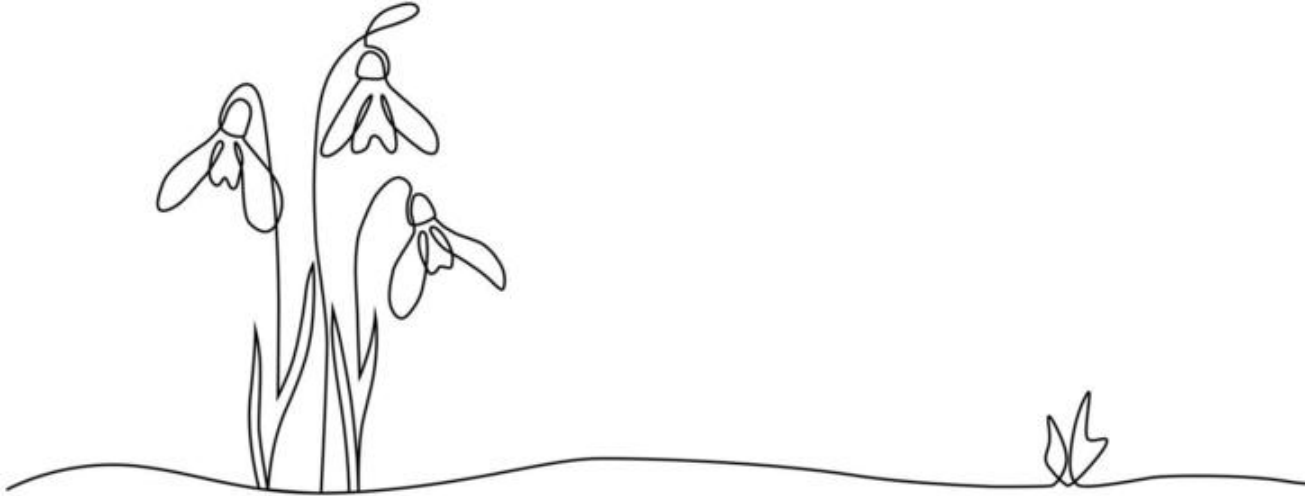


Saco Bay Artists

April 2025 Newsletter



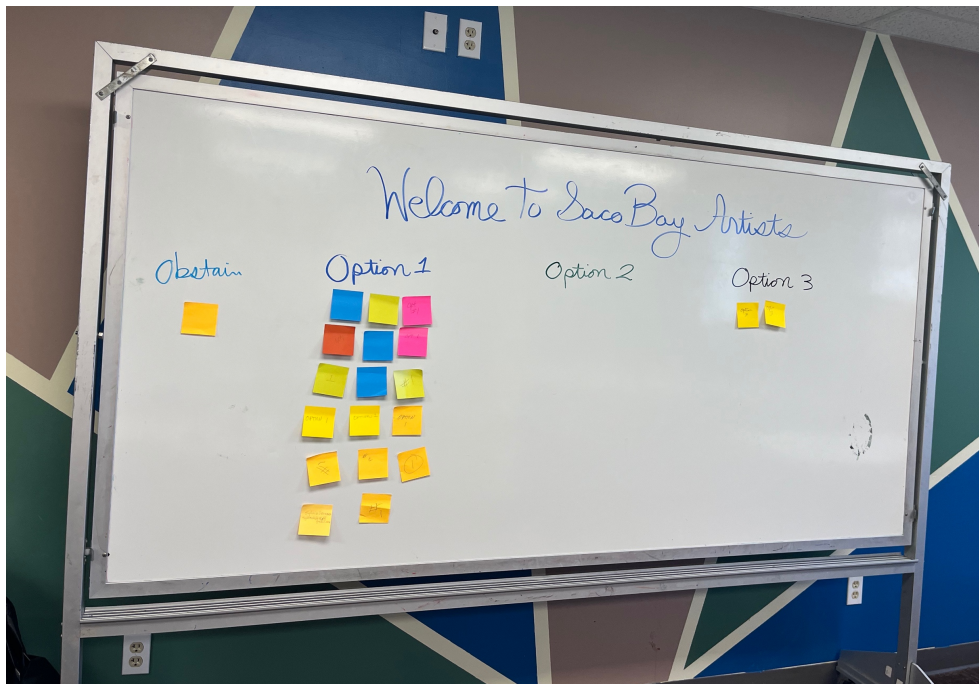
Saco Bay Artists meets from March through December on the second Monday of the month (except for holidays). All are welcome so feel free to bring anyone who is interested. The meetings are held from 10:30 am -12:30 pm at the Saco Parks & Rec Center at 75 Franklin Street in Saco.

We also host open-studio “drop ins” at the Rec Center on most non-meeting Mondays from 10:30 am – 12:30 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!

April 14 Meeting Notes

- SBA has reprinted our informational rack cards that can be handed out to individuals that might be interested in our group. Please contact the Show Coordinator [Mary Greto- Brunner](#) or [Heather Fountain](#) pick up a supply to bring to shows or other meetings you are participating in.
- The proposed 2025 budget was reviewed.
 - The increase in income in recent years is coming from full shows and an increase in members.
 - A CD will be considered to earn some income on part of the cash balance.
 - The Gertrude Eastman Scholarship and the Elizabeth Horton Shore Award are separate funds.
 - A motion was made and passed to increase the scholarship award from \$500 to \$1000.
 - The full budget was approved by members.
- [Cathy Turpin](#) provided the treasurer's report.
- Heather led a conversation about establishing SBA's right to privacy policy with regard to what personal information members are willing to share with other members.
 - Options discussed included a members-only section on the SBA website, contacting the membership chair requesting contact information for particular members as needs arise, or printing and distributing a paper booklet once a year after the March membership deadline.

- Members voted for their preferred option via post it notes and a password protected members-only section of the website was almost unanimously preferred.
- Heather will follow up with our webmaster, Stephen, on what setting this up entails.
- At a future meeting, we will distribute a survey asking members what information they would like to share in the directory.
- If a members-only section is added to the website, other resources could be stored here as well for members to access:
 - The newsletter archive, so that contact people referenced in the newsletter isn't viewable to the public. We could consider keeping the most recent issue available publicly with this info removed.
 - There was discussion about also expanding the survey and member directory to include additional personal information that members may want to share with other members—art interests, professional skills & pursuits, hobbies, etc. This optional information could be added to planned member survey.
- Cathy T made the suggestion that SBA consider group activities or trips, sharing what classes are being taught at local Adult Education and Recreation Centers which also include potential art tours, etc.
- Ocean Park Bazaars
 - These have been scheduled for Wed July 16 (rain date 17th) and Wed 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 Kenney](#) closer to the event. Contact her ASAP to be added to the list as tables fill up quickly and are limited.
 - Table registration is \$25 and the bazaars are usually very well attended.
- SBA member art exhibits this fall:
 - 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.
- Presenters:
 - Meline Barash Levitt was not able to join the April meeting as guest speaker so we will look to reschedule her in the future. She provided us with a link to an art school online session she taught on palette knife painting. To view it follow this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBV_F5mdlwk&pp=0gcJCdgAo7VqN5tD
 - At the May 12 meeting, SBA's Frank Jedrychowski will talk about using blind contour drawing in preparation for a painting. Please bring paper or a pad and a dark pencil (soft lead such as B, etc.).



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 10:30 - 12:30. [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 will be 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 by May 15*: 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/even/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.
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Biddeford events recommended by March presenter Julie Gray

WOOD / METAL / FABRIC: Biddeford Furniture Makers and Woodworkers
 Artists: Caitriona Fiero, Sten Havumaki, Derek Preble, Stefan Rurak, and Gabe Sutton
 April 7-May 2, 2025 by appointment and weekly-announced gallery hours
 Artist Reception on Friday April 18th from 5-8pm
 The Foundry, [30 Upper Falls Rd. Biddeford](#)

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/>
- May 12th - SBA's Frank Jedrychowski, Using Blind Contour Drawing in Preparation for a Painting. Please bring paper or a pad and a dark pencil (soft lead such as B, etc).
- 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