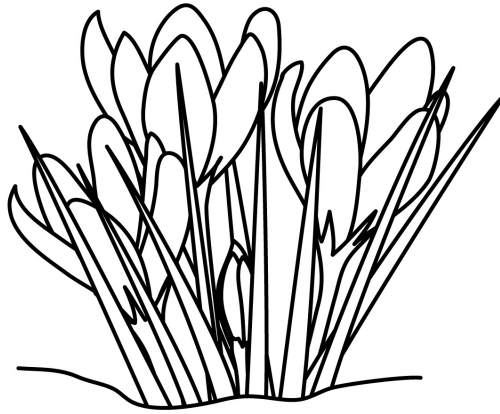


Saco Bay Artists

April 2022 Newsletter



Our meetings will USUALLY be held on the second Monday of the month from 10:30 am -12:30 pm unless there is a conflict with the Rec Center. The meeting location is the Saco Parks & Rec Center at 75 Franklin Street in Saco. **OUR APRIL MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022** (ALL WELCOME). Please look for signs at the building entrances indicating whether masks are required based on community covid levels. Once in the meeting room, masks are currently optional, so please do whatever makes you most comfortable.

We also continue to have the option to drop in at the Rec Center on the other Mondays from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm for those who would like to get together to paint, create, chat, etc. Please let Ellen know if you might like to join some Mondays; she has been trying to email around on Sundays to if there are folks who intend to attend, which helps us all in planning. Here are a few photos of those of us who got together on Monday, March 7: Ellen Pelletier, Ruth Wallingford, Kailleigh Archibald, and Christine Labaree.





March Meeting Notes:

There was much discussion about the needs and to-do's around the upcoming SBA Exhibit at the Dyer Library in April. See details in the show section of the newsletter below. Sylvia Orchard has been the featured artist at the library in March. Robert Dunn, who curates the art exhibits at the library, noted that an incorrect email had been circulated for him. The correct address is rcdunnjr@gmail.com.

Robert will also be highlighting some of the history of the SBA during the April exhibit and in the library newsletter, and was looking to connect with those who might be able to provide background or photos. The SBA was founded in 1995 and some of the original members are still with our group!

Kathy Angel Lee had researched and prepared a proposal for the group to consider increases to member dues and show fees. Neither has been raised in a number of years and our levels are lower than other associations and shows. The additional income will allow us to compensate our show judges more competitively and give us more flexibility in our programming and contributions.

The group voted to approve the proposal to raise member fees beginning in 2023 to \$45/year (from \$30 currently), and if paid after Feb 15 it will be \$10 more (\$55). A suggestion was made that we consider making an exception for individuals in financial hardship by decrease their dues or perhaps considering an in-kind contribution like a demo to offset dues.

For show fees, the group reviewed several proposals and approved a stepwise approach as follows:

2022 – unchanged at \$25 member attending 3+ meetings/\$55 member/\$90 non-member
2023 - \$35 member attending 3+ meetings/\$65 member/\$100 non-member
2024 - \$35 member attending 3+ meetings/\$75 member/\$110 non-member

There was additional discussion around the SBA's summer art shows. Kathy reported that judges have been selected for all three shows:

July - Russel Whitten

August - Gayle Fitzpatrick

September - Piper Bolduc

A committee has also been formed with Kathy, Heather and Kay to discuss appropriate categories for the prizes to be awarded at SBA shows to recognize fine art as well as high end crafts and photography.

There was also support for having a Saco Bay Artists tent at one of the shows (as we've had in the past) which would offer information about our organization and membership. Robert Dunn offered to help organize and staff a tent at the August show.

There was active discussion around ways to promote the show including perhaps posters or fliers based on the ads that are put together for the Ocean Park booklet that goes out to OOB hotels. Additionally, members are encouraged to send information on to their contacts, including through social media. Ruth and Ann offered to write up some suggested text that members could easily copy and use to promote the show. Kathy will provide them our ads and Kay will send some examples of what Thompson's Point Makers Market does.

A couple final points from Kathy were the consideration of joining the OOB chamber of commerce to help promote our shows and the legal work that is underway to formally establish SBA as a non-profit.

Finally, Anne Alexander mentioned that the Maine Arts Commission is offering a new grant of up to \$1500 to artists that have never received a grant from the commission. It's called the Springboard Grant. Funds assist individual artists with the creation of new work, the continuation of existing practices, and participation in professional development programs and activities. Projects can be in any artistic discipline and on any scale. The grant application is due April 14th. More info is available at this link: <https://mainearts.maine.gov/Pages/Funding/springboard-artist-grant>



SBA Art Show at the Dyer Library

An exhibit of SBA artists will be featured at the Dyer Library (371 Main Street) in Saco April 4-29. A reminder to our participating artists that the drop off time is Monday, April 4 from 9:30-10:30 am. Robert Dunn, who has kindly organized the show, may appreciate additional volunteers who could stay and help hang at that time. If you can't drop your works in person, please arrange for someone else to do so for you.

We will have a number of our artists participating, so please come by during the month and encourage others to do the same. The library hours for viewing are currently as follows:

- Mon., Wed., and Fri.: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Tue. and Thu.: 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Sat. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The pick up time for artwork following the show will be 9:30-10:30 am on Friday April 29. Again, if you can't be there in person, please arrange for someone else to do your pick up.

SBA Shows in Ocean Park

The dates have been set for the 2022 SBA Shows in Ocean Park: Monday, July 4, Saturday, August 6, and Saturday, September 3. Shows will be held from 9 AM to 4 PM on the Ocean Park Library lawn at 11 Temple Avenue, between West Grand and Seaside Avenues. Artists can set up starting at 6:00 AM and must remain set up until 4 PM. Kathy sent an email with all the information in January, but you can also visit the SBA website to print or download the show application and guidelines:

<https://www.sacobayartists.org/pdf/SBAShowApplication2022.pdf>

<https://www.sacobayartists.org/pdf/SBAShowGuidelines2022.pdf>

Monthly Sketching at Libby Library

- Sylvia confirmed that sketching will continue in 2022 at the Libby Library in Old Orchard Beach on the second Thursday of the month from 1-4 pm. Dates are as follows:
 - June 9
 - July 14
 - Aug 11
 - Sept 8
 - Oct 13

Demos

During the March meeting, Christine Labaree hosted a demo showing how she set up a website with the hosting service at Fine Art Studio Online (FASO: <https://www.faso.com/>) to market her art: <https://www.christinelabaree.com/>. She emailed her slides around to the group after the meeting and has offered to spend a few hours coaching any members who decide to try out a website with FASO on how to set it up.



During the April meeting (the 11th), Robert Dunn will do a demo about different approaches for using mixed media. He plans to cover glazing and layering of watercolor paint to achieve tone and value. How other mediums can be used effectively with watercolors to increase intensity and effect. What works and does not (for instance drawing with ink and painting over it with watercolors). “Mixed medium is a term used to describe artworks composed from a combination of different medium materials.” How should I label such paintings? Who are some of the famous artists who do mixed media work? Is there a market for mixed medium work? Should a painter paint in different mediums or concentrate just on one?

Ellen is seeking volunteers to host demos during our monthly SBA meetings throughout 2022. And you get paid for it too! You are encouraged to show us how you make your art, but if you prefer not to “perform,” a demo related to your art/technique, tips of the trade, history/influencers, etc. would be just as valuable. So feel free to get creative!

DUES REMINDER:

If you haven't yet paid your 2022 member dues, please bring your \$40 payment to the April meeting or make your check out to Saco Bay Artists and mail it to Heather Fountain at 2 Pavia Ave, Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064.

Show Fee Benefit

For members who participate in the summer shows, a reminder that if you attend 3 business/program meetings during the year, your show fee will be \$25 instead of \$55/show. This is a nice benefit for attending meetings. Plus you get to meet other artists and enjoy excellent demonstrations.

SBA Chairs/Committees

Co-chairs

Ellen Pelletier – Prepare agendas, run meetings, demos

David Steed – Facility, Finance

Committee chairs

Lettie Lemay – Treasurer

Christine Labaree – Newsletter

Kathy Angel Lee – Summer show coordinator

Heather Fountain - membership coordinator

Sylvia Orchard - Events

Stephen Beckett – Webmaster

Susan Hanna – Facebook coordinator