Calendar of NYC Events

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Street Scrawls

They are among the ephemera of city life: scraps of paper posed on lampposts, walls and other available spaces, bearing the hand-drawn pronouncements of their unknown writers. For 25 years Harley Spiller has been collecting these bits and pieces and, for the next month, they will be on display at apexart in an exhibition fittingly entitled "Scrawl."

The show displays almost 100 different handmade works by 40 or so people. The pieces range from scary to silly, from sloppy dashings to complex compositions. Many seek to right wrongs, personal and otherwise. By collecting these works, Spiller hopes to preserve urgent voices and spur a dialogue about expression.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the gallery will hold a public discussion on October 2, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., with Melissa Rachleff, Burti, Jem Cohen, Luc Sante and Harley Spiller. It will include a screening of Cohen’s 1996 film "Lost Book Found."

"Scrawl" runs through Oct. 11. apexart, at 291 Church St., is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free. For more information go to apexart.