

Saco Bay Artists

March 2022 Newsletter

(first of the new year since SBA takes Jan/Feb off!)



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. **OUR FIRST MEETING OF 2022 WILL BE ON MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022 (ALL WELCOME).**

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 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.

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

DUES REMINDER:

If you haven't yet paid your 2022 member dues, please bring your \$40 payment to the March meeting or mail your check to Saco Bay Artists, PO Box 7100, Ocean Park, ME 04063.

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 Art Show at the Dyer Library

An exhibit of SBA artists will be featured during the month of April at the Dyer Library in Saco. Robert Dunn is organizing and here's what we know so far:

- 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 does 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 at the December meeting everyone talked about submitting some "favorites" from their collections
- **NOTE: Robert will need the information for the labels ahead of time so knows how many pieces he will have and the sizes; please provide him this information by March 15 so he has time to prepare: rcdunnjr@gmail.com (or 207-502-9304)**
- 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 pick up time will be 9:30-10:30 am 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 have been 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.

SBA Shows in Ocean Park

The dates have been set for the 2022 SBA Shows in Ocean Park: Monday, July 5, Saturday, August 6, and Saturday, September 3. Shows will be held 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. Kathy sent an email with all the information in January, but you can also visit the SBA website to print or download the show application and guidelines:

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

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

Monthly Sketching at Libby Library

- Sylvia confirmed that sketching will continue in 2022 at the Libby Library in Old Orchard Beach 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

Demos

Christine Labaree has offered to host a demo at our March meeting on how she set up a website for her art (<https://www.christinelabaree.com/>) to use as a sales and marketing tool. A number of SBA members voiced an interest in creating websites for themselves but don't know where to start or are concerned that the process might be too technologically cumbersome.

Fortunately the hosting service at Fine Art Studio Online (FASO: <https://www.faso.com/>) makes it easy because it's designed specifically for artists (not IT professionals!) and some marketing tools are included in the FASO subscription. Christine will take us behind the scenes on her website to show what she can do with it and how.

Ellen is seeking volunteers to host demos during our monthly SBA meetings throughout 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!

Member Update

On a sad note, long time SBA member and distinguished artist, Joseph Cousins, will no longer be taking part in our Ocean Park Shows. After bouts with COVID and its long-term effects over the past 2 years, Joe is concentrating on painting and promoting his gallery in Freeport. After 42 years, Joe and his wife Linda have also retired from their posts as Director and Co-Director of the Yarmouth Clam Festival. They are well liked in our area and his art is well sought after. We will miss them and wish them well.

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