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# 12 things to see, do and eat on a fall day trip to Germantown

Tiny town mixes world-class art with local farms brimming with u-pick pumpkins and apples

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— Alexander Gray's current show is comprised of BIPOC artists in the region. The painting is by Henri Paul Broyard, who lives in Canaan.  
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Almost every county and state has a Germantown. The one in Columbia County manages to be the epitome of contemporary chic, while also feeling like a rural escape hatch.

Driving down Route 9 from Hudson or across County Route 8, it's often just you and the trees. But that's why stumbling upon Germantown feels like rolling up to an oasis. Though it abuts the Hudson River and is just 15 minutes from busy downtown Hudson, it feels a world away. Perhaps that's what has drawn so many artists and makers to live and work in the area.

For such a small place, it's pretty incredible that an art gallery showing some of the most in-demand contemporary artists is tucked behind a 1920s mechanic's garage down a gravel driveway with a lush tropical garden. Alexander Gray Associates (224 Main St.), which officially opened last year, is one of the art world's important contemporary galleries, and their Germantown space is as rigorous and museum-quality as their NYC Chelsea gallery. Currently, they are showing part two of the exhibition "Subliminal Horizons," running through Oct. 3, which highlights BIPOC creators living and working in the Hudson Valley, including an unbelievable work by David Hammons (worthy alone for a trip).