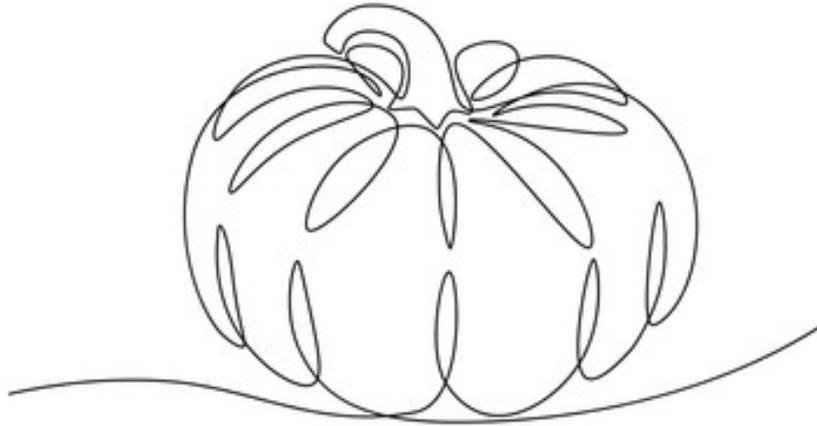


Saco Bay Artists

October 2022 Newsletter



Our meetings are held monthly from March-December, usually 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. **However, because of the holiday on Oct 10, OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022** (ALL WELCOME). Please look for signs at the building entrances indicating whether masks are required based on community COVID levels. Once in the meeting room, masks are currently optional, so please do whatever makes you most comfortable.

We host a “drop in” at the Rec Center on the non-meeting Mondays from 10:30 am – 1:00 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 if there are folks who intend to attend, which helps us all in planning. There are no business meetings during January and February but we still plan to offer “drop in” painting/sketching on those Mondays as weather allows.

September Meeting Notes:

- Ellen gave the treasurer’s report and Heather provided a membership update—we now have 50 members, with 3 new additions, including Tom Mowry and Mary Brunner who were in attendance.
- With several new members on board, the question was raised about the SBA website (<https://www.sacobayartists.org/>) and how artists can get their website listed under the artists tab. Stephen Beckett (mayaway@maine.rr.com) is our SBA webmaster, so to get your website listed on the SBA website, please email him the name you would like to use (like: my_name or my_gallery) and the URL/web address of your website (or Facebook page or blog or what have you). One link per artist.
- Sylvia reported that there is one more sketching session for the year at the Libby Library in Old Orchard Beach on Thursday October 13 from 1-4 pm. If weather is inclement, Sylvia (sgorch6648@gmail.com) is checking whether the session can be done inside.
- Sylvia also mentioned the upcoming Fall Festival being held Saturday September 24 in Old Orchard Beach. It may still be possible for members to register for a table if interested – see flyer below for more details and contact the OOB Town Hall for more information: 207.937.5626

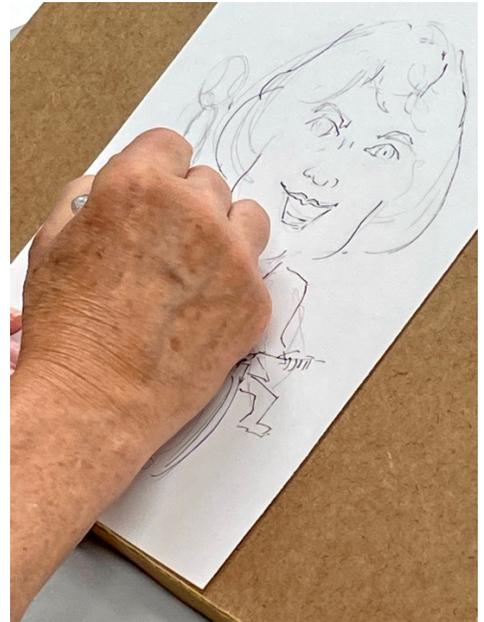


- **Painting Display at OOB Town Hall:** Sylvia noted that SBA members have paintings on display at the OOB Town Hall, which get changed over every month or two. Please contact her if you are interested in showing there (sgorch6648@gmail.com). Elsie will be providing pieces to be hung this fall!
- **The September SBA Show** in Ocean Park was a success with 24 registrants (3 drop outs due to illness etc.), including 5 first time participants. Art teacher and watercolor artist, Piper Bolduc, judged the show and selected the following award winners—her comments are also included:
 - First - Pam Shockey for Acadia; beautifully done/color palette and subject matter
 - Second - Mark Wheeler; overall booth; beautiful wood bowls from local trees with felted work accenting the wood products
 - Third - Kathy Angel Lee; overall booth; beautiful hand crafted work; attention to detail/overall subject matter
 - Bill Edmunds - Don Withers; Caterpillar; subject/bird's eye view with focus on detail; gorgeous photo (as aside - Don's cottage is near Bill Edmund's home and Don knew Bill Edmund)
 - HM - Al Pelletier; overall booth; quality hand built pottery; interesting birch tree design
 - HM - Christine Labaree; Lobster Boats; beautifully done "Christina" boat
 - HM - Anne Alexander; Lobster Claw; beautiful hand sculpted piece with attention to detail.

- **Second Annual Old Orchard Beach Art Walk** will once again be sponsored by SBA—this year on Saturday, December 3. If you don't live in OOB and would like to participate, Kathy Angel Lee will have some table space at her house/studio and she and Christine Labaree may also have some racks you could use. If you think you might be interested, let Kathy Angel Lee know. 207-937-2125 or kathyangellee@gmail.com. Note, the other public spaces that were discussed at the meeting like Porter Hall were not available. Heather offered to make up a map for the December event, showing the location of participants. Last year there was a sign in for those attending so they could enter to win prizes that were donated by the artists.
- **Water soluble oils:** Elsie has decided to stick with acrylics, so she's giving away a set of water soluble oil paints and a book. Please let her know if you are interested in taking them: r124@maine.rr.com.
- **Cornell Lab of Ornithology online class on nature journaling and field sketching:** Richard du Fosse mentioned this class in case members were interested. The discounted promotional price has expired but the class itself is still available: *Whether you're looking for a creative spark for your artistic expression, a way to develop your observational skills, or an immersive and mindful journey through nature, this course will guide you with friendly art instruction and engaging practice sessions that will help you make the most out of your journaling.* <https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/product/nature-journaling-and-field-sketching/>.
- **Continuum – Artists Exploring Abstraction:** Richard also shared that he's part of the Continuum group which "has been coming together for years to critique, stretch and experiment with both the physically applied practices of painting and the underlying possibilities of expressing the human experience through painting and collage." Their Artists Exploring Abstraction show at the Dyer Library in Saco begins October 4 and runs until at least October 28. Click here to see the slide show (when the page opens, you should be able to click through the 11 slides by using the arrow in the lower left corner of the browser window or using the forward arrow on your keyboard): https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1s29bqne9N_BdyLyBjP-vc-DQTVTb8rbdjdVd29tdt6s/mobilepresent#slide=id.g110e88c1f51_0_5
- **Show coordinator:** Kathy is asking if there's anyone who might be interested in learning about our shows and how to put them together. She is looking to the future when there will be a time when she can no longer do this for SBA. Kathy will be preparing a month by month checklist of tasks that need to be completed. If you have any questions or might be interested, contact Kathy at 207-937-2125 or kathyangellee@gmail.com
- **SBA financial role:** David Steed is stepping back from his finance role due to other commitments. There is a need for someone to oversee the budget and work with the treasurer to develop the budget. Please let Ellen know if you are interested in helping: pastelpainter84@gmail.com.
- **Carry over from September newsletter:** The City of Saco Arts Commission is undertaking a project to create series of seasonal murals featured on municipal buildings and businesses in downtown Saco. These will be "wheat paste" murals which adhere paper replicas of artwork to brick building surfaces. The lifespan of these murals is approximately 6 months so the Commission's goal is to update them in the early fall and spring. Artists must live in Maine and those living in Saco "may be given priority" in the selection process. Artists selected to have their art featured as murals will receive a \$100 cash prize. The deadline for digital submissions is Friday, September 30. More information on the project and submission process can be found here on the Arts Commission website or attached to the newsletter email: https://cms1files.revize.com/sacome/Saco%20Seasonal%20Mural%20Project%20Call%20for%20Submissions_rev8-23.pdf

Demos

Our September demo was again hosted by artist and writer, Steve Hrehovcik, who did an instructional demo during the August meeting and we enjoyed having him return to do caricatures of members in September. See photos below.





On deck for the October meeting is a demo by artist Pam Edwards... a show and tell on "Methods for Getting Un-Stuck in Your Art."

Ellen is seeking volunteers to host demos during our monthly SBA meetings during the remainder of 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 next 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

Co-chairs

Ellen Pelletier – Prepare agendas, run meetings, demos
OPEN – Facility, Finance

Committee chairs

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
Susan Hanna – Facebook Coordinator