Happy Birthday to Andy Warhol and The Print Center, Vincent Finazzo’s triumph over student debt, Nile Livingston’s paint party at Dahlak, Andrew Jeffrey Wright, Amze Emmons, and More

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[It’s always time for a paint party. And who doesn’t like a birthday celebration? Roberta rounds up some cheery news items. Plus Hitchbot. –the Artblog editors]

News

Pittsburgh, you know you want to be there. It’s Andy Warhol’s Birthday on August 6 and Friend of Artblog, Madelyn Roehrig, of the great project, Conversations with Andy, is hosting ANDY WARHOL’S BIRTHDAY PARTY, Thursday, AUG. 6, 2015, at 5:00pm at Andy Warhol’s Grave in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania 15102. If you can’t make it over, watch the festivities via the EarthCam.

Speaking of birthdays, did you know The Print Center is 100 years old this year? The little community art center on Latimer St. is partnering with many arts organizations (including Artblog) to host events, exhibits, parties and participatory whoop-de-doo. They are looking right now for works in print that tell a story via use of multiple images that add up to a narrative. The juried exhibit entitled: “A Print in Time” will be shown as part of the Art in City Hall program. If you haven’t shown in City Hall, know that it’s a
funky but great public platform to show your work — you should apply — by Sept. 25, 2015, 4PM. More information and application form here. Note: Free to enter, JUROR – Amze Emmons!

Wonderful story by Dana Goodyear in the New Yorker about Clare Rojas, Barry McGee and the late Margaret Kilgallen, Rojas, who is married to McGee and is helping raise Kilgallen and McGee’s daughter, Asha, confesses that she has been in a tough position as an artist, always in the shadow of Kilgallen and McGee. She tells Goodyear, “I went under two shadows” — Kilgallen’s and McGee’s — “and I don’t think I’m out of it yet.”

Alas, poor Hitchbot, we knew him… and destroyed him.

Vincent Finazzo and his Riverwards Produce Delivery Service. Photo via Newsworks, courtesy of the artist

Very nice story by Bobby Allen on Newsworks about student loan debt and one entrepreneur, Vincent Finazzo, who, unlike most graduates with loan debt, has started a business while shouldering debts, which he calls “like swimming with weights on.” The story links to a Philadelphia Federal Reserve study, just released, that says student debt retards business growth, home buying and general joie de vivre (I made up that last one). Download it here.

This sounds like fun, thanks, Nile Livingston! Paint and eat and paint and eat some more. Wednesday, August 12th, from 6pm-8pm. Paint Party in the rear patio of Dahlak Paradise Ethiopian Restaurant & Bar, 4708 Baltimore Ave. Philadelphia 19143. Sign-up includes happy hour drink specials, 20% off your meal, acrylic paints, step-by-step instructions from two professional artists, and a 12” canvas for you to take home. If it rains we’ll host the party inside. There are a limited number of table easels available.
Please RSVP early and arrive time. Purchase tickets at:
http://nilelivingston.com/dahlkpaintparty