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### Inside the Amazon

In its debut exhibition, *Mind Over Matter*, new Water Mill gallery Hampton Hang is showing a selection of paintings by East End artist Steve Miller through April 30. The work, from his *Health of the Planet* series, incorporates x-rays Miller took himself of plants and animals from the Amazon River Basin in Brazil, along with photographs, silk screens and fluid, abstract paint applications, including representations of the snarled telephone and electrical wires in Rio's downtrodden and dangerous favelas. The artist was struck by the rich biodiversity in Brazil during a 2005 visit and it inspired him to tell the story of this crucial and threatened region, which he calls "the lungs of the planet." Miller is no stranger to using science and technology in his work, calling it today's "international language." The earth's treasures are further illustrated with a collection of specimen minerals curated by Angela Firestone, formerly of the Cranbrook Science Museum. Sculpture by East Hampton artist Mike Chiarello is also on view.



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