

Art District will show works in a Friday 'loop'

Area residents can enjoy the arts this weekend in the Valley Arts District of Orange and West Orange.

- A trek through the district is available Friday evening as the monthly Art Loop series continues.

On the final Friday of each month, artists and community members join for activities ranging from exhibits to workshops, demonstrations and live performances.

This month's Art Loop highlights Women's History Month with the focal point at Arts Unbound along Freeman Street.

An opening reception is planned in which a collective exhibit of women artists from the organization's programs are presented. Arts Unbound is a studio and gallery specializing in the visual arts for youths and adults with disabilities.

- The Yema Gallery continues its collective exhibit, "Diaspora," through Saturday.

"Diaspora," curated by Adrienne Wheeler and Toni Thomas, features the work of seven artists: Geraldine Gaines, Mansa Mussa, Monica Holder, Papa Gora Tall, Rebecca Lowry, Wahala Temi and Zethray Stimson. The group presents work that showcases their unique connection with the African diaspora.

Yema Gallery is at 540B Freeman St., Orange. Hours are Wednesdays and Fridays from 4 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m.

Call the Valley Arts District office at 973-674-0183 for additional information about gallery sites and activities.