

Saco Bay Artists

November 2023 Newsletter



Our meetings are usually held monthly from March-December on the second Monday of the month from 10:30 am -12:30 pm. OUR NEXT MEETING IS AT 10:30 AM DECEMBER 11 AND IS THE LAST MEETING OF 2023 (no meetings in Jan/Feb). The meeting location is the Saco Parks & Rec Center at 75 Franklin Street in Saco. ALL ARE WELCOME. Masks are currently optional, so do whatever makes you comfortable.

We also normally host a “drop in” at the Rec Center on the non-meeting Mondays from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm for those who would like to get together to paint, create, chat, etc. Please let Ellen (pastelpainter84@gmail.com) know if you might like to join on those Mondays; she has been trying to email around on Sundays to see who plans to attend, which helps us in planning.

November Meeting Minutes:

- Treasurer report – healthy balance
- No updates on membership
- New slate of officers will be voted on at December meeting
 - Heather working with Ellen to take over as president
 - Mary in training with Kathy to take over shows
 - Cathy Turpin to become treasurer; will contact Lettie
 - Someone Vik’s for membership
- Art walk in OOB/Ocean Park will take place December 2
 - one space left at library
 - map pdf being finished and can be shared over email or social media
 - Add to Portland “cheat sheet” of free events
- December meeting (11th) will be last of the year; no meetings in Jan/Feb

December Demo

At the December 11 meeting, SBA member Nancy Kenney will do a demo on batik, an Indonesian technique of wax-resist dyeing applied to the whole cloth.

We are seeking volunteers to host demos during our monthly SBA meetings throughout 2024...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. Feel free to get creative!

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.

DUES REMINDER

If you haven't yet paid, 2023 dues are \$45. Please bring your check made out to Saco Bay Artists to the next meeting or mail it to Heather Fountain at 2 Pavia Ave, Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064.

A note for SBA members who participate in the summer shows, if you attend 3 business/program meetings during the year, your show fee will be \$35 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

Chair

Ellen Pelletier – Prepare agendas, run meetings, schedule demos

Committee chairs

*OPEN – Facility, Finance

*Lettie Lemay – Treasurer

Christine Labaree – Meeting Scribe & Newsletter Editor

*Kathy Angel Lee – Summer Show Coordinator

*Heather Fountain - Membership Coordinator

Sylvia Orchard - Events

Stephen Beckett – Webmaster

Kailleigh Archibald – Facebook Coordinator

** Transitioning to new chairs/co-chairs in 2024*

