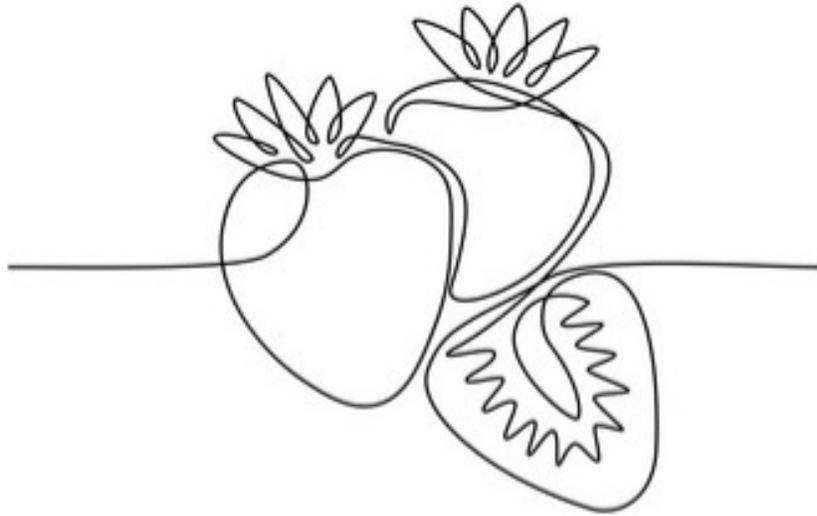


# Saco Bay Artists

June 2022 Newsletter



Our meetings are USUALLY 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. **OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022 (ALL WELCOME).** Please look for signs at the building entrances indicating whether masks are required based on community COVID levels. Once in the meeting room, masks are currently optional, so please do whatever makes you most comfortable.

We also continue to have the option to drop in at the Rec Center on the other Mondays from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm for those who would like to get together to paint, create, chat, etc. Please let Ellen ([pastelpainter84@gmail.com](mailto:pastelpainter84@gmail.com)) know if you might like to join some Mondays; she has been trying to email around on Sundays to if there are folks who intend to attend, which helps us all in planning.

## May Meeting Notes:

We were pleased to see a number of new members at the May meeting so we began with a round of introductions. After the business and financial updates by Ellen, Kathy reported that the SBA summer shows are starting to fill up. More on those in the show section below. We will be hosting an SBA tent for members who want to display some art but don't have a tent of their own. Kathy has sent a separate email on that since the meeting. She and several others are working together on how to amend the judging process but that likely won't be ready for this year's shows.



Sylvia gave an update on other activities and opportunities, including oil pastels at the Libby Library in OOB on May 19 and the monthly sketching, beginning June 9 with a live model (more on that in the section below). She also mentioned that SBA members have paintings on display at the Saco Town Hall that get changed over every month or two. These are due for a refresh if anyone is interested in getting her new pieces to hang. You can contact her at [sgorch6648@gmail.com](mailto:sgorch6648@gmail.com). There was also a mention of the Old Orchard Beach community fair on Sept 24 in Memorial Park, but it was unclear whether there might be a role for SBA to participate or host a table.

### **SBA Shows in Ocean Park**

The shows will be held Monday July 4, Saturday August 6, and Saturday September 3 from 9 AM to 4 PM on the Ocean Park Library lawn at 11 Temple Avenue, between West Grand and Seaside Avenues. Artists can set up starting at 6:00 AM and must remain set up until 4 PM. You can visit the SBA website (links below) to print or download the show application and guidelines. Any other questions, please contact Kathy ([kathyangellee@gmail.com](mailto:kathyangellee@gmail.com)).

<https://www.sacobayartists.org/pdf/SBAShowApplication2022.pdf>

<https://www.sacobayartists.org/pdf/SBAShowGuidelines2022.pdf>

### **Monthly Sketching at Libby Library**

Sketching is continuing in 2022 at the Libby Library in Old Orchard Beach on the second Thursday of the month from 1-4 pm. Dates are June 9 (live model!), July 14, Aug 11, Sept 8 and Oct 13. Sessions will be held indoors if fewer than 10 people.

### **Demos**

At the May meeting, Richard DuFosse graciously agreed to step in last minute and hosted a fascinating demo about his process for creating art from abstract watercolor pouring on mineral paper. Richard talked about both the materials and his process. He showed how he lays the rubber cement (which can be masked off) and applies the diluted watercolor using squeeze bottles, and then spreads as needed to achieve the desired effects, which are wonderful.





During our next meeting on June 13, Diane Noble (<https://www.dianenobleart.com/>) will host a speed painting demo. Here's what she has to say about herself and her experience with "speed painting":

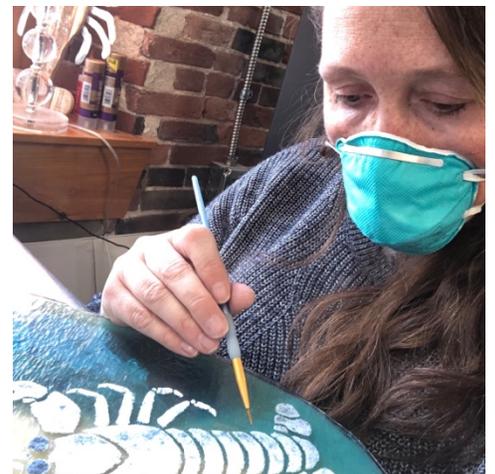
*I am an acrylic painter, primarily painting landscapes of marshes, oceans with rowboats, lobster boats, but also old cars, trucks, dog portraits. Many years ago, when painting plein-air for the first few times, I struggled with the light changing, wind, weather changes and not being able to capture what initially attracted me to the spot in a short time. So, I took a Speed Painting weekend workshop with artist/painter, David Lussier, then in CT, and now with a new gallery in Kittery.*

*There were 4 of us to a group, selecting 3 objects to put in a painted half box set up. Each of us decided on the objects to go in the still life. He demoed, then we did our first rendition having to complete the work in 30 minutes! We all were screaming, 'NO...more time!', but alas, not to be. The timer went off and we critiqued our works and discussed the difficulty of time restraint.*

*Then, we added a 4<sup>th</sup> object, and having already viewed and painted four, we had to see how the objects changed with the 4<sup>th</sup>. We painted three versions before lunch, adding a 5<sup>th</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> version. Then after lunch we went back to the initial 3 objects. It was amazing how much better our paintings were, and how much we learned about 'seeing' and applying paint without hesitation, because we'd thought it all out.*

*This workshop helped me to capture what I saw either outside plein-air or from a photo in my studio. It has made me a very prolific painter, which has caused me to have WAY TOO MANY painted canvases! It has helped me so much, and I continue the step by step process he taught me.*

At the following meeting on July 11, Heather Fountain ([Fountain Glass](#)) plans to host a demo entitled, "You're Getting Warmer: The Fine Craft of Warm Glass." Join us to learn about glass as a fine craft, including the versatility of the medium of warm glass. Heather will share her artwork as well as the difference between it and hot or cold glass work.



Ellen is seeking volunteers to host demos during our monthly SBA meetings during the remainder of 2022. And you get paid for it too! You are encouraged to show us how you make your art, but if you prefer not to “perform,” a demo related to your art/technique, tips of the trade, history/influencers, etc. would be just as valuable. So feel free to get creative!

### **DUES REMINDER:**

If you haven't yet paid your 2022 member dues, please bring your \$40 payment to the April meeting or make your check out to Saco Bay Artists and mail it to Heather Fountain at 2 Pavia Ave, Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064.

### **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.

### **SBA Chairs/Committees**

#### 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