

# Saco Bay Artists

## June 2023 Newsletter



Our meetings are held monthly from March-December, usually on the second Monday of the month from 10:30 am -12:30 pm. The meeting location is the Saco Parks & Rec Center at 75 Franklin Street in Saco. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023 - ALL WELCOME. Masks are currently optional, so please do whatever makes you comfortable.

We host a “drop in” at the Rec Center on the non-meeting Mondays from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm for those who would like to get together to paint, create, chat, etc. 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 all in planning.

### June Meeting Minutes:

- Ellen called the meeting to order and reviewed the treasurer’s report.
- Heather’s membership report noted that we’ve had a new member join--Thea Zaralidou—who will participate in one of the summer shows.
- Kathy provided a show update and said for the first time in SBA history, the July show is fully booked, which is exciting! Kaleigh has kindly made show fliers and brochures that members are asked to post/distribute to get the word out (contact Kathy at [kathyangellee@gmail.com](mailto:kathyangellee@gmail.com) if you weren’t at the meeting but would like some to copies). As a reminder, the Aug show will have an SBA tent; members who don’t have a tent of their own could include a few pieces.
- Ellen and Sylvia met with Libby Library to discuss SBA being part of the OOB Fall Fest on Saturday, September 30. The aim is to promote local crafts and businesses to the residents of OOB. SBA is hoping to have two spaces, one of which would be a tent featuring art from our members.
- The Libby Library will also be hanging an indoor art show this September. Ellen will send an email with more information on the dates and drop off details in order to identify which members may be interested in participating. The number of SBA participants will determine how many works/sizes each member can submit. 16x20 would likely be the largest size as there is no option for a display easel. The library keeps a price list at the desk if a visitor is interested in one of the works.
- Ellen suggested the purchase of a new SBA tent (the old one is no longer in good condition) and the motion passed; Gerard B offered to help store the tent and racks at his home.
- Heather mentioned the juried Art in the Park event in Ocean Park July 16-19, which will feature six artists—including our own Ellen Pelletier—and culminate in a wet paint sale. More details on the artists and events can be found here: [https://oceanpark.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/ArtInThePark2023\\_Brochure.pdf](https://oceanpark.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/ArtInThePark2023_Brochure.pdf).

- Heather also noted that the Ocean Park Education Bureau will host two annual bazaars with lawn/craft/food sale with luncheon on Wednesday July 19 (rain date 20th) and Wednesday, August 16 (rain date 17th). Both events will be held from 9-1 on the Curtis Lawn around the Ocean Park Library. Tables are \$25; for more information contact SBA member Nancy Kenney at [nancyckenney@aol.com](mailto:nancyckenney@aol.com)/978-502-2615.
- **There was discussion that sharing the membership list with all members would make it easier for us to contact one another. NOTE, if you prefer that your contact details (email and/or phone number) NOT be included, please let Heather (fountainglass10@gmail.com) know by June 23.**
- 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.
- The meeting was adjourned so people could shop the BUY-SELL-SWAP event, which proved popular once again. Members used this opportunity to do a spring cleaning of their studios and brought art related items (books, paints, brushes, canvasses/paper, frames, other tools/supplies) they were no longer using to trade with other members. A few photos from the meeting are included below.







**Saco Bay Artists**

**Summer Art Show Series**  
Beginning  
**July 4**  
9AM - 4PM

**Paintings**  
*A few of our talented artists:*

**Photography**

**Sculpture**

**High-end Crafts**

Ocean Park Library Lawn  
Temple Avenue  
Ocean Park, Maine

Kathy Angel Lee  
Nicola Joyner

**Art In The Park 2023**

4 DAYS 6 ARTISTS WORKS OF ART

**Opening Reception: Meet the Artists**  
Sunday, July 16 • Artists Arrive in Ocean Park  
Monday, July 17 • Meet the Artists!  
4:00 - 6:00 pm at the  
Bandstand (11 Temple Ave.)

**Grand Exhibit and Wet Paint Sale**  
Wednesday, July 19 • 5:00-7:30 pm  
The Temple, 50 Temple Ave. in Ocean Park

Provided by  
The Ocean Park  
Association  
14 Temple Avenue  
Ocean Park, Maine

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**2023 SCHEDULE** **ART IN THE PARK**  
Ocean Park, Maine

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**JULY 16:**  
**ARTISTS ARRIVE IN OCEAN PARK**

**JULY 17, 4:00-6:00 PM: MEET THE ARTISTS AT THE BANDSTAND (JAKEMAN HALL IF RAIN)**

**JULY 19, 5:00-7:30 PM: "WET PAINT" SALE AT THE TEMPLE - PURCHASE YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND OCEAN PARK SCENE**

July 17-19 Throughout the day artists will be painting plein air around town. Look for Location updates on the OPA Facebook page.

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### Maine Women in the Arts Awards Show

Maine Women in the Arts held its judged Awards Show at the end of May at the Brick Store Museum and two of our talented SBA artists took the top awards. Ellen Pelletier received Best in Show for her pastel painting, Moonlit, and Mary Greto-Brunner was awarded second place for her acrylic/mixed media painting, What the Wind Knows. Photos are below and include the judge's comments on each piece.



*"This piece sings. Pelletier masterfully conveys a beautiful emotional climate with her skillful handling of materials and process."*



*"Refreshing! Strong compositional elements. Expressive manner delivers strong emotional tone."*

### SBA Summer Shows in Ocean Park

As you may have seen, Kathy sent out an email in late January with information and the application for SBA's summer shows in Ocean Park. The application can be downloaded or printed from the SBA website: <https://www.sacobayartists.org/pdf/SBAShowApplication2023.pdf>. The dates are set as Tuesday July 4 (FULL), Saturday August 5, and Saturday September 2 from 9 am – 4 pm.

SBA awards cash prizes at each show and the categories are Fine Art, Photography and Fine Craft. Be sure to check off which category your work falls under when you submit your application. Feel free to reach out to Kathy if you have questions (207-937-2125 or [kathyangellee@gmail.com](mailto:kathyangellee@gmail.com)).



### Upcoming Demos

On July 10, Cynthia Holmes, an “heirloom” weaver from Fryeburg will be hosting a weaving demo. Cynthia is known for her pillows, throws and table runners done in Colonial Overshot patterns, often with designs from the early 1800s. Her weaving is usually done on a cotton or cotton/linen warp with acrylic, wool or cotton fiber for the pattern. Some examples of her impressive work are below.



*Ellen is seeking volunteers to host demos during our monthly SBA meetings in 2023...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!*

### SBA Leadership Roles and Needs

We have been incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated and talented members who have volunteered their time for SBA Chair and Committee positions over the years, but several of our current leaders have understandably expressed a desire to identify successors so they can pass the torch. Members are encouraged to review these positions and to please express their interest in taking on these roles or even just helping with some of the responsibilities.

- **SBA Chairperson:** Ellen has served as Chair for several years and has also faced some recent health challenges so she would like to transition out of the role. Responsibilities include preparing agendas, running SBA meetings and collecting attendance, ensuring that reports are provided from other committee chairs (finance, membership, etc.), arranging demos, and other responsibilities as needed.
- **Summer Show Coordinator:** Kathy has asked if someone would work with her this spring/summer to learn about our shows and how to put them together, with the idea that this person would transition into the show coordinator role. Kathy is preparing a month by month checklist of tasks that need to be completed.
- **SBA Finance:** David Steed has stepped 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.
- **SBA Treasurer:** Lettie would like to transition out of the Treasurer role. This involves depositing checks, making payments, working with SBA’s bank, tracking deposits and withdrawals from the various accounts, and working with the Finance person on budgeting.

Please let Ellen know if you are interested in learning more about the Chair or financial roles ([pastelpainter84@gmail.com](mailto:pastelpainter84@gmail.com)) or contact Kathy about the Show Coordinator role (207-937-2125 or [kathyangellee@gmail.com](mailto:kathyangellee@gmail.com)).

## DUES REMINDER

If you haven't yet paid, 2023 dues are \$45. Please bring your check made out to Saco Bay Artists to the next meeting or mail it to Heather Fountain at 2 Pavia Ave, Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064.

A note for 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

\*Ellen Pelletier – Prepare agendas, run meetings, demos

### Committee chairs

\*OPEN – Facility, Finance

\*Lettie Lemay – Treasurer

Christine Labaree – Meeting Scribe & Newsletter Editor

\*Kathy Angel Lee – Summer Show Coordinator

Heather Fountain - Membership Coordinator

Sylvia Orchard - Events

Stephen Beckett – Webmaster

Kailleigh Archibald – Facebook Coordinator

*\* Seeking successors – for more information, see meeting notes above or contact Ellen/Kathy.*