

# Saco Bay Artists

## December 2023 Newsletter



Our meetings are usually held monthly from March-December on the second Monday of the month from 10:30 am -12:30 pm. Given there will be no meetings in January and February, OUR NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS AT 10:30 AM MARCH 11. The meeting location is the Saco Parks & Rec Center at 75 Franklin Street in Saco. ALL ARE WELCOME.

We also normally host a “drop in” at the Rec Center on the non-meeting Mondays (even through the winter) from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm for those who would like to get together to paint, create & chat. Please let Ellen ([pastelpainter84@gmail.com](mailto:pastelpainter84@gmail.com)) know if you might like to join on those Mondays; she has been trying to email around on Sundays to see who plans to attend, which helps us in planning.

### December Meeting Minutes:

- Treasurer's Report - \$8083.83 in checking. No income in November
- Membership Report - Applications for 2024 are available. So far there are 3 members that have applied. There was a motion for new members who join in November/December to be added to the following year. This motion passed.
- The December Art Walk was a success with over 20 artists participating. Promotion was mostly word of mouth and social media. We gave away 5 gift bags. Some of the feedback included having better signage for the locations. A suggestion was made to use sandwich boards to direct people. Epoxy ME is moving to a larger location.
- There was a motion to eliminate the position of Finance/Budget Director. Motion was approved. A suggestion was made to add some checks and balances to finance processes.
- The 2024 slate of board members was approved. We adjourned to a demo by Nancy Kenney

### December Demo

At the December 11 meeting, SBA member Nancy Kenney did a demo on batik, an Indonesian technique of wax-resist dyeing applied to the whole cloth. Nancy shared each step in her process, which can be as many as 15 steps. The media she uses for this process are rice paper, watercolor, paints, wax, wax melter, watercolor brushes, brushes to only be used with wax and pen and ink. See photos below.

*We are seeking volunteers to host demos during our monthly SBA meetings throughout 2024...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. Feel free to get creative! If you are interested or have suggestions of guest artists we could invite, please let Heather Fountain know at [FountainGlass10@gmail.com](mailto:FountainGlass10@gmail.com).*









### 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](mailto:art@christinelabaree.com)) know and she will put you in touch with Stephen who maintains our website.

## DUES REMINDER

2024 dues are \$45. Please pay by March 11, the date of our first meeting in 2024. The renewal form will be available at meetings and can be found on our SBA website: <https://www.sacobayartists.org/pdf/SBAMembershipApp.pdf>. Please make your check out to Saco Bay Artists and either bring it to the meeting or mail it before hand to Heather Fountain at 2 Pavia Ave, Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064.

A reminder to SBA members who participate in the summer shows if you... attend 3 business/program meetings during the year, your show fee will be \$35 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**

Chair - Heather Fountain

Treasurer - Cathy Turpin

Meeting Scribe/Newsletter Editor - Christine Labaree

Membership Coordinator - Vicki Lowe (new as of March 2024)

Summer Shows Coordinator - Mary Brunner/Kathy Angel Lee (2024 only)

Events Coordinator - Sylvia Orchard

Webmaster - Stephen Beckett

Facebook Coordinator - Kailleigh Archibald