

Saco Bay Artists

July 2024 Newsletter



Our meetings are scheduled monthly from March-December on the second Monday of the month (except for holidays). All are welcome so feel free to bring anyone who is interested. The meetings are typically held from 10:30 am -12:30 pm at the Saco Parks & Rec Center at 75 Franklin Street in Saco.*

NOTE, because of the Parks & Rec summer camp, August 12 meeting will be at Jordan Hall, 48 Temple Ave in Ocean Park. There is parking along the street and behind the building and temple. Please also mark your calendars with the remaining meeting dates for the year: Sept 9, Oct 21*, Nov 18* & Dec 9.

We also normally host a “drop in” at the Rec Center on most non-meeting Mondays from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm for those who would like to get together to paint, create & chat. **However, the time will change to 1-3pm during the Saco summer camp period.** Ellen Pelletier coordinates these meet ups by sending around an email to interested members on Sunday or Monday mornings – please email her if you'd like to be on that list: pastelpainter84@gmail.com. She has provided the following schedule for the remainder of the year:

July: 15, 22, and 29 TIME CHANGE 1PM TO 3PM

August: 19 and 26 TIME CHANGE BACK 10:30AM TO 12:30PM

September: 16, 23, and 30 painting 2 holiday

October: 7 and 28 painting 14 holiday

November: 4 and 25 painting 11 holiday

December: 2, 16, 23, and 30 painting

July 2024 Meeting Notes

Heather was kind enough to host our July 8 meeting at her beachside house in OOB and we had a great turn out, no doubt because of the plein air painting tutorial and open air session offered afterward. There was wonderful scenery and creative camaraderie to take advantage of!



- Heather introduced, Vicky Lowe, our new membership director, and also our guest presenter for the August 12 meeting, talking about pencil portrait sketching and the Sktchy app (bring pencil & paper!)
- Reminder that the next meeting will be at Jordan Hall, 48 Temple Ave in Ocean Park (next to the temple, with parking along the street and behind the building and temple)
- Heather is also looking into a way to show a great video that Freddy our 2024 Gertrude Eastman Student Scholarship winner sent talking about herself and her art
- Kathy gave a show update:
 - 4th of July: 39 spots, 37 registered, 3 no shows for various reasons; huge crowd! New tent spots had been added to the park and will be adjusted for the remaining two shows for better flow
 - Aug 3 show: only 4 spots left, plus shared SBA members tent for those who want to place a few pieces (contact Nancy Kenny for more info: nancyckenney@aol.com)
 - Aug 31/Labor Day Weekend: 2 spots left
 - Done well this year recruiting new fine artists
 - Also debuting our new SBA banner below on the Aug 3 SBA tent!



- The following are the award winners and judge's comments (*in italics*) from the July show. The judge was Dawn Maron; she was impressed with the entire show and pleased to be a judge for us:
 - Best of Show - Peggy Lumpkins for Ferry Beach Clouds; *great composition w/ a fantastic sky*
 - First Fine Art - Chad Creighton for Bath Buddies; *interesting use of materials; loved how he used his animals to enhance the total look*
 - Second Fine Art - Fred Mafigiri for The Arrival; *powerful color*
 - Honorable Mention Fine Art - Nancy Clark for Other Worldly; *strong use of color; simplicity was powerful*
 - First Fine Craft - Mark Wheeler for Hollow Form; *outstanding workmanship; high marks for creativity*
 - Second Fine Craft - Chris Newcomb for Community Garden; *interesting technique and textures*
 - Honorable Mention for Fine Craft - Richard Winslow for Bowl w/ Pink Texture; *loved the use of pink*
 - Bill Edmunds Award/Photography - Joe Rokowsk for Colored Glass Balls; *great composition with wonderful color; interesting process*
- Nancy also updated the group that there are 2 bazaars coming up in Ocean Park (Curtis and Library lawns) that are well attended each summer – it's in its 69th year! The first is July 17 (rain date July 18) from 9 am – 1 pm (set up starting at 7:30) and second is Aug 21 (rain date Aug 22). The bazaar includes artists (usually smaller works), crafters and some "attic treasures." It includes a 2.5'x-6' table (~28 in total) but no tent so bring your own tent or shade umbrella along with sunscreen and bug spray. Lunch will be available and the restrooms will be the same as our art shows. Contact her for more info: nancyckenney@aol.com
- Additional upcoming events are highlighted in the events section below, including Heather's upcoming solo exhibition at Gallery 302
- Kathy Turpin was unable to attend the meeting but sent a treasurer's report

July Meeting/Plein Air Painting Program

Ellen Pelletier helped kick off our open air painting session with a few pointers for plein air painting (using a limited palette, packing light, taking advantage of view finders to focus your subject matter) and then showed the group her easel, palette box holder and homemade carry boxes for “wet works.”

Our artists then spread out, found creative inspiration, and painted together for several hours, as you will see below!







Announcements, Events & Happenings

- **SBA Summer Shows:** Illumination Night Show-August 3, Labor Day Show-August 31
- **Saco Main Street 53rd Annual Arts Festival, Saturday, June 22, 2024**
- **Art in the Park, Ocean Park Plein Air** Juried artists create around OP and sell work on Wed, 5PM in the Temple. **July 21-24.** *All Artists are always welcome to create in and around OP anytime.
- **Open Air Artistry:** This new plein air event will be hosted in OOB and Ocean Park on Saturday August 24 from 9-4 (rain date Aug 25), and will include cash awards for both professional and amateur painters as well as a wet paint sale. Visit <http://oob365.com/> for more information and the entry form. Deadline for applications is August 9.
- **Heather Fountain - Kiln Formed Glass Solo Exhibition** 7/23-8/23 at Gallery 302 at 112 Main Street, in Bridgton; Artist Reception July 26th, 5-7PM

2024 SBA Art Shows

Welcome to another show season with SBA. Although Ocean Park suffered severe damages during the recent storms, we are hopeful that everything will be repaired and shows/activities will go on as usual in Ocean Park.

For 2024, show messages will be from Kathy Angel Lee (kathyangellee@gmail.com) and Mary Brunner (marybrunner82@gmail.com) who is learning the Show Coordinator job & will be included in all communications. While the July 4 show may now be full (only one spot left at the time of the June meeting), there are spots open for the shows on Aug 3 and Aug 31. Contact Kathy & Mary if you are interested.

Membership 2024

Dues for 2024 are \$45.00 payable to Saco Bay Artists. If you have not renewed your 2024 Membership, please bring it to a meeting or send to Saco Bay Artists C/O Vicki Lowe, P. O. Box 7100, Ocean Park, ME 04063 (Oct 2024-April 2025: Saco Bay Artists C/O Vicki Lowe, 47 Spruce Street, Foxboro, MA 02035.)

Upcoming Guest Presenters

We have an exciting line up of artists for our meetings in 2024:

- **August 12** - Vicki Lowe, Sktchy app & pencil portrait drawing 101 (bring pencil & paper)
- **September 9** - Ken Kantro, Lovell Design, sculptural metal work

We are still looking for artists or suggestions for October, November, and December and our presenters typically receive a \$100 honoraria. If you have met any interesting artists or have artwork, a tool, a technique, or a topic you would like to teach us about, please let Heather Fountain know. She can be contacted at: fountainglass10@gmail.com or text or call 207-713-4029.

Saco Bay Artists Website

For new or current members who have an online presence for their art—either a dedicated website, Instagram feed or Facebook page—you have the option to have the SBA website link to that page (see the Artists tab at the top here: <https://www.sacobayartists.org/>). If you'd like to have your page added, please let Christine (art@christinelabaree.com) know and she will put you in touch with Stephen who maintains our website.

SBA Chairs/Committees

Chair - Heather Fountain

Treasurer - Cathy Turpin

Meeting Scribe/Newsletter - Christine Labaree

Membership Coordinator - Vicki Lowe

(new as of June 2024)

Events Coordinator - Sylvia Orchard

Webmaster - Stephen Beckett

Facebook Coordinator - Kailleigh Archibald

Summer Shows Coordinator - Mary Brunner/

Kathy Angel Lee (2024 only)

SBA Historian – new/open