

Saco Bay Artists

June 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. **NOTE, because of the Parks & Rec summer camp, our July 8 meeting and plein air painting session will be at 2 Pavia Ave, Old Orchard Beach. The August 12 meeting will be at Jordan Hall, 48 Temple Ave in Ocean Park.** Please also 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. **However, the time will change to 1-3pm during the Saco summer camp period.** 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 following schedule for the remainder of the year:*

June: 17 and 24 TIME CHANGE 1PM TO 3PM

July: 15, 22, and 29 TIME CHANGE 1PM TO 3PM

August: 19 and 26 TIME CHANGE BACK 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

June 2024 Meeting Notes

- Membership stands at 59, with 11 new members this year. Four new people who aren't yet members also attended the meeting.
- Kathy Turpin gave the treasurer's report. After income of \$930 and expenses of \$315, the ending balance for May was \$11,381.43.
- Show discussion & updates:
 - There were a lot of questions about the show, including what payments members are allowing-- checks, cash, Square, Venmo, Paypal etc.; everyone does something different, whatever they are comfortable with. There is an ATM nearby and the OPA lets us use their wifi (and bathrooms too) during the shows.
 - One member was worried about it being her first show. Kathy/others stated to not worry-- everyone is friendly and people help each other at our shows. Mary and Kathy will also be around to help.
 - Kathy discussed the awards given at each show- best in show, 1st 2nd 3rd in Fine Art & Fine Craft.
 - Also at the August show there will be a group tent for members who don't have a booth and want to show work. Kathy stated that the call for that will go out after the July show. People can sign up and that Nancy Kenney will let folks know how many pieces they can put in the booth (which is

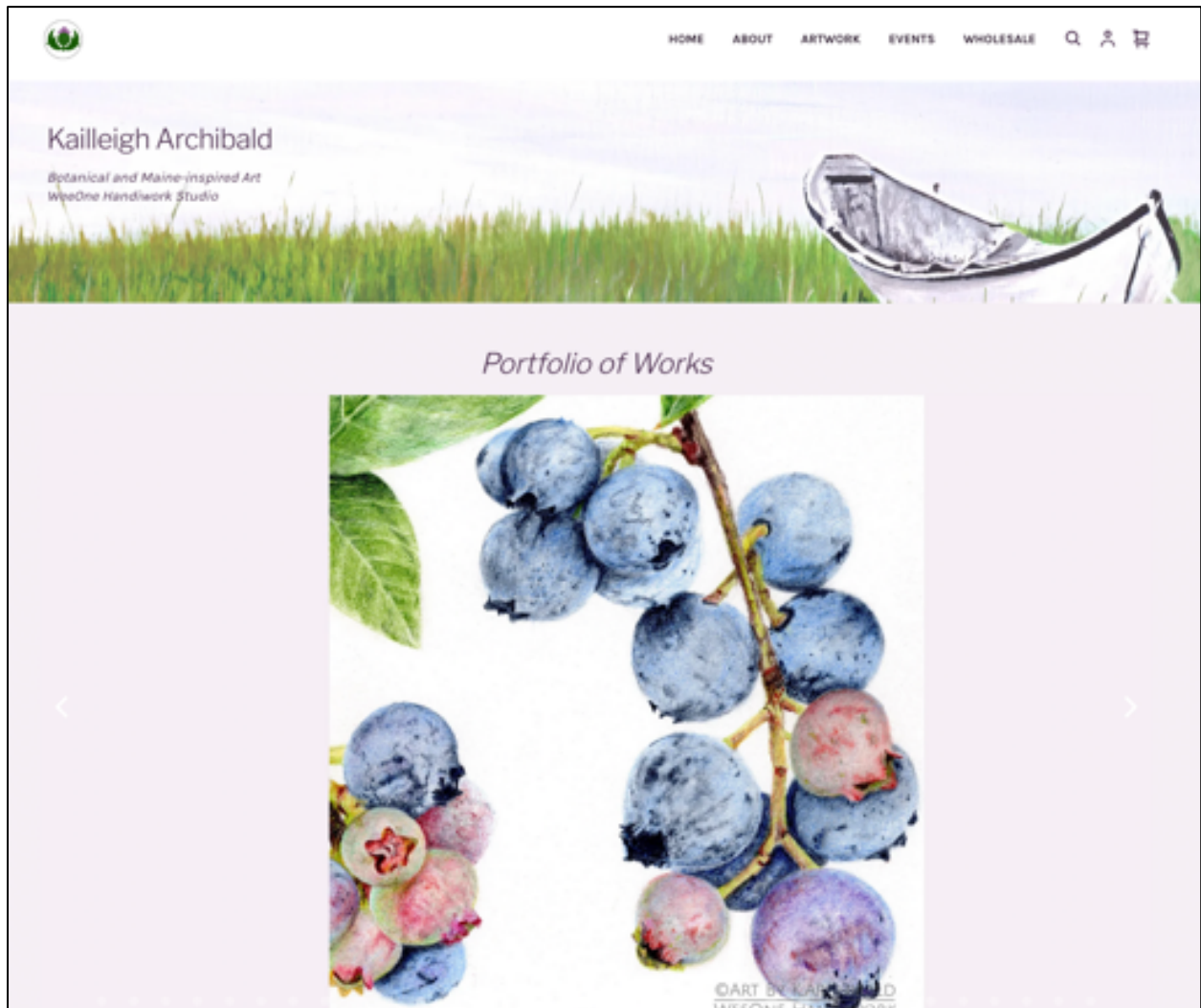
dependent on how many sign up). Heather explained that if you sign up, it is expected that you will come in the morning to help set up the booth and hang your work. Each person brings their own cash box and payment instructions. You will also be asked to sign up to work 2 hours at the booth and then return at the end to help take things down.

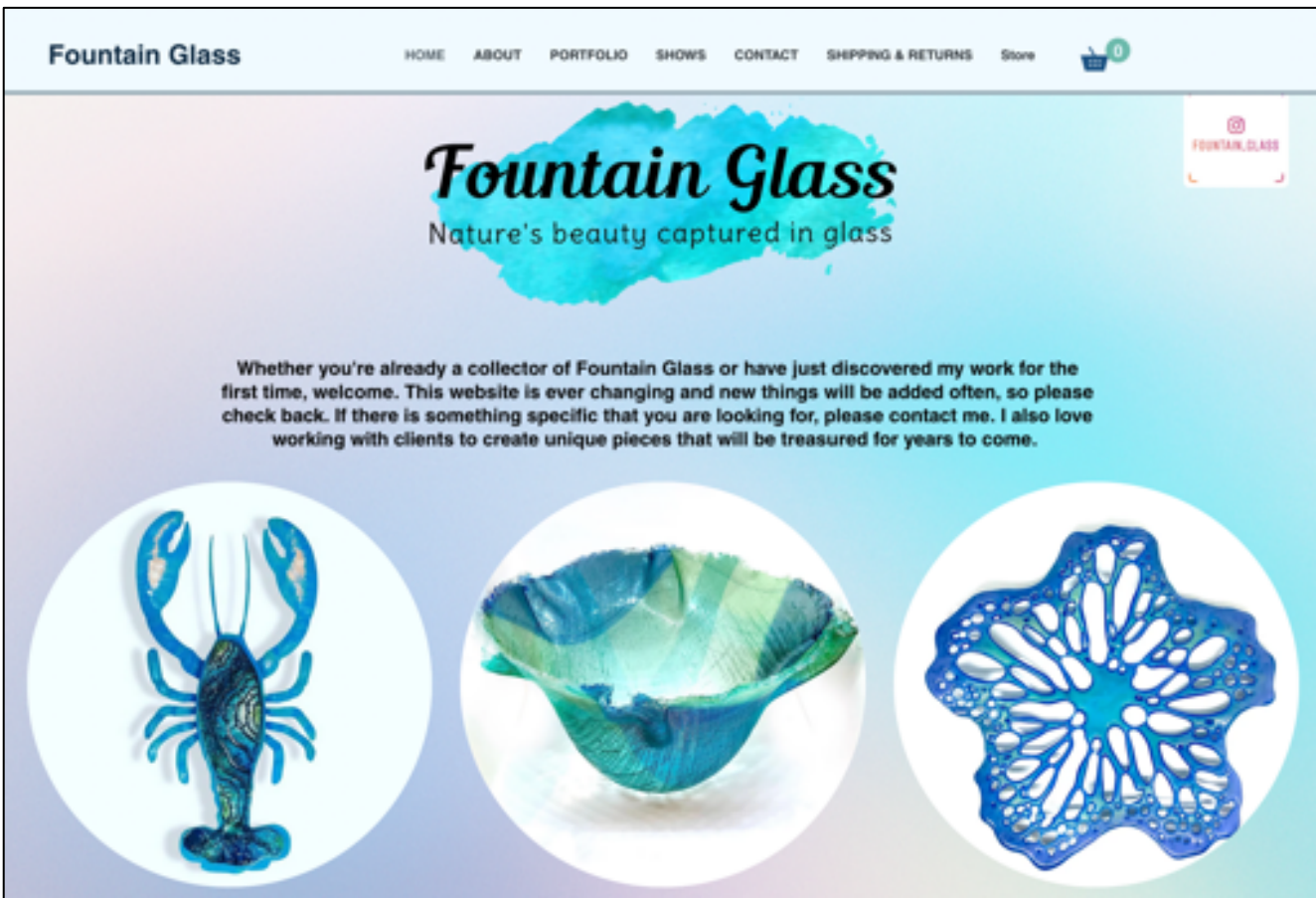
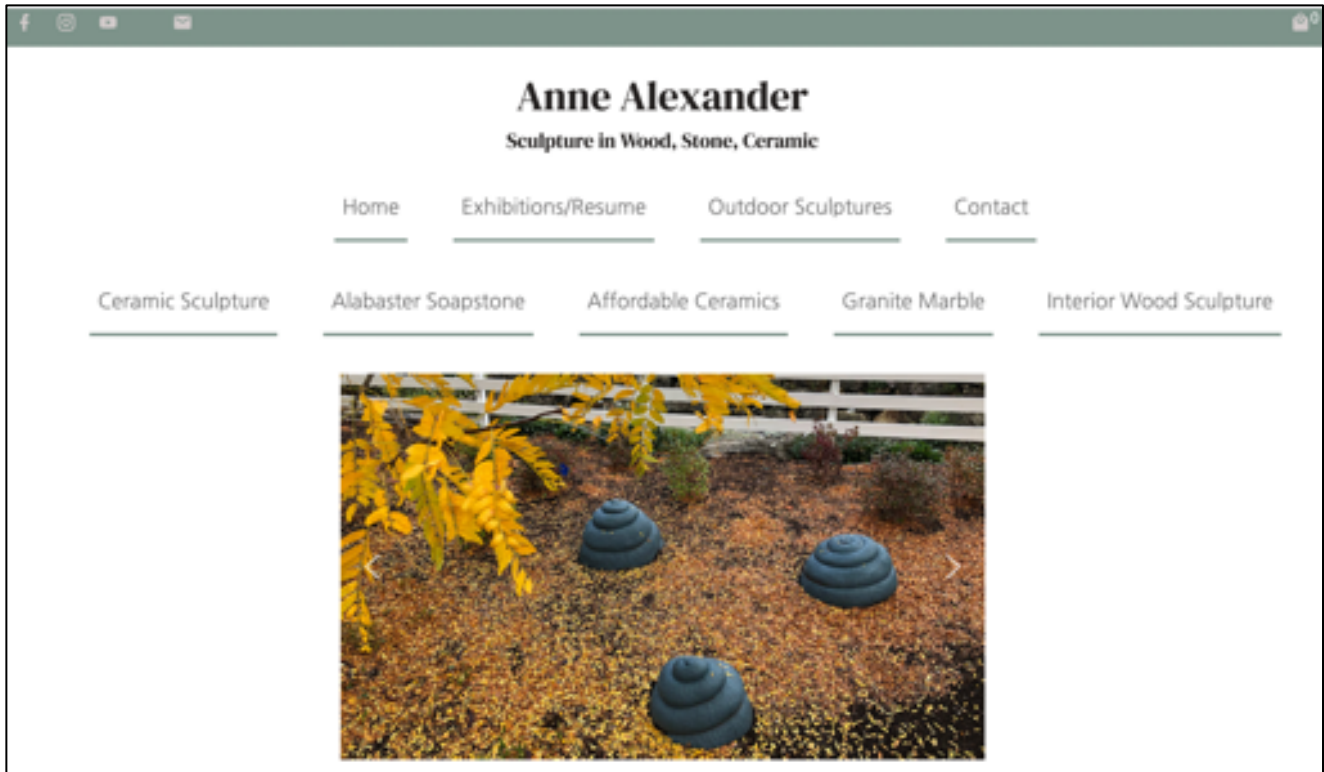
- Kathy also mentioned that the July 4th show has 38-39 spots- she and Mary worked the map over to add more spots than ever, as all spots were full. They have added all they can on the library lawn and had 1 spot left. 2 people were going to talk with her about this after the meeting.
- There are still spots available for the shows the first Saturday of August and also Labor Day weekend (last Saturday of August).
- Kathy also noted that submissions were great this year, only one that was not fine art or craft so she referred them to the Educational Bureau, which has a bazaar the 3rd Wed in August from 9-1 on the lawn in Ocean Park. Nancy Kenney is the contact and it's \$25 a table; they provide a table and 2 chairs set up for you, you just show us and set up your things. This is a combo of antiques, food, crafts, white elephant etc... not fine art but there are some artists. It can be sunny so some participants bring tents or umbrellas for shade.
- Details of July & August Meetings, which are **NOT at SACO PARKS & REC** due to summer camps:
 - **The July meeting will be at Heather's house at 2 Pavia Ave in Old Orchard Beach.** Following a brief business meeting, our program/demo will be lead by Ellen Pelletier who will give an intro and tips for plein air painting. Be sure to bring a chair for sitting outside and whatever you want for drawing or painting. Heather noted that people are welcome to roam outside or to the beach or even sit inside on a deck or in the house at a window. Ernie suggested bringing a drop cloth for yourself if you are working on a deck or in the house to keep it clean. Heather mentioned that there is no street parking but that she can fit ~15 cars in her yard/driveway so the more people who can carpool the better.
 - **The August 12 Meeting will be at Jordan Hall, 48 Temple Ave in Ocean Park.** We will have a guest speaker at this meeting and there is street parking. You can also park in the back of the building and behind the Temple in the shade on Colby Ave.
- **SBA Banner:** Heather shared the banner design (below) that she a Nancy Kenney worked on and asked Kailliegh to provide a higher res copy of the logo. It was decided that black for logo would stand out. Discussion ensued about what color best represented the ocean and that the statement about membership should be taken off and "established in X year" should be added. Sylvia and Kathy were looking into what the established date was. Ernie noted that he originally joined in 1995. Kathy uncovered a poster of the 20th anniversary celebration which happened in 1995, so next year SBA celebrates 30 years.



- **Other Business:** A motion was made to continue our support of Old Orchard Beach, Beach Olympics- Special Olympics event this summer. We have given over the past few years. Members unanimously voted to donate at the Friend of Special Olympics Level - \$75 .

- **Website Share:** In lieu of a presentation or demo, today’s discussion was about members websites-- how they were created and what software people use to do so. This idea was in response to member input on topics of interest. Kailleigh Archibald, Anne Alexander and Heather Fountain shared their websites (see screenshots below) and what they have learned. Kailleigh used Square to create her beautiful webpage; she chose it because it has easy templates to use and manage and Square is what she uses for payments. Anne chose to have someone create her site and she is paying for a year of service and updates, and they will provide her with training so she can manage and update it herself starting next year. Heather used Wix to create hers and she noted that there are templates, and it was easy to create but took a lot of time and is not as easy as Square to update.
- It was suggested that having a member share something like a piece of their art or their website once in a while might be a great idea-- a member spotlight.





Announcements, Events & Happenings

- **SBA Summer Shows:** Independence Day Show-July 4, Illumination Night Show-August 3, Labor Day Show-August 31
- **Saco Main Street 53rd Annual Arts Festival, Saturday, June 22, 2024**
- **Art in the Park, Ocean Park Plein Air** Juried artists create around OP and sell work on Wed, 5PM in the Temple. **July 21-24.** *All Artists are always welcome to create in and around OP anytime.
- **Open Air Artistry:** This new plein air event will be hosted in OOB and Ocean Park on Saturday August 24 from 9-4 (rain date Aug 25), 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 and the entry form. Deadline for applications is August 9.

2024 SBA Art Shows

Welcome to another show season with SBA. Although Ocean Park suffered severe damages during the recent storms, we are hopeful that everything will be repaired and shows/activities will go on as usual in Ocean Park.

For 2024, show messages will be from Kathy Angel Lee (kathyangellee@gmail.com) and Mary Brunner (marybrunner82@gmail.com) who is learning the Show Coordinator job & will be included in all communications. While the July 4 show may now be full (only one spot left at the time of the June meeting), there are spots open for the shows on Aug 3 and Aug 31. Contact Kathy & Mary if you are interested.

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

We have an exciting line up of artists for our meetings in 2024:

- **July 8** - NOTE: meeting location 2 Pavia Ave, Old Orchard Beach
Ellen Pelletier will give us an intro of what to think about with Plein Air Painting and will send us off to work plein air outside or viewing the outside while comfortably sitting inside.
- **August 12** - Vicki Lowe, Sktchy app & charcoal portrait drawing 101
- **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

(new as of June 2024)

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