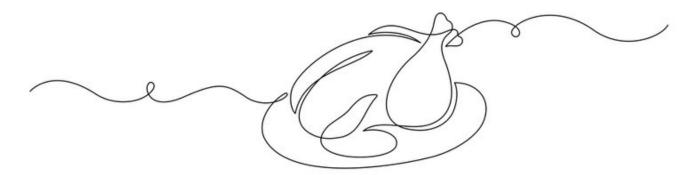
Saco Bay Artists

November 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 held from 10:30 am -12:30 pm at the Saco Parks & Rec Center at 75 Franklin Street in Saco. Please mark your calendars with the final meeting date for the year: 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. 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 schedule for the remainder of the year:

November: 4 and 25 painting

December: 2, 16, 23, and 30 painting

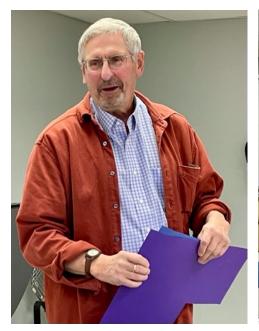
November Meeting Notes

- There were a number of new faces at the November meeting so it began with a round of introductions.
- Our third annual <u>SBA Holiday Art Walk at locations across OOB will take place December 7 from 10-3</u>. There are still a couple of spaces left for members that want to participate. See events section below for all the details. A flyer is being distributed to advertise the event and the map of locations has been finalized. The Chamber of Commerce will be promoting the event and there may even be a trolley bus shuttling holiday shoppers around town to the various locations. Once again, Kathy will be collecting donations from participating artists and preparing gift baskets that will be awarded in the drawing for holiday shoppers who have their map signed at all the of art walk locations.
- The <u>December 9 meeting will be a holiday celebration</u> that will follow last year's format. Members are asked to sign up to bring a dish, beverages or paperware (plates, napkins, cups). Contact Ellen to let her know what you'd like to bring: pastelpainter84@gmail.com. We will also host a gift swap—if you'd like to participate, please bring a small hand-made or art related gift in an unmarked paper bag. Everyone who brings a gift will be able to receive a gift in the swap but it's also OK if members would prefer to opt out.
- Sylvia announced that a new program will be beginning at the Libby Library in OOB. Beginning Jan 9 and running every Thursday for 8 weeks (ending Feb 27), artists of all levels will get together from 11 am 2 pm to create together—painting, drawing, whatever their medium. The library is hosting the program at no charge and can accommodate 8-10 participants. Sylvia will gather names & phone numbers in case a session needs to be cancelled due to bad weather.

- Cathy T gave the treasurer's report; the ending balance was \$9350. Potential annual donations to groups such as the Libby and Dyer libraries and Saco Parks & Rec will be discussed during the business portion of the December meeting.
- 2025 dues are \$45. Vicki Lowe is in MA until May so please bring dues checks to future SBA meetings and Cathy T will deposit them and notify Vicki that dues have been paid. Members will then receive a confirmation email from Vicki. Members may also mail them directly to Vicki at her winter address: 47 Spruce Street, Foxboro, MA 02035.
- There are no meetings in January or February but drop in painting will continue, weather permitting

November Guest Presenter, John Huszonek

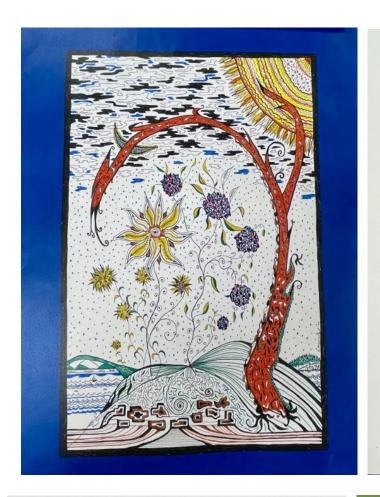
<u>John Huszonek</u> shared his journey as an artist in pen and ink. John draws inspiration from many sources including church symbolism, cultural symbolism, nature and mandalas. He displayed a wonderful selection of his works, as shown in the photos below.





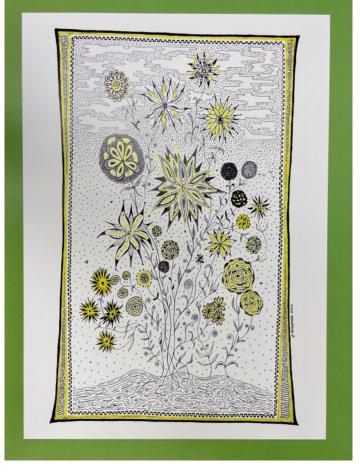






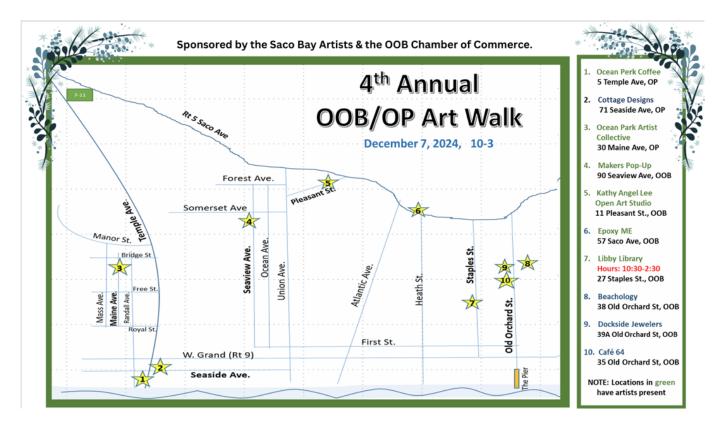


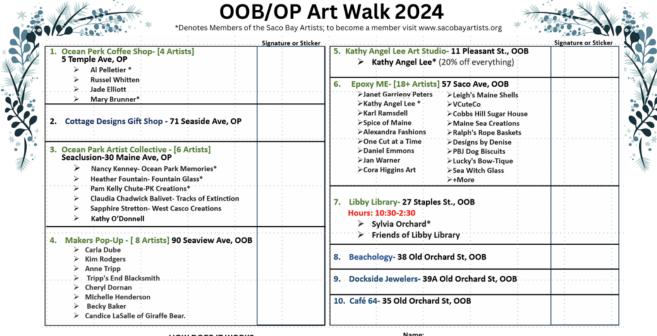




Announcements, Events & Happenings

- OOB/Ocean Park Holiday Art Walk, Saturday Dec 7 from 10-3, with a few remaining opportunities for artists to participate; contact Kathy Angel Lee ASAP (kathyangellee@gmail.com) for an application
 - o Kathy Angel Lee's home studio room for one person
 - o Libby Library time will be 10:30-2:30; set up on Friday, December 6, 5-6 PM





<u>HOW DOES IT WORK?</u>
1. Visit and get a stamp, sticker or signature at each of the 10 stops

2. Add your contact info on your map and leave it at your last stop to enter into the prize drawing.

3. Kathy Angel Lee will contact you if you have won a prize. Winners will be posted to facebook.

Upcoming Guest Presenters

We are still looking for artists or suggestions for 2025 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.

Membership 2024

Annual dues are \$45.00 payable to Saco Bay Artists. If you have not renewed your 2024 Membership, please bring it to Cathy Turpin at a meeting or mail it to Saco Bay Artists C/O Vicki Lowe, 47 Spruce Street, Foxboro, MA 02035 (May – Sept 2025, P. O. Box 7100, Ocean Park, ME 04063). If a new member joins in Nov/Dec, they will get the full 2025 year included in their membership.

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.

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