

Saco Bay Artists

January 2022 Newsletter



Our meetings will **USUALLY** be 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.

PLEASE NOTE: We do not have SBA meetings in January or February so our **NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022** (ALL WELCOME). We will continue to have the option to drop in at the Rec Center on Mondays from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm between now and then for anyone who would like to get together to paint, create, chat, etc.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN THE BUILDING AND MEETING ROOM DUE TO THE SURGE IN COVID. SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL APPLY.

DUES REMINDER:

Dues (\$30) for 2022 are due by January 1, 2022. If they are paid after February 15, they go up to \$40.

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.

December Meeting Notes

- The SBA Board for 2022 was voted in unanimously:

Co-chairs

Ellen Pelletier – Prepare agendas, run meetings, demos

David Steed – Facility, Finance

Committee chairs

Lettie Lemay – Treasurer

Christine Labaree – Newsletter

Kathy Angel Lee – Summer show coordinator

Heather Fountain - membership coordinator

Sylvia Orchard - Events

Stephen Beckett – Webmaster

Susan Hanna – Facebook coordinator

- Much of the discussion centered on the **planned SBA art show at the Dyer Library in Saco**, scheduled for the month of April. Robert Dunn is organizing (his paintings will be on exhibit there during the month of January if you have a chance to stop by).
 - For the April show, each SBA member may submit up to 3 pieces depending on the size; the maximum size is 16x20 (one piece limit) or 2-3 smaller pieces. All must be wired for hanging (no sawtooth) and should be framed unless gallery wrapped.
 - Robert did not think cabinets would be available to include non-hung art at this time so there probably won't be an opportunity to include sculpture, pottery, etc. during this exhibit.
 - Robert will create painting labels and will need the following information for each piece:
 - Title
 - Medium/substrate (e.g. oil on canvas, acrylic on panel)
 - Dimensions
 - Artist's name
 - Optional description of the piece
 - Please also include your contact details and the price for the piece but that information will be kept separate from the painting label; if your piece is NOT for sale, please indicate that as NFS
 - There is no particular theme for the show but everyone talked about submitting some "favorites" from their collections
 - Robert will need the information for the labels ahead of time so knows how many pieces he will have and the sizes; please try to get this information to him by March 1 so he has time to prepare.

- Delivery of the pieces will take place on Monday, April 4 at the Dyer Library from 9:30-10:30 am and volunteers will be needed to work with Robert as a committee for intake and hanging of the work throughout the morning. If you cannot drop your artwork during that hour, please arrange for someone else to take it for you.
 - The library hours (for viewing) are currently as follows:
 - Mon., Wed., and Fri.: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
 - Tue. and Thu.: 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
 - Sat. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 - The exhibit will be taken down on Friday, April 29 and further information will be provided at drop off about pick up times for that day.
 - Due to COVID concerns, there may not be an opportunity for an “opening” event for the exhibit. This will be determined closer to April, but Tuesday, April 5 from 5-7 pm may be a target date if we are able to host an event to meet the artists.
 - There were suggestions to put the show details in the Saco city newsletter, the Courier, etc. Please help us find other opportunities to get the word out.
- Sylvia confirmed that sketching will continue in 2022 at the Libby Library in OOB on the second Thursday of the month from 1-4 pm. Dates are as follows:
 - June 9
 - July 14
 - Aug 11
 - Sept 8
 - Oct 13
- Our next official meeting will be the second Monday of March (the 14th) at 10:30 am.
 - We will still offer drop in sessions at the Rec Center each Monday between now and then from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm for anyone who would like to get together to paint and create.
 - We will also be sending short newsletters in January and February

Demos

Our December meeting included an optional art swap instead of a demo and several members brought art related items to gift, sell or trade. It was a great way to declutter and find homes for a few items members were no longer using. If anyone would like a used French easel, please contact Christine Labaree.

Christine has also offered to host a demo at our March meeting on how she's set up a website for her art: <https://www.christinelabaree.com/>. It's easier than it looks when you use the hosting service at FASO (Fine Art Studio Online) and they also include some marketing tools in your subscription, which can cost as little as \$12/mo.

Happy Holidays to All!