

Saco Bay Artists

December 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 held from 10:30 am -12:30 pm at the Saco Parks & Rec Center at 75 Franklin Street in Saco. Please mark your calendars for our next meeting: March 10, 2025.

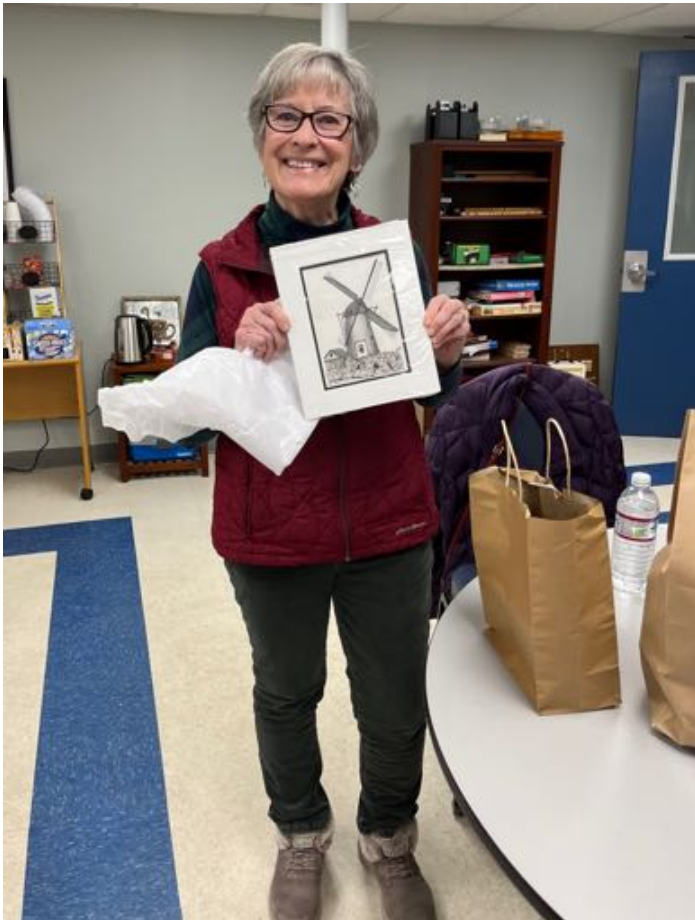
Beginning again on February 3, we will host an open-studio “drop in” at the Rec Center on most non-meeting Mondays from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm for those who would like to get together to paint, create & chat. Ellen Pelletier coordinates these meet ups by sending around an email to interested members on Sunday or Monday mornings –please email her if you'd like to be on that list: pastelpainter84@gmail.com. Everyone on this list should reply-all to Ellen’s emails and if at least 3 people are coming, the session is on!

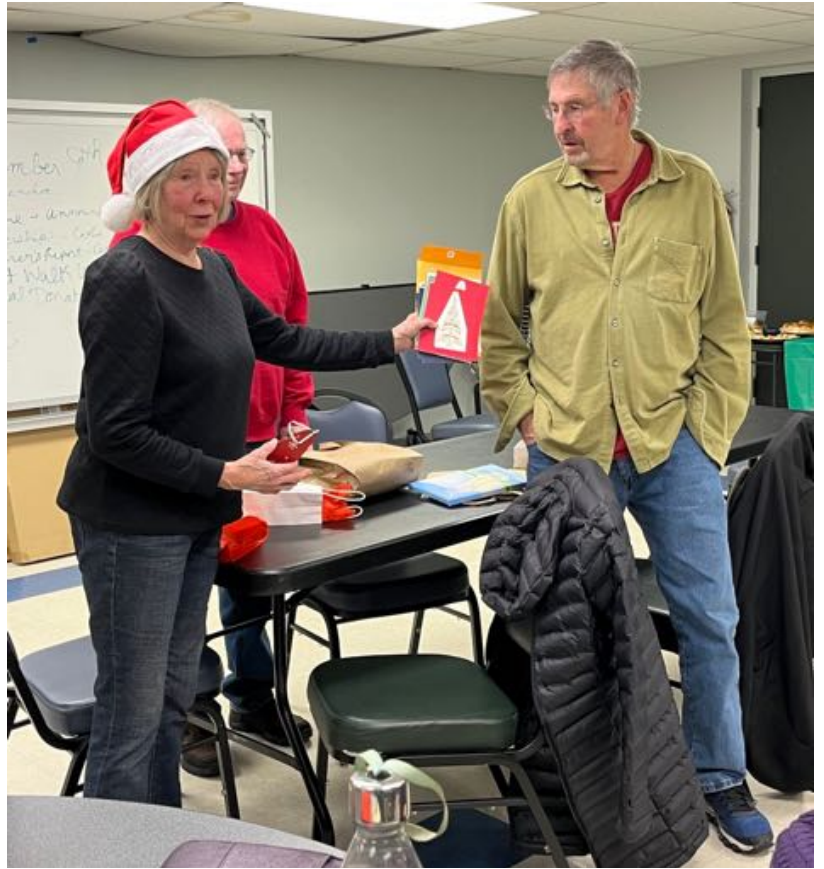
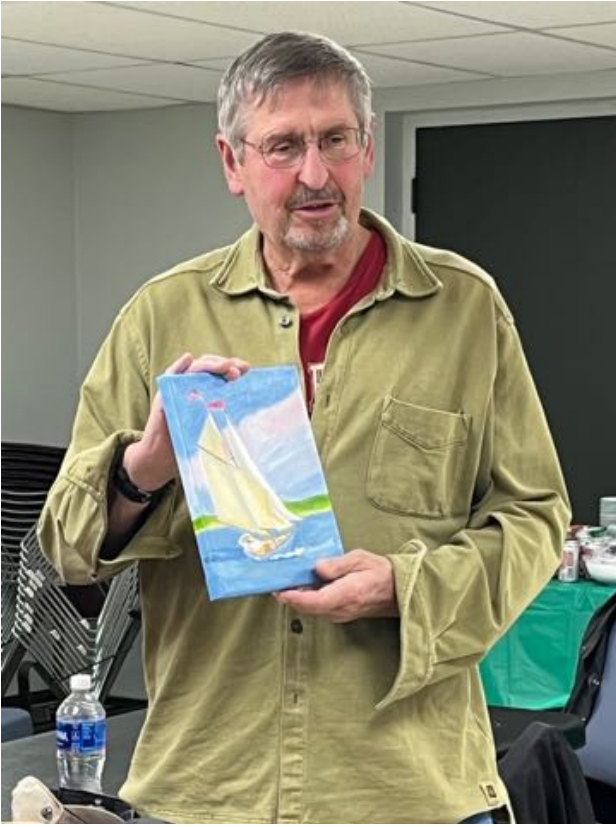
December Meeting Notes

- It’s time for SBA membership renewal, with 2025 dues set at \$45. Vicki Lowe is in MA until May so please bring dues checks to future SBA meetings and Cathy T will deposit them and notify Vicki of payment. Members will then receive a confirmation email from Vicki. Members may also mail them directly to Vicki at her winter address: 47 Spruce Street, Foxboro, MA 02035.
- Cathy T provided the treasurer’s report, with an ending balance of \$8934.
- Kathy Angel Lee gave an update on the successful Holiday Art Walk. There were more people than ever. While there weren’t as many on the trolley, the two ladies who rode it to each stop had a fantastic time. Some were worried about too many people being on the trolley so we can advertise that a little better next year. The stop on Seaview Avenue will not be participating next year but we might have more spots for artists, so it’s something for our members to think about. We also talked about getting the maps and advertising out sooner so that artists who have shows in November can have info at their booths.
- The group voted to approve SBA donations of \$250 each to the Libby Library, Dyer Library and Saco Rec. These will be sent with a letter from Heather.

- There are no SBA meetings in January or February but regular open studio drop-in will resume again in February, weather permitting. The next regular SBA meeting will be March 10.
- There was a reminder that a new “open studio” program will be starting Jan 9 at the Libby Library in OOB and running for 8 weeks every Thursday from 11-2. Artists of all levels will get together to create— painting, drawing, whatever their medium. See more details below in the “opportunities” section.
- Cathy Turpin has suggested an idea to turn some of our Monday drop-in sessions at Saco Parks & Rec into learning opportunities. The first of these will be held on Monday Jan 27 at 10:30, she will host the “ultimate beginners workshop” for those of us who always were curious about watercolor but have no idea where to start. The event is by registration only – please see all the details in the “opportunities” section below. There will be more of these opportunities organized in the coming weeks so stay tuned!
- The meeting was concluded for the holiday party and gift swap. We had a wonderful spread of foods that people brought with them and gifts in brown paper bags. Each person who brought a gift chose one from the table and we went around and introduced ourselves, our medium and shared the gift that we received.







Upcoming Opportunities

Workshop: "Watercolor - Where do I Start"

Monday January 27, 2025 – 10:30-12:30 at Saco Parks & Rec, 75 Franklin Street in Saco

SBA member, Cathy Turpin, has offered to host this ultimate beginners workshop is for those of us who always were curious about watercolor as a medium but have no idea where to start. We'll learn what we will need for supplies, which surprisingly is very little. Basic techniques will be covered and we'll have plenty of time to experiment with those techniques. The goal is to have fun with this medium. Bring what supplies that you may have but there will be supplies available to work with. The workshop is by registration only and limited to 10 people, so please email Cathy at sportmom08@gmail.com if you would like to join. The workshop is free to SBA members but you may register a non-member guest to come with you for \$10. There will also be some handouts for you to take home to guide you in further watercolor adventures.

Libby Library "Open Studios"

Beginning Jan 9 and running every Thursday for 8 weeks (ending Feb 27), artists of all levels will get together at the Libby Library in OOB from 11 am – 2 pm to create together—painting, drawing, whatever their medium. The library is hosting the program at no charge and can accommodate 8-10 participants. Contact Sylvia Orchard if you are interested: sgorch6648@gmail.com. She will gather names & phone numbers in case a session needs to be cancelled due to bad weather.

Upcoming Guest Presenters

We are looking for artists or suggestions for 2025. 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: fountainglass10@gmail.com or text or call 207-713-4029.

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). If a new member joins in December, they will get the full 2025 year included in their membership.

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

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Meeting Scribe/Newsletter - Christine Labaree
Membership Coordinator - Vicki Lowe
Events Coordinator - Sylvia Orchard

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