

Saco Bay Artists

September 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, September 12, 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 typically 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. **NOTE, these are paused until after our September meeting but will resume on September 19.** 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.

August Meeting Notes:

The “business” portion of the August meeting was brief to allow time for the demo by Steve Hrehovcik.

- There were no new reports to speak of. Ellen wasn’t aware of any membership updates, the treasurer’s report was not available for the meeting, and Sylvia wasn’t able to attend the meeting to update on events.
- The August SBA show in Ocean Park was a success with 21 participants. Four had to drop out but 3 new exhibitors joined and some won prizes. Artist and instructor, Gayle Fitzpatrick, judged the show and selected the following award winners—her comments are also included:

- *First - Richard Winslow for Downtown Stonington; checks all of the boxes for composition, color and light.*
- *Second - Pamela Shockey for Laverna Preserve, Muscongus Bay; Pam's mastery of brushstroke, composition and color choice pushes this small serene piece to portray deep space.*
- *Third - Joe Rokowski for Outward Bound; use of diagonal composition and value immediately gave this image an energy that on closer inspection brought me to the overall calm of this piece.*
- *Bill Edmunds - Joseph Barnett for 8 Small Boats; a wonderful balance of negative and positive space. The vibrant colors and angles make this a compelling, joyful photo.*
- *Honorable Mention - Michelle Provencal for Moon Snail; piece demonstrates the high level of skill, attention to detail and integrity of art/fine craft.*
- *Honorable Mention - Calvin Bryant for Oriental Style Box; workmanship is of the highest quality; choice of woods, handle, form and functionality is sublime.*
- *Honorable Mention - Chad Creighton for I Still Stinking Forgot; masterfully merges fine craft and art; innovative use of materials is fresh and his images are so cheerful.*
- *Elizabeth Horton Shore Oil Pastel - Robert Dunn for Point at Biddeford Pool; stable/firm composition of this piece with its color and mastery of the medium is compelling.*
- *Purchase prizes went to Joe Rokowski and Pam Shockey.*
- There is still space for additional participants at the Sept show, including a photographer. We will be awarding a prize to a photographer, so we'd like to have several to choose from.
- Note, we will pause the Monday "drop ins" at the Saco Rec Center on non-meeting weeks until after the vacation season and Labor Day. These will resume on September 19. As mentioned above, please let Ellen (pastelpainter84@gmail.com) know if you might like to join; she has been trying to email around on Sundays to if there are folks who intend to come, which helps us all in planning.
- The City of Saco Arts Commission is undertaking a project to create series of seasonal murals featured on municipal buildings and businesses in downtown Saco. These will be "wheat paste" murals which adhere paper replicas of artwork to brick building surfaces. The lifespan of these murals is approximately 6 months so the Commission's goal is to update them in the early fall and spring. Artists must live in Maine and those living in Saco "may be given priority" in the selection process. Artists selected to have their art featured as murals will receive a \$100 cash prize. The deadline for digital submissions is Friday, September 30. More information on the project and submission process can be found here on the Arts Commission website or attached to the newsletter email:
https://cms1files.revize.com/sacome/Saco%20Seasonal%20Mural%20Project%20Call%20for%20Submissions_rev8-23.pdf

SBA Shows in Ocean Park

The July 4 and August 6 shows were successful and the final 2022 SBA show is scheduled for Saturday September 3 from 9 AM to 4 PM. The location is 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. As of the August meeting, Kathy still had a few slots open for those who might like to exhibit, so please contact her if you or someone you know is interested or has questions (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. The final dates are:

- 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).

Demos

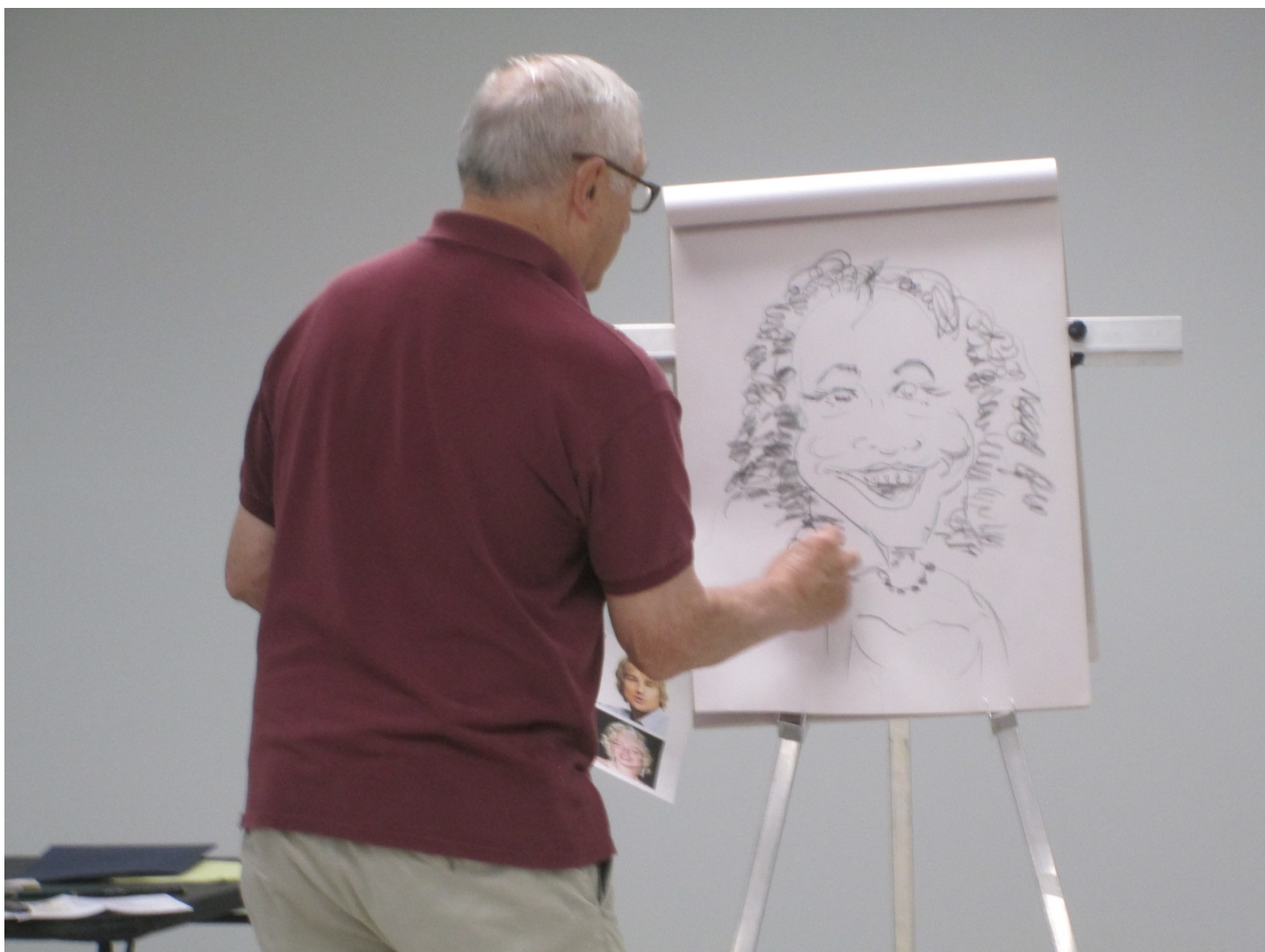
Our August demo was hosted by artist and writer, Steve Hrehovcik, who did a caricature demonstration. Steve explained he looks for features someone has that can be exaggerated while still making the person identifiable. He often asks about their hobbies and interests and works these into the sketch. He has three rules he uses when drawing:

1. Start at the end; know where you want the first line to be in order to end up where you want
2. Draw what you see, not what you think you see; and then see beyond what you are seeing to bring in your imagination as an artist
3. Relativity; anchor to other objects in the surrounding space

He also shared a few tips. For eyes, add a highlight on top and for women, include eyelashes! And always include an upward curve on the smile.

He recommended everyone check out the works of acclaimed caricature artist, Al Hirschfeld, who was known for his drawings of actors and other famous people:

<https://www.artbrokerage.com/Al-Hirschfeld>.



Steve has graciously agreed to build on what he showed us with a further demo during the September meeting, He'll be doing live sketches of some of our attendees, so be sure to join us!

On deck for the October meeting is a demo by artist Pam Edwards... a show and tell on "Methods for Getting Un-Stuck in Your Art."

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 next 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 – Meeting Scribe & Newsletter Editor

Kathy Angel Lee – Summer Show Coordinator

Heather Fountain - Membership Coordinator

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