

# Saco Bay Artists

## January 2023 Newsletter



Our meetings are held monthly from March-December, usually on the second Monday of the month from 10:30 am -12:30 pm. The meeting location is the Saco Parks & Rec Center at 75 Franklin Street in Saco. **OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023** - 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 host a “drop in” at the Rec Center on the non-meeting Mondays from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm for those who would like to get together to paint, create, chat, etc. Please let Ellen ([pastelpainter84@gmail.com](mailto:pastelpainter84@gmail.com)) know if you might like to join on those 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.

**Reminder, there are no business meetings during January and February but we still plan to offer “drop in” painting/sketching on those Mondays as weather allows.**

### December Meeting Notes:

- No treasurers report; Lettie is very busy right now.
- Membership report: We had a new member join named Gerard Bianco. He is a portrait painter, illustrator worked for years in New York. He’s a teacher of art works in oil, pastel, watercolor, and is the author of a few books. He’s from Brooklyn originally and moved to Maine 20 years ago. He is glad to have found us.
- Membership for 2023 is \$40 and \$45 after February 15.
- Heather Fountain handed out membership forms as our new membership year starts in January 2023. She asked us to complete the form with information about medium we work in and also how we're willing to help SBA in different ways. An email also went out around December 15.
- Kathy gave an art walk update that it went very well despite the weather. The prize bags have been picked up by the winners and they were excited to receive their gifts. We plan to do it again next year and we might even have one more local location interested near Kathy Lee’s house-- a woman who has a collection of local crafters.

- Ellen read the slate of board members for 2023:
  - SBA chair, Ellen Pelletier
  - Treasurer, Lettie Lemay
  - Meeting scribe/newsletter, editor, Christine Labaree
  - Membership coordinator, Heather Fountain
  - Summer shows/December art walk coordinator, Kathy Angel Lee
  - Events coordinator, Sylvia Orchard
  - Webmaster, Stephen Beckett
  - Facebook coordinator- it was open, but Kailleigh Archibald stepped up and filled that spot during the meeting (Susan Hanna stepped down)
  - Finance/budget Director – position open
 Slate of officers was passed and seconded.
- We haven't heard from or seen Iona in a while, so Ellen called her to check on her; she is fine, but is worried about Covid; she'll be back in the spring.
- Monday March 13, 2023 will be our next regular meeting. Monday painting sessions will continue in January and February. Ellen emails those who are interested. She'll confirm the dates for 2023.
- We adjourned for Christmas goodies and each chose a brown bag gift to open-- something made by each person. See photos below.















### Carry Over Items from Prior Meetings

- With several new members on board, the question has been raised about the SBA website (<https://www.sacobayartists.org/>) and how artists can have their website listed under the artists tab. Stephen Beckett ([mayaway@maine.rr.com](mailto:mayaway@maine.rr.com)) is our SBA webmaster, so to get your website added to the SBA website, please email him the name you would like to use (like: my\_name or my\_gallery) and the URL/web address of your website (or Facebook page or blog or what have you). One link per artist.
- **Painting Display at OOB Town Hall:** SBA members have paintings on display at the OOB Town Hall, which get changed over every month or two. Please contact Sylvia if you are interested in showing there ([sgorch6648@gmail.com](mailto:sgorch6648@gmail.com)).
- **Show coordinator:** Kathy has asked if anyone might be interested in learning about our shows and how to put them together. She is looking to the future when there will be a time when she can no longer do this for SBA. Kathy will be preparing a month by month checklist of tasks that need to be completed. If you have any questions or might be interested, contact Kathy at 207-937-2125 or [kathyangellee@gmail.com](mailto:kathyangellee@gmail.com)
- **SBA financial role:** David Steed is stepping back from his finance role due to other commitments. There is a need for someone to oversee the budget and work with the treasurer to develop the budget. Please let Ellen know if you are interested in helping: [pastelpainter84@gmail.com](mailto:pastelpainter84@gmail.com).

### **Ocean Park "Art in the Park," July 16-19, 2023**

Heather Fountain is excited to announce a free to apply Plein Air Event in Ocean Park, Maine for this coming summer. Artists who have been involved love the collegial, non-competitive, welcoming nature of this event. To apply or read the full call, follow this link to the google drive (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mX-95sUqBXmcKiyyWlynDVjL5SQbW-hS/view?usp=sharing>) or email Heather Fountain at [Fountainglass10@gmail.com](mailto:Fountainglass10@gmail.com). Deadline for applications is January 1, 2023. Please also pass this on to any Plein Air Artists or groups who might be interested.

## **Demos**

Ellen is seeking volunteers to host demos during our monthly SBA meetings. 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:**

The membership dues for 2023 are \$40/year if paid before February 15 or \$45 if paid afterward. To pay your dues, please mail a check 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  
OPEN – Facility, Finance

### Committee chairs

Lettie Lemay – Treasurer  
Christine Labaree – Meeting Scribe & Newsletter Editor  
Kathy Angel Lee – Summer Show Coordinator  
Heather Fountain - Membership Coordinator  
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