

# Saco Bay Artists

## Winter 2025 Newsletter



*SBA takes a winter break during January and February, but we like to do a brief newsletter to kick off the year and provide any updates or reminders. We will resume our monthly meetings on March 10, and those run 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.*

*With February, we have resumed our 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](mailto: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!*

### **Welcome to the Saco Bay Artists in 2025**

This year is a momentous one, as we celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our wonderful organization. For reference, 30 years ago we were watching the first full-length computer animated film, *Toy Story*, President Clinton announced the restoration of relations between the United States and Vietnam, *Billboard’s* song of the year was *Gangster’s Paradise*, which became quickly parodied by Weird Al Yankovich as *Amish Paradise*, *Windows 95* was released by *Microsoft*, the 95<sup>th</sup> *US Golf Amateur Championship* was won by Tiger Woods and *Sony* released the first game console called the *PlayStation*. Even though many things have progressed and changed over the last 30 years, one thing has been constant, SBA’s commitment to our mission of helping members further their skills in the fine arts through fellowship, information and the free exchange of ideas. We have many events ahead of us this year as we celebrate our anniversary including: 9 guest artists, 3 summer shows, the Annual Libby Library SBA Member Show in September, several drop in art days monthly, hands-on classes, the December Art Walk, sponsoring a guest Artist in July as part of the Arts in the Park Week in Ocean Park and the opportunity for a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary SBA Show at the Saco Museum in October. We might have started out small, but our numbers keep growing, as do the art opportunities we offer our members. Thank you each for the life, growth and knowledge you share within our welcoming arts community.

## SBA Guest Speakers 2025 Announced

This year we have an exciting and diverse group of guest artists who will be with us at our meetings:

- March 10<sup>th</sup> – Julie Gray, Multi-Media Artist, Muralist, and Advisor/Curator for Art of Biddeford  
<http://www.juliegray.com/>



- April 14<sup>th</sup> - 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 12<sup>th</sup> - Our Very Own Frank Jedrychowski, Using Blind Contour Drawing in Preparation for a Painting
  - June 9<sup>th</sup> - Karen Golo of Golo Glass, Kiln-formed Glass Artist [www.gologlass.com](http://www.gologlass.com)
  - July 14<sup>th</sup> [Porter Hall in Ocean Park] Amalia Tagaris, Encaustic Mixed Media Artist who loves texture  
<https://www.amaliatagaris.com/>
  - August 11<sup>th</sup> [Location TBD]- Rebecca Hillman, Potter & Ceramic Teacher,  
<https://www.rebeccahillmanpottery.com/>
  - September 8<sup>th</sup>- 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 20<sup>th</sup>- TBD, Have a suggestion? Please contact Heather [fountainglass10@gmail.com](mailto:fountainglass10@gmail.com)
  - November 17<sup>th</sup>- Leah Bares of Violette Tide Studios, Watercolor <https://www.violettetidestudios.com/>
- June 9<sup>th</sup> is TBD and December 8<sup>th</sup> is our annual holiday party.

### Workshop: "Watercolor - Where do I Start"

On January 27, SBA member Cathy Turpin hosted the ultimate beginners workshop for those of us who always were curious about watercolor as a medium but had no idea where to start. Basic techniques were covered and we had time to experiment with those techniques.



*If you're interested in teaching a hands-on workshop like the one above, please contact Heather Fountain at [fountainglass10@gmail.com](mailto:fountainglass10@gmail.com) or 207-713-4029.*

### **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](mailto:sgorch6648@gmail.com). She will gather names & phone numbers in case a session needs to be cancelled due to bad weather.

### **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](mailto: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