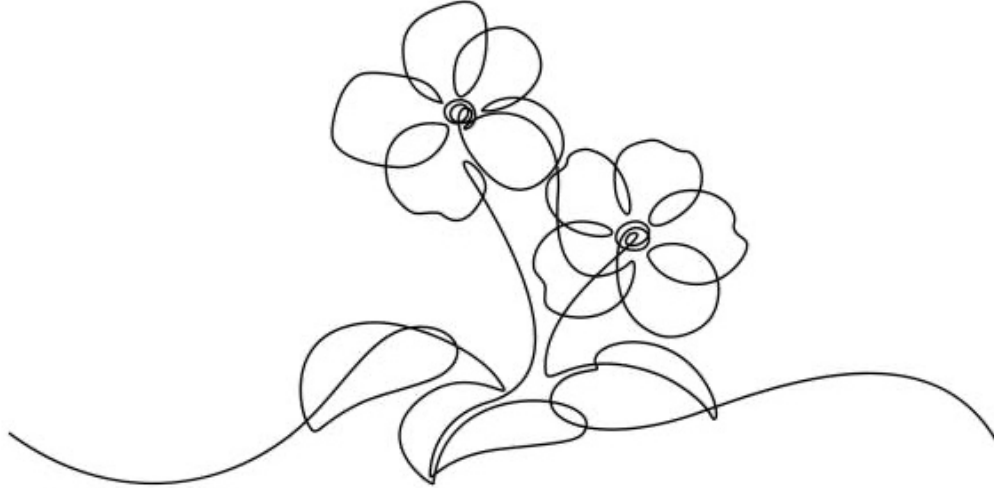


Saco Bay Artists

May 2025 Newsletter



Saco Bay Artists meets from March through 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 held from 10:30 am -12:30 pm at the Saco Parks & Rec Center at 75 Franklin Street in Saco.

We also host open-studio “drop ins” at the Rec Center on most non-meeting Mondays from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm for those who would like to get together to paint, create & chat. 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. Everyone on this list should reply-all to Ellen's emails and if at least 3 people are coming, the session is on!

May 12 Meeting Notes

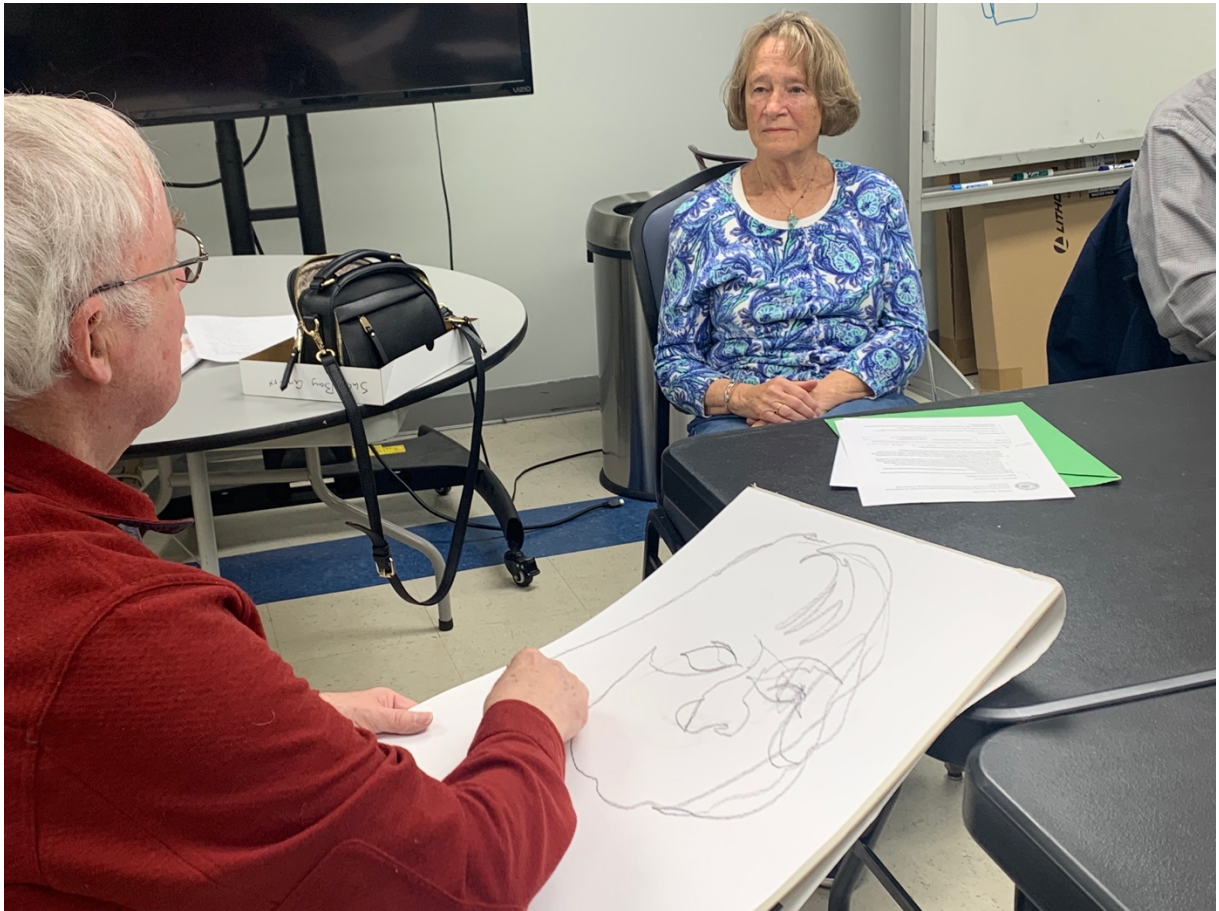
- Nancy Kenney ran the meeting in Heather's absence
- Right to Privacy update
 - At the last meeting we voted for option 1 to protect privacy by creating a member section on our website.
 - Our website manager is working on creating a password protected member folder on our webpage.
 - He will move our newsletter archive into it as well as a member list.
 - A message board is not possible without 20 hours of work which will cost \$1300, so he suggested that we have members submit items to a section of the newsletter where they can announce shows or opportunities, sell art supplies, seek others to do things with, etc.
- Member survey
 - Heather is creating this, so be aware that you will get an email this week from her with a link to a survey made using a program called Survey Monkey.
 - This is NOT SPAM and will record your privacy preferences so that our member chair can make a list for our password protected member folder.
- Summer Bazaar, outdoors on the library lawn is July 16th (rain date 17th) and August 13th(rain date 14th). If interested, contact [Nancy Kenney](#). Table and chair \$25.

- Art gatherings continue here at the Rec building, Mondays, now at 10:00 am (1/2 hour earlier than in the past) downstairs.
- SBA Summer shows are July 4th, Sat, Aug.2 (Illumination Night), and Saturday Aug 30th, 9-4. There are still a few spots open for July 4th and several for the other dates. Contact [Mary Greto- Brunner](#) if interested.
- Sylvia mentioned that the art group at the library will start up again in September.
- TREASURER'S REPORT. \$10,493.20 in account as of date.

Guest Presenter

Frank Jedrychowski presented an outstanding demonstration on "Blind Contour Drawing". Frank talked a little about his background having studied in Austria, Italy, and at the Museum School in Boston. He brought along over twenty paintings that he has done and described beautiful stories about each one and how they represented the real person. He explained that the process should not take long. He usually starts around the nose area using graphite and then try to follow contours without looking (although he said it is ok to occasionally peek to check placement). This type of drawing helps you to work with the "right" side of the brain, staying in the moment and working with shapes rather than the concept "eye", for example. Frank reminded people that you don't have to be a "perfectionist" His humor was evident when he showed an "arm" that he didn't particularly like how it came out in one of his paintings, but said, "That's ok. Heck, I wasn't even looking." Frank finished up by doing a complete blind contour drawing of Nancy and adding watercolors.









Art Opportunities

- Saco Parks and Rec is available every Monday (except for our meeting day) as an open studio for working on your art from 10:00 - 12:00. [Contact Ellen](#) if you are interested, we ask that you email her so she knows who is attending. If we don't have at least 3 attending or if the weather is bad, open studio will be canceled.
- Robert Whisenant, owner of the [Burano's chain](#) (three restaurants in Scarborough, Bath, and Hallowell) is looking to start a program where he displays a local artist on the restaurant's walls each month. He is thinking paintings vs photos. Christine is showing in May. If anyone is interested, they should reach out to Rob by emailing info@buranospizza.com with "artwork" in the subject line.
- **SBA's 3 Summer Shows** – register ASAP: Fri July 4th, Sat Aug 2nd (Illumination Night), Sat Aug 30th; all 9 am – 4 pm. Information and link to our application at <https://www.sacobayartists.org/shows.html>.
- **Makers Mart-Pride in the Park**, May 31st, 12-4pm. Spaces 10x10, \$55.00
<https://sacomainstreet.org/event/prideintheparkmakersmark>.
- **Saco Main Street Sidewalk Art Festival on June 21, 9-3**. Apply online: <https://sacomainstreet.org/54th-annual-sidewalk-arts-festival-artist-application/>. There is a focus of art.

- **The Ocean Park Bazaars** have been scheduled for Wednesday July 16 (rain date 17th) and Wednesday August 13 (rain date 14th). Both run on the Curtis and library lawns from 9 am – 1 pm with set up beginning at 7:30 am. These are true bazaars (not a fine arts show). Forms will become available on the Ocean Park website or through Nancy K closer to the event. Table registration is \$25 and the bazaars are usually very well attended.
- **September: SBA 30th Anniversary Show at Saco Museum.** Set up will likely be Sept 2 or 3, with the date of the artists' reception TBD (likely a Thurs); take down will likely be Saturday Oct 11.
- **October: SBA Annual Show at the Libby Library in Old Orchard Beach.** Set up is likely October 3 (first Fri of the month) with take down likely on Fri Oct 31 or Sat Nov 1.

Biddeford events recommended by March presenter Julie Gray

WOOD / METAL / FABRIC: Biddeford Furniture Makers and Woodworkers

ALTERED STATES AND OTHER REALITIES

Artists: Martha Miller and Kaitlyn Miller

May 5-May 30, 2025 by appointment and weekly-announced gallery hours

Artist Reception on Friday May 16th from 5-8pm

The Foundry, [30 Upper Falls Rd. Biddeford](#)

2025 Guest Speakers

This year we have an exciting and diverse group of guest artists who will be with us at our meetings:

- TO BE RESCHEDULED - Meline Barash Levitt, Owner of Jackson Art Studio and Gallery, Plein Air Oil Painter <https://www.jacksonartnh.com/melanie-barash-levitt-owner-of-jackson-art/>
- June 9th- Karen Golo of Golo Glass, Kiln-formed Glass Artist www.gologlass.com
- July 14th [Porter Hall in Ocean Park] Amalia Tagaris, Encaustic Mixed Media Artist who loves texture <https://www.amaliatagaris.com/>
- August 11th [Location TBD]- Rebecca Hillman, Potter & Ceramic Teacher, <https://www.rebeccahillmanpottery.com/>
- September 8th- Sylvia Orchard, SBA multi-talented artist will demonstrate how to cut a mat to create a professional look to your work. Members are encouraged to bring mat board to try their hand at cutting a mat for their own work.
- October 20th- TBD, Have a suggestion? Please contact Heather fountainglass10@gmail.com
- November 17th- Leah Bares of Violette Tide Studios, Watercolor <https://www.violettetidestudios.com/>

June 9th is TBD and December 8th is our annual holiday party.

Membership 2025

Annual dues are \$45.00 payable to Saco Bay Artists. If you have not renewed your membership, please bring it to Cathy Turpin at a meeting or mail it to Saco Bay Artists C/O Vicki Lowe, 47 Spruce Street, Foxboro, MA 02035 (May – Sept 2025, P. O. Box 7100, Ocean Park, ME 04063).

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

Events Coordinator - Sylvia Orchard

Webmaster - Stephen Beckett

Facebook Coordinator - Kailleigh Archibald

Summer Shows Coordinator - Mary Brunner

SBA Historian – new/open