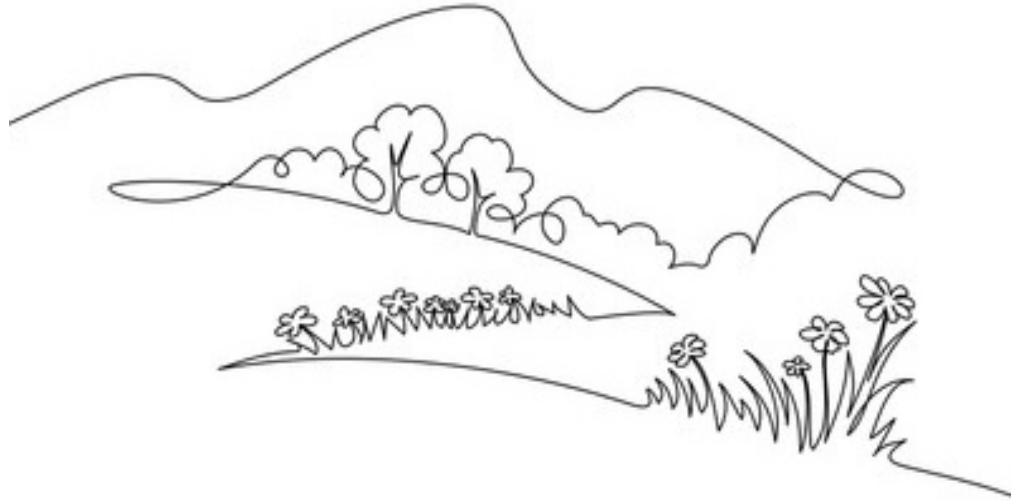


Saco Bay Artists

August 2024 Newsletter

Our meetings are scheduled monthly from March-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 typically held from 10:30 am -12:30 pm at the Saco Parks & Rec Center at 75 Franklin Street in Saco. Please mark your calendars with the remaining meeting dates for the year: Sept 9, Oct 21*, Nov 18* & Dec 9.



We also normally host a “drop in” 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: pastelpainter84@gmail.com. She has provided the schedule for the remainder of the year:

August: 19 and 26 TIME CHANGE BACK TO 10:30AM TO 12:30PM

September: 16, 23, and 30 painting 2 holiday

October: 7 and 28 painting 14 holiday

November: 4 and 25 painting 11 holiday

December: 2, 16, 23, and 30 painting

August 2024 Meeting Notes

- Our meeting was held at Jordan Hall in Ocean Park and began with a friendly “meet & greet with someone you don’t know” to talk about their art/medium.
- Vicki Lowe is now coordinating membership and reported we have 73 members, 14 of which are new this year.
- Cathy Turpin gave the treasurer’s report.
- Kathy Angel Lee gave a show update:
 - The Aug show had 32 artists registered but 5 didn’t attend because of weather/illness
 - Delayed opening due to rain but was able to begin at 11 am and extended to 5 pm
 - Artists included 17 fine art, 10 fine craft, and 4 photographers
 - Labor Day weekend show has 36 registered and there is interest in the 3 remaining slots so we will likely be full at 39; 2 are new participants
 - Mary Brunner was away for the Aug 3 show but will be back for the Aug 31 show
- The following are the award winners from the August 3 SBA show and comments from judge Susan Coburn Motta.
 - **Best in Show - Stephen Previte** for consistent body of work
 - **First Fine Art - Kailleigh Archibald** for beautiful botanicals

- **Second Fine Art - Rick Lang** for pieces rich in color and depth
- **Honorable Mention Fine Art - Fred Mafigiri** for bold color and abstract composition
- **First Fine Craft - Danielle Gerber** for professional use of materials
- **Second Fine Craft - Heather Fountain** for interesting presentation
- **Honorable Mention - Richard Winslow** for unique textures and colors
- **Bill Edmunds Photography Award - Joe Rokowski** for booth
- **Elizabeth Horton Shore Award oil/oil pastels - Michael Reardon** for unique subject matter

See a selection of photos from the Aug 3 show below:





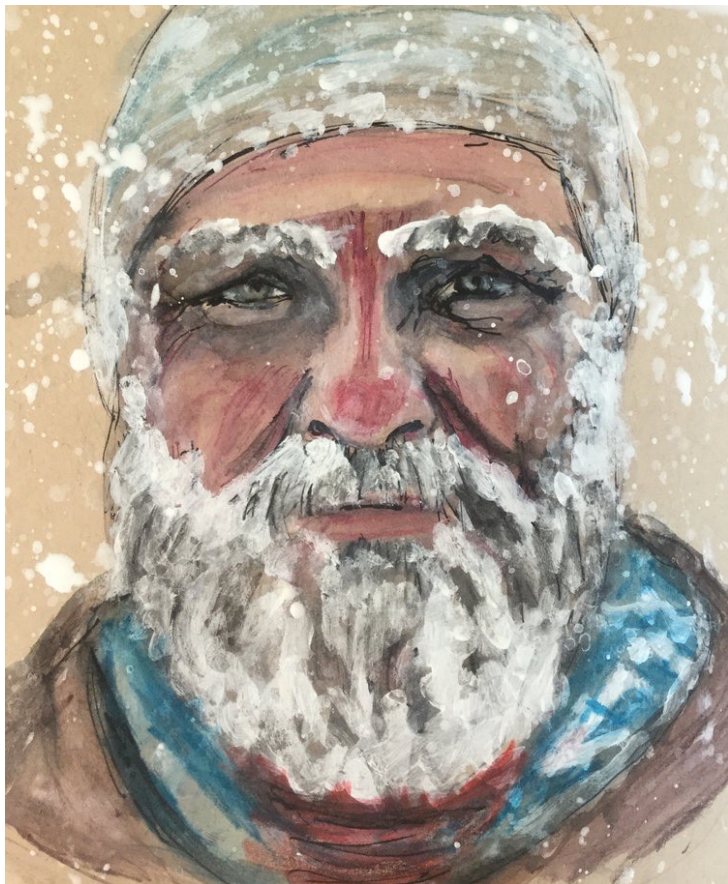
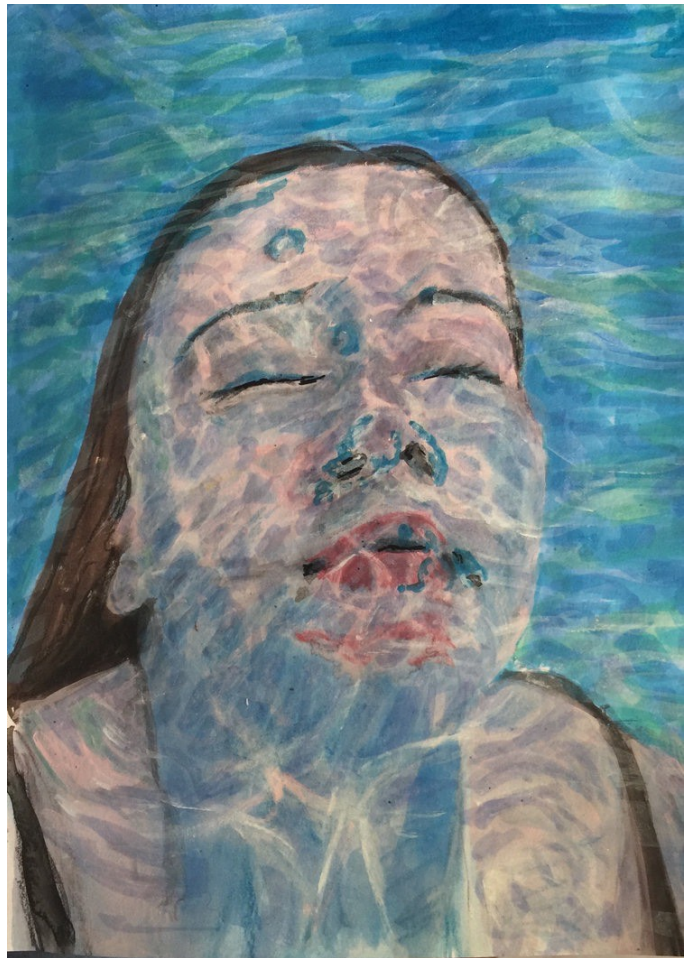


- The group discussed the Elizabeth Horton Shore Award, which had been changed from prior years because it was originally dedicated to oil pastel artists and there were too few of these artists participating in SBA shows (need at least 3 to present an award). SBA agreed earlier this year to expand the category but due to a misunderstanding, the award presented on Aug 3 went to an oil painter versus a pastelist. The group discussed this further and re-clarified that the intent of the annual award, which was established when the Oil Pastel Society of Maine disbanded, is to recognize pastel painting, and that oil painters are well represented with the fine art awards we offer at all shows. Going forward, the award will be limited to oil pastel or pastel artists and if there aren't at least 3 pastelists participating in a show, the award will not be given at that event.
- SBA will once again have an art show at the Libby Library beginning Sept 6. See more details in the events & happenings section below.
- SBA will also participate in the OOB/Ocean Park Holiday Art Walk, Saturday December 7. More details will be forthcoming later this fall.

August Guest Presenter - Vicki Lowe

Vicki Lowe was our guest artist for August, who shared with us her explorations into portrait sketching over the past 5 years using the Sktchy online program: <https://www.sktchy.com/>. She showed us beautiful and compelling works from her sketchbook and provided a handout with tips/proportions for drawing faces.





Announcements, Events & Happenings

- **Ocean Park Bazaar - Aug 21** (rain date Aug 22). The bazaar includes artists (usually smaller works), crafters and some “attic treasures.”
- **Heather Fountain - Kiln Formed Glass Solo Exhibition** – through 8/23 at Gallery 302, 112 Main Street, Bridgton.
- **Open Air Artistry**: Saturday August 24 from 9-4 (rain date Aug 25). This new plein air event will be hosted in OOB and Ocean Park and will include cash awards for both professional and amateur painters as well as a wet paint sale. Visit <http://oob365.com/> for more information.
- **SBA final summer show** - Saturday August 31 (Labor Day weekend)
- **Libby Library SBA Art Show** during the month of September, with drop off on September 6 for hanging to begin at 5pm. Please email Heather at Fountainglass10@gmail.com by August 24 to let her know if you would like to participate. The number of SBA participants will determine how many works/sizes each member can submit. 16x20 is the largest size. Last year we had 21 participants and each was able to put in 2-3 works, with no more than one larger size piece. More info will follow once the number of participants is established for this year’s show.
- **OOB/Ocean Park Holiday Art Walk**, Saturday Dec 7, with opportunities for artists to participate at locations across town; more info will be forthcoming later this fall.

Membership 2024

Dues for 2024 are \$45.00 payable to Saco Bay Artists. If you have not renewed your 2024 Membership, please bring it to a meeting or send to Saco Bay Artists C/O Vicki Lowe, P. O. Box 7100, Ocean Park, ME 04063 (Oct 2024-April 2025: Saco Bay Artists C/O Vicki Lowe, 47 Spruce Street, Foxboro, MA 02035.)

Upcoming Guest Presenters

- **September 9** - Ken Kantro, Lovell Design, sculptural metal work

We are still looking for artists or suggestions for October, November, and December and our presenters typically receive a \$100 honoraria. If you have met any interesting artists or have artwork, a tool, a technique, or a topic you would like to teach us about, please let Heather Fountain know. She can be contacted at: fountainglass10@gmail.com or text or call 207-713-4029.

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/
Kathy Angel Lee (2024 only)

SBA Historian – new/open