5 Artists to Watch at the Sunday Art Fair 2016
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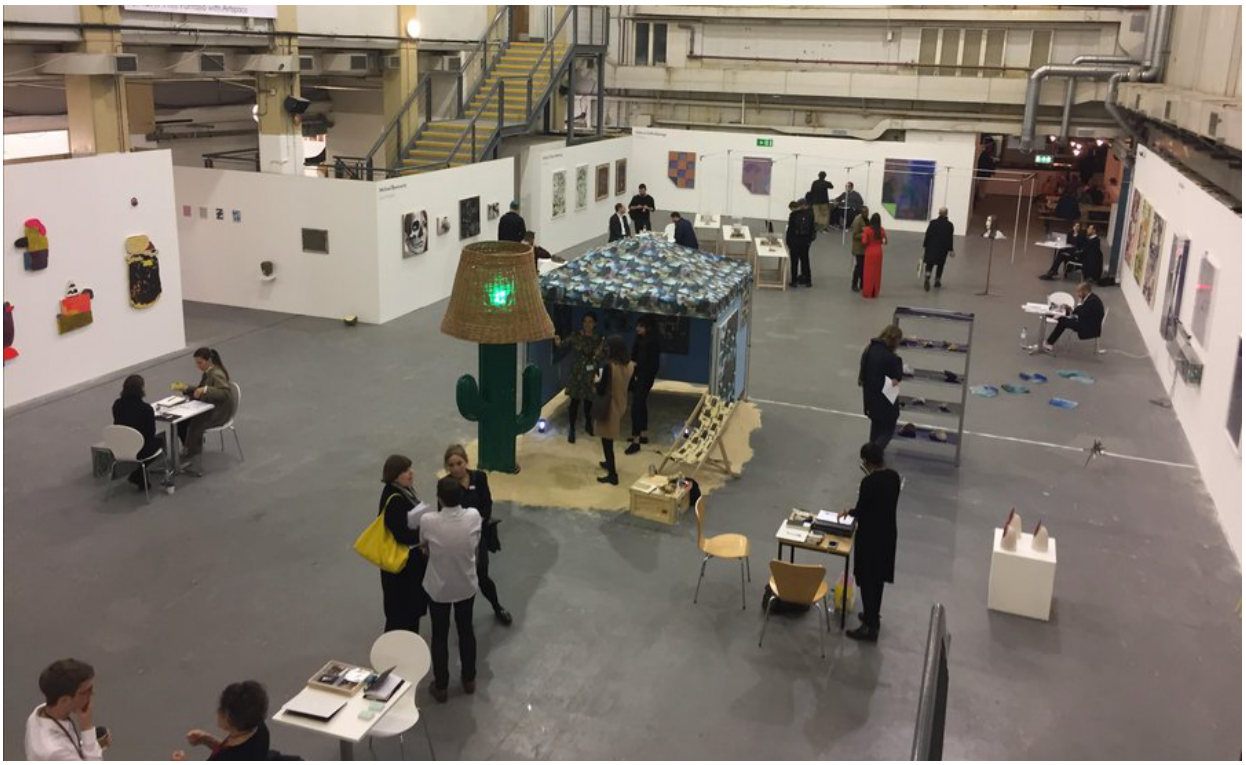

The British artist Neil Raitt is a lover of the amateur, a fan of the Sunday painter, who takes such a degree of spiritual guidance from the TV art teacher Bob Ross that he uses the same brands of Van Dyke brown and titanium white in his own paintings of cabins and landscapes repeated at intervals, wallpaper-style. Raitt has also gotten into the art of craft objects, so he recently traveled to Gloucestershire to apprentice with a 90-year-old wicker weaver to learn how to hand-weave gargantuan lampshades for the kitschy cactus lamp sculptures that he makes from plywood and Jasmenite. At the fair, his paintings and cactus were featured in a little beach hut that the artist built on a pile of sand in the middle of the event floor, with the giant lamp selling at $20,000, the paintings range between $4,500 and $16,000.