

Saco Bay Artists

October 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 NOVEMBER 13. 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.

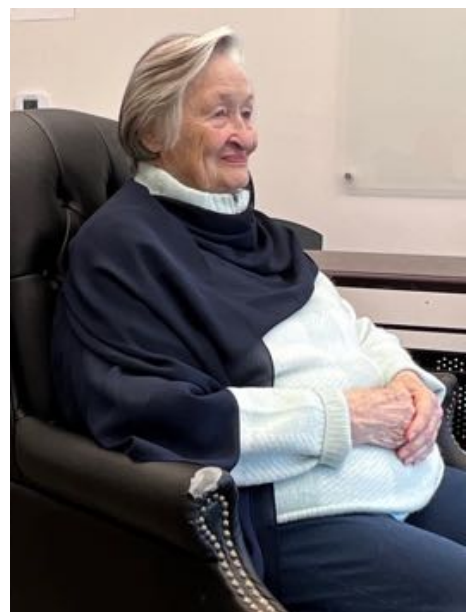
We also normally host a “drop in” at the Rec Center on the non-meeting Mondays from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm for those who would like to get together to paint, create, chat, etc.

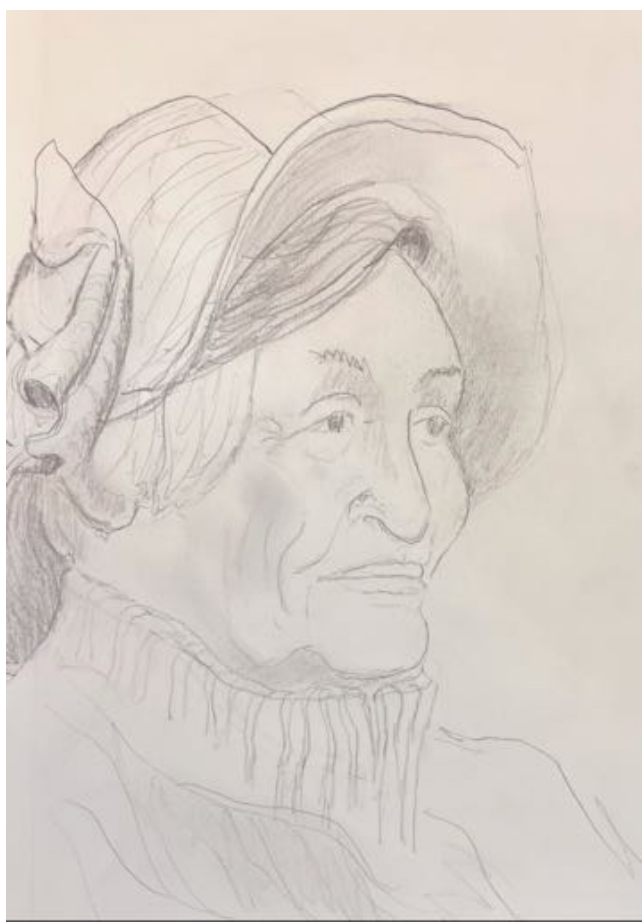
Please let Ellen (pastelpainter84@gmail.com) know if you might like to join on those Mondays; she has been trying to email around on Sundays to see who plans to attend, which helps us in planning.

October Meeting Minutes:

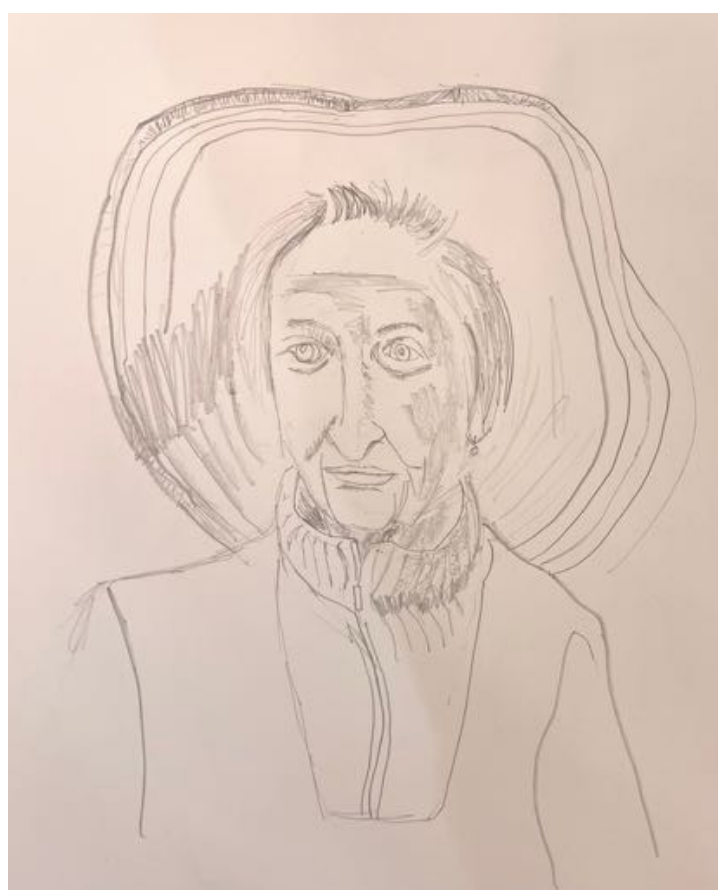
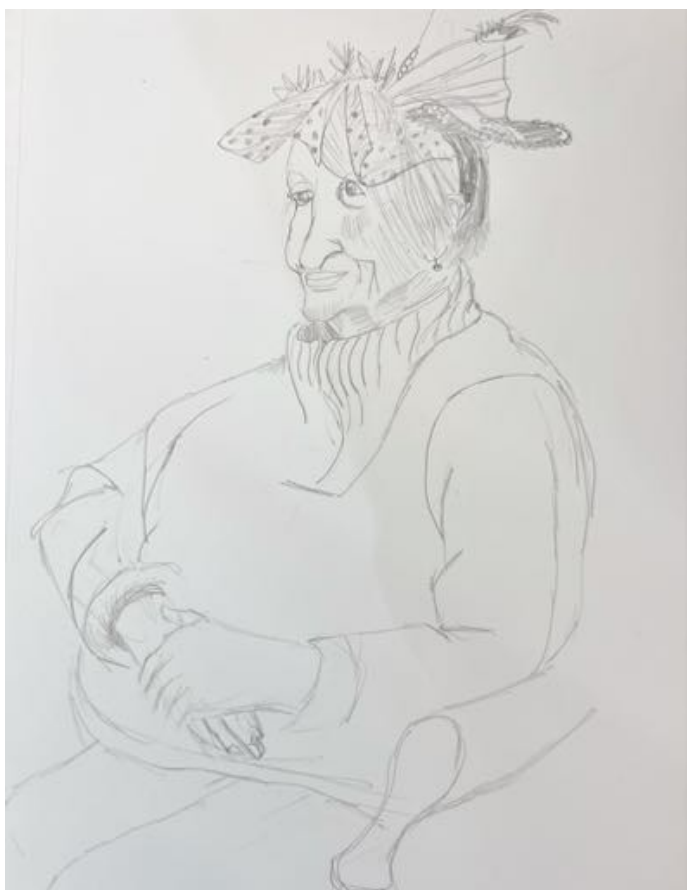
- Ellen called the meeting to order and reviewed the treasurer's report.
- We had two new members join as of this meeting: Pamela Browne and Pat Nash.
- The December Art Walk will be held on Saturday, December 2nd in Old Orchard Beach. Kathy Angel is organizing the spaces at local venues and will provide more information when she gets all the locations set. Contact her if you wish to participate this year.
- Portrait sketching at the library has finished for the year and new dates/times will be announced next year. Participants have really enjoyed this group and some photos from the final session are shared below.
- It's time for our annual donations to be given to the Dyer Library, Libby Library, and Saco Parks and Recreation Department. A motion was raised and approved to give each organization \$250 dollars.

Final Portrait Sketching Session of 2023









October Demo

Pamela Browne, encaustic artist, spoke at the October meeting. She brought a variety of her work along with the material that she uses to produce her art. This art type dates back to ancient times when the Greeks used it to memorialize their deceased citizens with portraits placed into their burial site. It was also used to decorate their ships. It is created by adding color to a combination of beeswax and resin and fusing it onto a surface of wood. She brought a heating station to melt the material for application, various tools used in application, heat torch for fusing, and many types of pigments. She demonstrated several techniques of application to make smooth or textured surfaces and how to add objects into the surface.



Upcoming Demos

SBA will host another BUY-SELL-SWAP event at the November meeting since we don't have a demo scheduled. Use this as the opportunity to sort through your studio and bring any art related items (books, paints, brushes, canvasses/paper, frames, other tools/supplies) you are no longer using to sell or trade with other members while they do the same!

At the December 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 the year...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*