and of course the drinks are always ready and waiting.

Then on Friday, The Society of Memorial Sloan Kettering hosted its 2nd Annual Opening Night of **TEFAF New York Fall** at the Park Avenue Armory. It was a fund-raising benefit for the The Society's members and New York's most notable collectors, philanthropists and leaders in fashion and design.