



Saco Bay Artists Newsletter

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URGENT— HELP WANTED!



NEEDED FOR 2013! TREASURER AND SECRETARY

Sylvia Orchard who has been the SBA Treasurer for many, many years is stepping down from this job. She has done a fine job of managing the checkbook, preparing treasurer reports for our meetings, paying bills,

making deposits and overseeing the funds of the group. We **ABSOLUTELY** need someone to step up and take on this job. Please contact Kathy Angel Lee (937-2125 or klee@maine.rr.com) if you have questions and need more information to consider this job.

Also needed is a secretary. Judith May, who has been secretary for the past few years, is planning on relocating to New Jersey to be nearer her family. We need someone to take minutes at our meetings

and share them with the chairperson and the newsletter editor and send out the occasional get-well card to members.

Without willing members stepping forward to take these important positions over, our group will not be able to survive. Please consider offering your time!

Again contact Kathy if you need more information.



Need Secretary and Treasurer ASAP!

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From our Co-Chairs

Our summer show season is over. We closed the season with 22 artists participating in the September show in Ocean Park. Jerry Gosselin, the new Executive Director for the Ocean Park Association, visited the booths and enjoyed the artists' work. He offered a suggestion to our artists that they consider some work that features Ocean Park landmarks and/or distinctive cottages in the area. It's something to think about as you are working on

inventory for next season.

The panel that Elizabeth Shore assembled to talk about judging was very interesting. They shared insightful comments and I hope all of you found it helpful.

Our September business meeting will be on September 10 from noon-2PM. Rita Swidrowski will share information about book arts which is a current exciting art topic. I hope many

of you can make it.

We had 14 artists participate in the Dyer Library show and we're still working on another indoor venue. Don't forget that we will be exhibiting at the North Dam Mill in November and December.

Hope your summer is going well. Enjoy the lovely weather.

Kathy and Jen



August 4th SBA Show

Below are the judge's comments from the August show.

First place - Peabody Pond by Tammy Charles The sculptural use of paint is so interesting and effective, especially in monochrome. I love the decorative, almost Asian design of the composition.

Second place - Stacked Geography by Sandy Katz The media, encaustic and collage, are such a good fit with the subject of a coastal landscape. Both have a built, additive quality. The vertical format and the creative use of collage elements are particularly appealing.

Third place - Tumbling Lilies by Kathy Angel Lee An ambitious and beauti-

fully designed piece. The petal falling off the edge is very effectively done. Gorgeous use of color.

Honorable Mention - Here's Lookin' at You, Kid by Wendy Barrett How could you not love this photo? A great captured moment with so much personality. It's also a lovely photo with its muted colors and that ring of ripples around the seal.

Honorable Mention - Shore Dinner by Iona Desmond Great use of color and I love the inside/outside effect. I like the ridges of impasto paint on the corn.

Honorable Mention - Sailing in Winter by Charles Bernier Very nicely composed. I like the body language of the

figures - all energy and flows. Looks like an homage to Thomas Eakins, perhaps?

Bill Edmunds Award - People Under the Pier by Joseph Barnett This is such an iconic spot, but not the typical postcard view of it. I like the way the peoples' limbs through the jumbled verticals of the pier's supports. Also the isolation of all the figures is interesting.

Purchase Prize from Saco & Biddeford Savings Bank— Joe Rokowski

Congratulations to the prize recipients!

Artists Wanted (Found in the Biddeford-Saco-OOB Courier Community News)

Registration is open for artists, crafters, community partners and square sponsors to participate in the Heart of Biddeford's eighth annual Chalk on the Walk Festival 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 22 in downtown Biddeford.

The festival features chalk drawings in front of restaurants and businesses the length of Main Street and lower Alfred Street in Biddeford. Also included are children's games, musical and dance entertainment, bounce houses and pony rides. This year's festival theme is "Around the World with Chalk on the Walk." For the first time it includes tastes of Biddeford's many cultures as

restaurants and nonprofits are being encouraged to sell food.



Heart of Biddeford seeks artists willing to complete a chalk square that has been sponsored by a local business or nonprofit. In the past, artists with varying levels of experience do well with the project (they may not have experience with chalk drawing on sidewalks, but if they are an artist, an interesting piece can be created). Chalk is provided.

Contest judges will choose a grand prize winner (\$300), a people's choice prize (\$200), and a third place prize (\$100).

The event is rain or shine. However, if it rains, it will move to 100 Main St (across from Happy Garden).

The festival's major sponsor is Biddeford Savings. Any business that wants to sponsor a chalk square can fill out the online square sponsorship form. For more information about Chalk on the Walk, go to <http://www.heartofbiddeford.org/events/hob-events>.

Upcoming SBA Meetings

Sept. 10, Noon-2PM, Rita Swidrowski – Travel Journal Talk;
<http://inkandaquarelle.blogspot.com>

October 8, 7-9 PM, Critique

November 12, Noon-2PM; TBA

December 10, 7-9 PM, Holiday Party



Robert Dunn Exhibit at Dyer Library (from the Biddeford-Saco-OOB Courier)

See paintings by Robert Dunn through Friday, September 28th, at the Dyer Library on Main Street in Saco. Dunn moved to Maine from Connecticut in 2005 together with his wife, Barbara and their three cats.

He is a retired New York City commercial banker who now pursues his passion for art and painting. While his educational background deals with the world of business, he always had an interest in painting, but did not find the time until retirement to pursue his dream. He has studied with Connecticut water colorist Richard Elmendorf,

and with Maine artist, Judith Kinsman. Since 2006, he has taken classes with artist/illustrator Robert Dohar, with a current concentration on portraiture.

His work reflects life in New England and Maine. From a whimsical beach scene in Old Orchard Beach to a quiet Sunday morning looking down Main Street in Biddeford, or to his work entitled "The Night After Christmas" which features his cat, Dooley.

Dunn's work includes landscapes, seascapes, still lifes and portraits. They cover subjects that tell a story as seen through the artist's eye. Robert is an

active member of Saco Bay Artists, The Oil Pastel Society of Maine, and Maine Women in the Arts. Since living in Maine, each year Dunn has participated in the summer art shows at Ocean Park and the annual Seaside Art Festival in Old Orchard Beach. His paintings hang in many homes throughout Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Canada.



Second Call to Artists to Display Work at Macpage LLC

Exhibition Date Set for November 1, 2012

(South Portland, ME) Macpage LLC is interested in displaying local artwork in their South Portland office for their second exhibition, themed "Abstract." This follows a successful inaugural exhibition, where 27 local artists showcased a total of 67 pieces of work. This exhibit will run from November 1st through January 25th. All media is accepted (please see specifications below), and Macpage will not take a commission on work sold. There will be an opening reception at Macpage on Thursday, November 1st from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Submission Information

Pieces should be relevant to the "Abstract" theme

2-D artworks of any size up to 160" wide x 78" tall and in any medium that can be hung on the walls (this dimension includes any framing)

3-D artworks no larger than 3' in height and in any medium

Artists may submit 3 pieces of work and send sample JPEG photographs. Please include the following information with your samples:

- Artist's Name & Contact Info
- Medium
- Dimensions
- Title of work and year created
- Sale price or NFS



Please provide a hanging wire for any hanging piece and any necessary pedestals for sculptural pieces. Display tables will be available for use. Artwork may be submitted via email to Bethany Mitchell at brm@macpage.com before 5:00 on September 14th. A final selection of works chosen will be announced on September 21st with a physical delivery date of October 12th before noon to:

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(from Maine Art Scene online <http://www.maineartscene.com>)

SBA Who's Who

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Editors Ramblings

Well, here we are at the end of summer...ALREADY! Does anyone else wonder where all of those warm weather weeks went??

Our SBA shows went very well this year, I for one would like to offer my sincere thanks for those who worked so hard to organize them! Yes, the August show would likely have been better attended if it hadn't been 100 degrees in the shade (or so it felt), but overall it seems like we were very fortunate to have such good weather and attendance. I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with such a talented group of artists! Here's hoping that more of our membership will be able to exhibit next summer.

This has been a summer of inspiration for me, and I hope it has been for you as well. I thought I would share some quotes

that I found online at <http://skinnyartist.com/150-amazing-quotes-to-feed-your-creative-soul/>

"Life is the art of drawing without an eraser." ~John W. Gardner

"The earth has music for those who listen." ~William Shakespeare

"Art is not a thing, it is a way." ~Elbert Hubbard

"Art is when you hear a knocking from your soul — and you answer." ~Terri Guillemets

"Art must be an expression of love or it is nothing." ~Marc Chagall

"Always be on the lookout for the presence of wonder." ~E.B. White

"Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature into his pictures." ~Henry Ward Beecher

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, but must be felt with the heart." ~Helen Keller



Here's Lookin' at You, Kid...