Saco Bay Artists

May 2022 Newsletter



Our meetings are USUALLY held on the <u>second Monday of the month</u> from <u>10:30 am -12:30</u> <u>pm</u> 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, MAY 9, 2022 (ALL WELCOME). <u>Please look for signs at the building entrances indicating whether masks are</u> <u>required based on community COVID levels</u>. 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 (<u>pastelpainter84@gmail.com</u>) 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.

April Meeting Notes:

Many topics were covered in detail during the March meeting (the first of 2022) so discussion items for the April meeting were brief. The budget was reviewed and approved. Current membership stands at 45 members, including 5 new additions over the past year. One open item is to try to host some of the summer meetings at night to provide an opportunity for members to attend who work during the day. 6:00-7:30 pm was proposed and David will investigate which nights Saco Rec would be open at that time.



SBA Art Show at the Dyer Library

An exhibit of SBA artists is being featured at the Dyer Library (371 Main Street) in Saco April 4-29. 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.

A reminder to participating artists that the pick up time for artwork will be 9:30-10:30 am on Friday April 29. If you can't be there in person, please arrange for someone else to do your pick up. See photos below from hanging day and a special thank you to Robert Dunn for making all the arrangements.



SBA Shows in Ocean Park

A reminder to all that applications for the SBA summer shows in Ocean Park are <u>due by May</u> <u>15</u>. 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 to print or download the show application and guidelines: <u>https://www.sacobayartists.org/pdf/SBAShowApplication2022.pdf</u> <u>https://www.sacobayartists.org/pdf/SBAShowGuidelines2022.pdf</u>

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, July 14, Aug 11, Sept 8 and Oct 13.

Demos

At the April meeting, Robert Dunn hosted a demo about different approaches to using mixed media—including combinations of watercolor, acrylics, oils, graphite and more. He covered how the use of a variety of paints (or other media) can increase intensity and accentuate tone and value. He showed interesting examples of how historical and current artists have used mixed media to great effect.







During our next meeting on May 9, Heather Fountain (Fountain Glass) will 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 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!

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

<u>Co-chairs</u> Ellen Pelletier – Prepare agendas, run meetings, demos David Steed – Facility, Finance

<u>Committee chairs</u> 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