

Saco Bay Artists

November 2022 Newsletter



Our meetings are held monthly from March-December, usually 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, NOVEMBER 14, 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 host a “drop in” at the Rec Center on the non-meeting 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) 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. 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.

October Meeting Notes:

- Ellen gave the treasurer’s report but Heather and Sylvia were unable to attend the meeting. There haven’t been any changes to membership since the October meeting but water color artist, Cindy Crossly, joined us as a visitor. There were no events to report beyond what is listed below.
- Sketching at the Libby Library is now done for the year. There was discussion about possibly offering sketching monthly at Saco Parks & Rec and potentially taking turns modeling if a model can’t be found.
- There was discussion about doing a holiday celebration of sorts at the December meeting (Dec 12). Perhaps each member could bring a small, wrapped art-related present (new or used/usable/useful!) for a gift swap. And maybe a few tasty treats? TBD during the November meeting.

- **Second Annual Old Orchard Beach Art Walk** will be sponsored again by SBA on Saturday, December 3 from 10 am – 3 pm. There will be 10+ locations around OOB and Ocean Park for browsing and checking out art work and nice merchandise. A map with the locations will be printed and distributed in advance of the event. If you don't live in OOB and would like to participate, Kathy Angel Lee will have some table space at her house/studio and she and Christine Labaree may also have some racks you could use. There are also display spots available at the Libby Library (and potentially still a spot at the Ocean Perk coffee shop). If you are interested, Kathy Angel Lee sent around a form you should complete and return to her. If you didn't receive it, you can reach her at kathyangellee@gmail.com or 207-937-2125.

Participants will need to be at their designated location during the time of the art walk and will be asked in advance to donate a small item for a gift basket/bag. As people walk around with their map, they will get it signed and then enter it into a drawing for a gift basket after they've visited all the sites.

- **The Yarmouth Art Festival** has now concluded their live event, which ran from Oct 19-22, but the show catalogue is still available online for viewing and purchases through November 5: <https://yarmouthartfestival.com/catalog/>. A number of our SBA artists had works jury into this show and we showed images of some of these at the meeting.
- Kailleigh Archibald has nine botanical pieces in oil-based colored pencil on display at The Framemakers Gallery in Waterville through November 12: <https://the-framemakers.square.site/shop/crafty-gatherings/101>. If anyone is in the Waterville area over the next month, the address is 46 Main Street & Concourse East.

Carry Over Items from September Meeting

- With several new members on board, the question was raised about the SBA website (<https://www.sacobayartists.org/>) and how artists can get their website listed under the artists tab. Stephen Beckett (mayaway@maine.rr.com) is our SBA webmaster, so to get your website listed on 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.
- Last chance to see **Continuum – Artists Exploring Abstraction**: Richard du Fosse shared that he's part of the Continuum group which "has been coming together for years to critique, stretch and experiment with both the physically applied practices of painting and the underlying possibilities of expressing the human experience through painting and collage." Their Artists Exploring Abstraction show at the Dyer Library in Saco begins October 4 and runs until at least October 28. Click here to see the slide show (when the page opens, you should be able to click through the 11 slides by using the arrow in the lower left corner of the browser window or using the forward arrow on your keyboard): https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1s29bqne9N_BdyLyBjP-vc-DQTVTb8rbdjdVd29tdt6s/mobilepresent#slide=id.g110e88c1f51_0_5
- **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).
- **Show coordinator**: Kathy is asking if there's anyone who 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

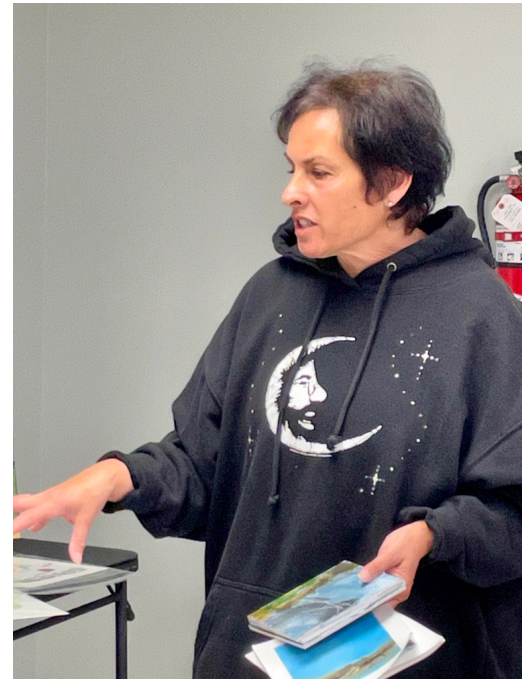
- **SBA financial role:** David Steed is stepping back from his finance role due to other commitments. There is a need for someone to oversee the budget and work with the treasurer to develop the budget. Please let Ellen know if you are interested in helping: pastelpainter84@gmail.com.

Demos

On deck for the November meeting is a demo by artist Pam Edwards... a show and tell on "Methods for Getting Un-Stuck in Your Art." Her demo was postponed from the October meeting and in its place, Ellen suggested that members bring something they have worked on (finished or in progress - or just hanging around waiting for some attention) for a group critique/input session. We lined up the works along a table and our members took turns explaining what they brought-- why they were "stuck" or looking for feedback and what they were learning. The discussion was fun and insightful and the input and suggestions helped the artists move things along, at least in their minds. See photos below. Several members suggested we host sessions like this several times a year.







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 group voted at the April meeting to approve raising member dues beginning in 2023 to \$45/year if paid before February 15. If paid afterward it will be \$10 more (\$55). To pay your 2023 dues and take advantage of the “early bird” pricing, either bring a check made out to Saco Bay Artists to the November or December meetings or 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.

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