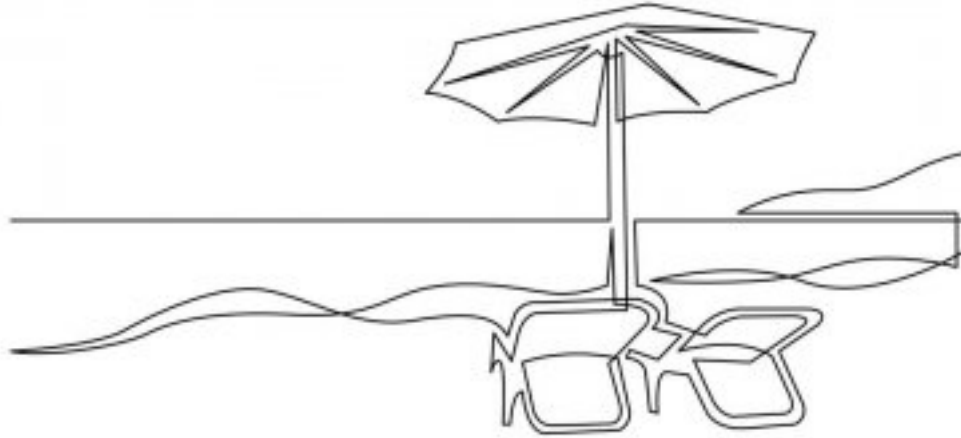


# Saco Bay Artists

July 2022 Newsletter



Our meetings are USUALLY 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 NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, JULY 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 ([pastelpainter84@gmail.com](mailto:pastelpainter84@gmail.com)) 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.

## June Meeting Notes:

The “business” portion of the June meeting was relatively short, to allow ample time for the demo by Diane Noble.

- There was no change in membership since the May report.
- SHOWS: Notices for the SBA July show are due to go out the week of June 20, including site assignments. Numbers for all shows are tracking in line with previous years and some of the more limited categories are already filled (e.g.



photographers and jewelers). We need a head count for the SBA tent at August in order to decide whether to arrange this; 5-6 participating artists would make it worthwhile (Kathy emailed a form that interested artist should complete and return to her: [kathyangellee@gmail.com](mailto:kathyangellee@gmail.com)). She confirmed SBA is listed in the Ocean Park summer booklet, and that as a member of the OOB Chamber of Commerce, SBA is also on their lists. Kathy also distributed a jpeg of the show poster for printing/hanging or posting on social media.

- We recently were notified by the family of SBA member, Debbie Eaton, that she passed away in April.
- A vote passed for SBA to make two donations of \$50.00 each. The first will go to the OOB Chamber of Commerce for the 39th Annual Beach Olympics. This is their fundraiser for Special Olympics Maine. The second donation will go to the fund to Preserve the Curtis, a historic landmark in Ocean Park.
- Robert Dunn reported that the Oil Pastel Society of Maine (OPSOM) has disbanded, and the members elected to donate \$1000 from the treasury to create an award in memory of Elizabeth (“Betty”) Horton Shore that would be given out annually at SBA’s August show. Betty was the founder of OPSOM and the award in her name would recognize and promote oil pastels. If no oil pastels were on exhibit at the SBA August show, the award would move to the following year. The award amount would be \$100 each year until the \$1000 balance (which will be accounted for separately from the SBA general treasury) is depleted.

### **SBA Shows in Ocean Park**

The shows will be held Monday July 4, Saturday August 6, and Saturday September 3 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. You can visit the SBA website (links below) to print or download the show application and guidelines. Any other questions, please contact Kathy ([kathyangellee@gmail.com](mailto:kathyangellee@gmail.com)).

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

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

### **Monthly Sketching at Libby Library**

Sketching is continuing in 2022 at the Libby Library in Old Orchard Beach on the second Thursday of the month from 1-4 pm. Dates are:

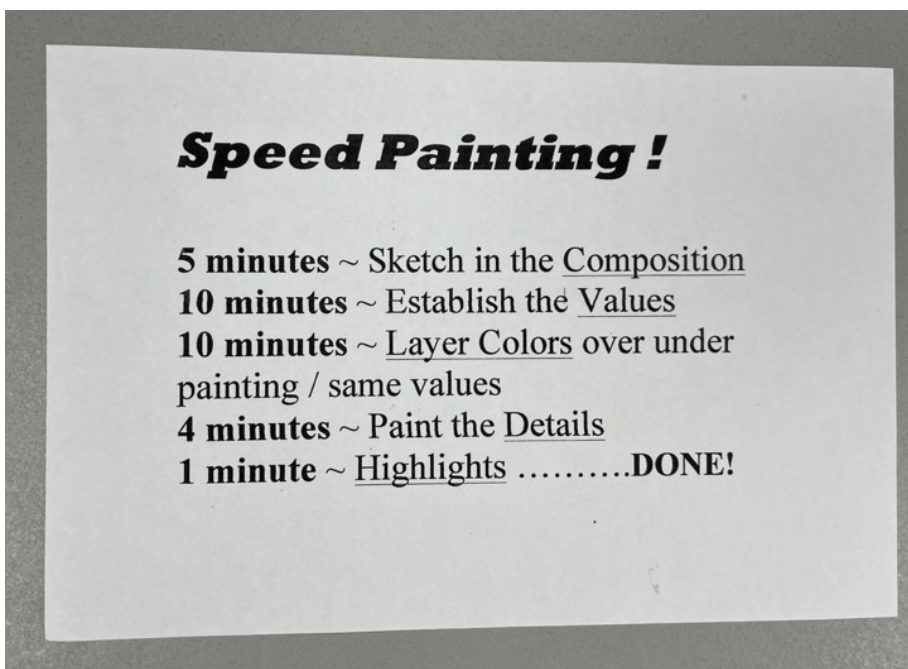
- July 14 – outside (no limit), raindate July 21
- Aug 11 – outside (no limit), raindate Aug 18
- Sept 8
- Oct 13

### **Painting Display at OOB Town Hall**

Sylvia noted that SBA members have paintings on display at the OOB Town Hall, which get changed over every month or two. Please contact her if you are interested in showing there ([sgorch6648@gmail.com](mailto:sgorch6648@gmail.com)).

## Demos

At the June meeting, Diane Noble (<https://www.dianenobleart.com/>) hosted a demo on speed painting, a process she has cultivated following workshops she did with artist David Lussier. She was drawn to this approach after struggling previously with plein air, where she felt she couldn't focus in the time she had and "couldn't mix fast enough." Within 30 minutes using acrylic paints, she was able to take the painting from a blank canvas to near final form:



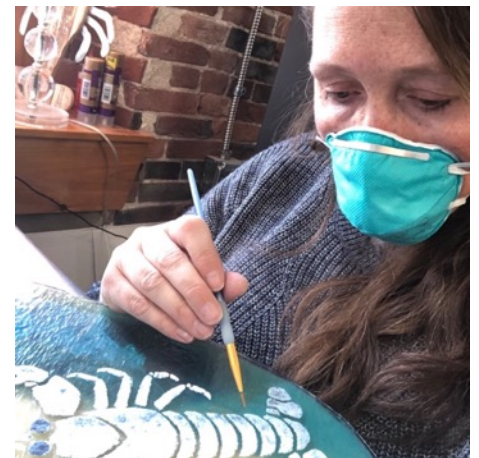








On July 11, Heather Fountain ([Fountain Glass](#)) plans to host a demo entitled, "You're Getting Warmer: The Fine Craft of Warm Glass." Join us to learn about glass as a fine craft, including the versatility of the medium of warm glass. Heather will share her artwork as well as the difference between it and hot or cold glass work.



In August, our demo will be hosted by artist and writer, Steve Hrehovcik, who will be doing a caricature demonstration. He's asked that attendees bring drawing paper, a pencil or pen, and an "improver" (eraser!) to the demo and he promises to make it fun.

Some background on Steve... he works in pen and ink, acrylics, charcoal, pencil and colored markers. His subjects include homes and buildings, portraits, equestrian art and pets, scenic views and caricatures. While working in advertising and industrial design he widened his expertise to include computer. Steve studied art and design while a theater major at Rutgers University, the University of Miami and Catholic University. He has continued his art education at the Maine College of Art and the Heartwood College of Art. On trips, rather than using a camera, he prefers to capture the memories on a sketch pad.



Important visual influences in Steve's art embrace the freedom of the Impressionists, the dramatic fantasies of Boris Vallejo, the wholesome fun of Norman Rockwell, the romantic danger of Howard Pyle, the daring architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright, the fluid lines of Al Hirschfeld's Broadway caricatures and the glamorous spectacle of the old MGM musicals.

Ellen is seeking volunteers to host demos during our monthly SBA meetings during the remainder of 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