

Saco Bay Artists

October 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 remaining meeting dates for the year: **Nov 18***, 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:

October: 7 and 28 painting 14 holiday
November: 4 and 25 painting 11 holiday
December: 2, 16, 23, and 30 painting

October Meeting Notes

- NOTE: the November 18 meeting will be on the 3rd Monday because of the holiday
- The December 9 meeting will be a holiday celebration. It was suggested that we follow last year's format where members could sign up in November to bring a dish or treat to share and that we'd also plan to host a Yankee swap where each attendee would bring a small handmade gift in a paper bag for swapping. Details will be confirmed in November at the meeting or in the newsletter.
- There are no meetings in January or February but drop in painting will continue, weather permitting
- Our third annual SBA Holiday Art Walk at locations across OOB will take place on December 7. See events section below for details and information on participation. The map of participating artists/locations will be developed in mid-November.
- Heather highlighted a few potential visibility opportunities for SBA artists:
 - [Maine Art Hill](#) in Kennebunk is looking for a ceramicist to take part in the [Christmas Prelude Makers Market](#)
 - [Mossoki House](#) in Biddeford hosted an SBA artist for the 3rd Friday art walks in Aug, Sept and Oct. These were a good experience for our artists who participated and Jessica at Mossoki is looking for artists she can represent there.
- Cathy T gave the treasurer's report; the ending balance is just over \$9K
- Vicky Lowe gave the membership report
 - Currently 73 members with no new additions this month
 - Any new memberships and renewals should now go (through April) to Vicki's MA address shown in the membership section below
 - If a new member joins in Nov/Dec, they will get the full 2025 year included in their membership
 - The dues are the same for 2025: \$45

- The planned presenter for the meeting had to cancel so Heather came with a delightful opportunity to create a gingerbread ornament using white gel pens on brown glass which she then fired for everyone. See 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 as the deadline is October 28
 - Kathy Angel Lee's home studio - room for one person
 - Libby Library - time will be 10:30-2:30; set up on Friday, December 6, 5-6 PM; 2-3 spaces

Upcoming Guest Presenters

We are still looking for artists or suggestions for November and 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 a meeting or send to Saco Bay Artists C/O Vicki Lowe, P. O. Box 7100, Ocean Park, ME 04063 (Oct 2024-April 2025: Saco Bay Artists C/O Vicki Lowe, 47 Spruce Street, Foxboro, MA 02035.). 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.

SBA Chairs/Committees

Chair - Heather Fountain
Treasurer - Cathy Turpin
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Membership Coordinator - Vicki Lowe
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