

Saco Bay Artists

September 2024 Newsletter



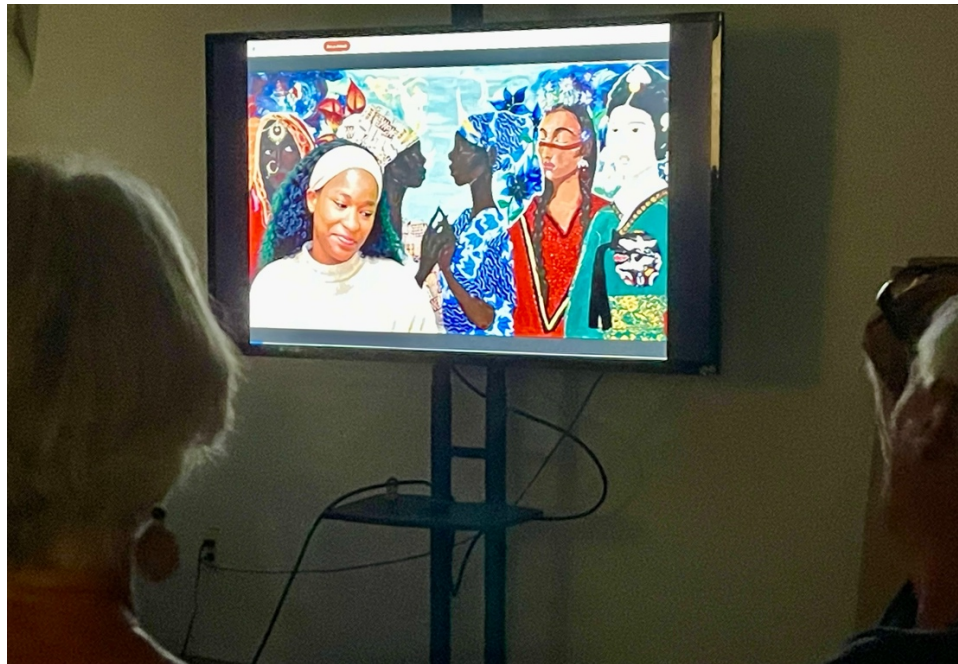
Our meetings are scheduled monthly from March-December on the second Monday of the month (except for holidays). All are welcome so feel free to bring anyone who is interested. The meetings are held from 10:30 am -12:30 pm at the Saco Parks & Rec Center at 75 Franklin Street in Saco. Please mark your calendars with the remaining meeting dates for the year: **Oct 21***, **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:

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

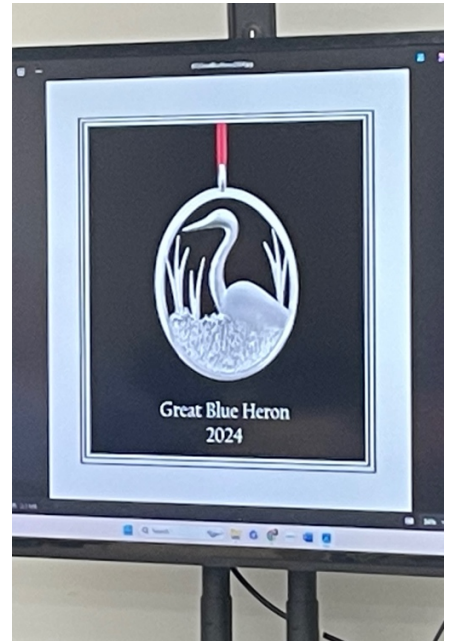
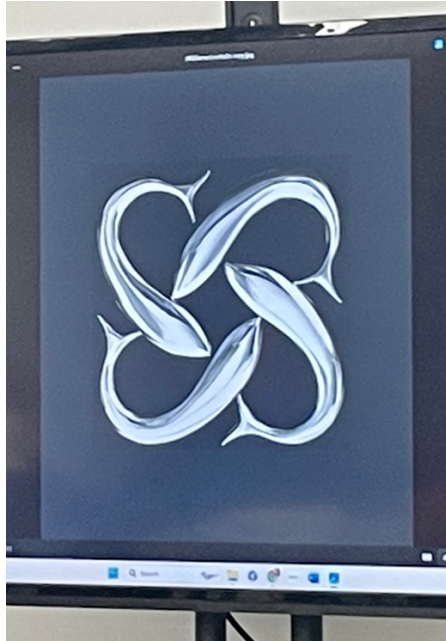
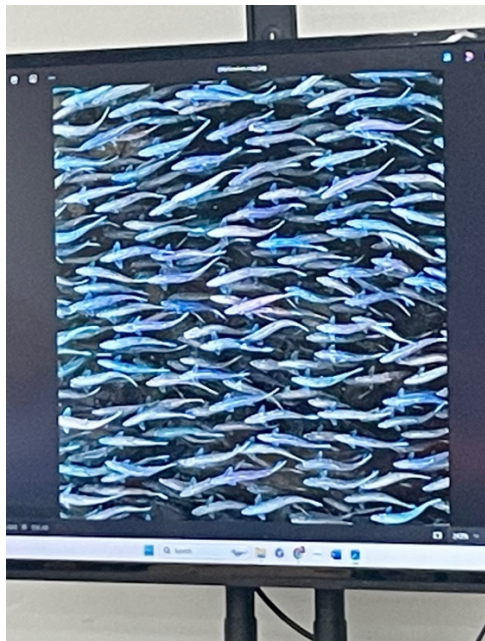
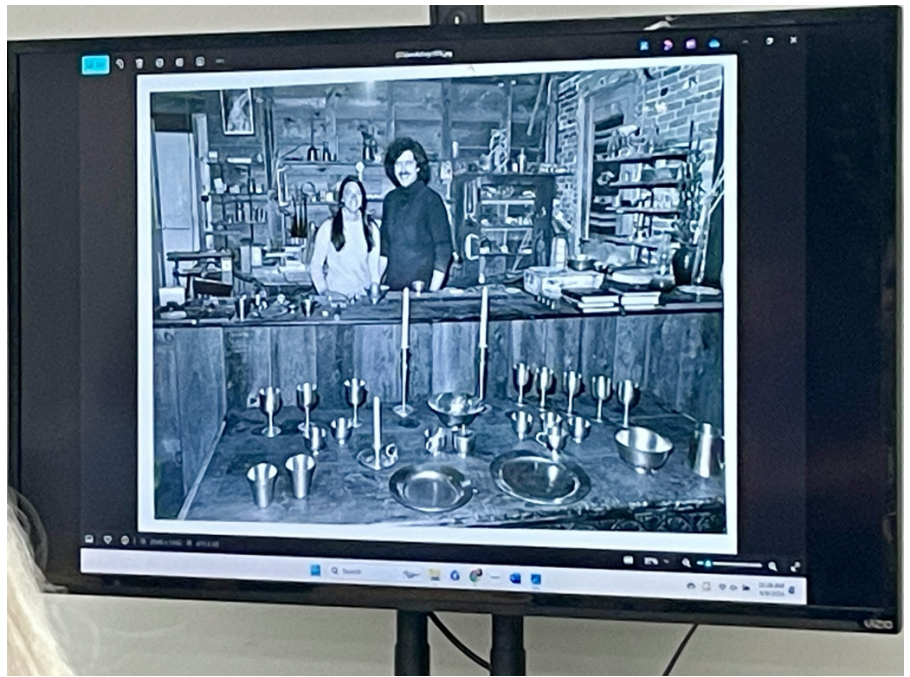
September Meeting Notes

- NOTE: the October (21) and November (18) meetings will be on the 3rd Monday because of holidays.
- A video was shown of an interview with our 2024 recipient of SBA’s Gertrude Eastman Scholarship. Odilia “Teddy” Ngalamulume, a senior at Scarborough High School, has been accepted to the animation program at Champlain College. She talked about how she approaches her work and what has been important to her as an artist.



- Vicky Lowe gave the membership report: currently 73 members with no new additions this month
- Cathy T gave the treasurer's report; the ending balance is approximately \$11K
- Kathy Angel Lee gave an update following the final SBA show of a successful 2024 season:
 - All 39 spots were full for the Labor Day weekend show
 - Kathy had been actively recruiting new fine artists over the past year to participate
 - She will hand over show planning to Mary Brunner for 2025 and beyond
 - The following are the award winners from the Labor Day weekend show and comments from judge Pam Edwards, president of Maine Women in the Arts:
 - **Best in Show** - Kailleigh Archibald for well composed, classic botanicals which show mastery of multiple media
 - **First Fine Art** - Joyanna Margo for vibrant and engaging layered work
 - **Second Fine Art** - Michael Murray for Triptych; spectacular images and innovative presentation
 - **Honorable Mention Fine Art** - tie for Eric Darling (rope art) and Chad Creighton (wood). Both artists use reclaimed materials in professional, beautifully designed visual pieces.
 - **First Fine Craft** - Heather Fountain, impressive combination of techniques and textures
 - **Second Fine Craft** - Anne Alexander for beautifully executed variety of pieces
 - **Honorable Mention** - Richard Winslow for gorgeous surfaces on pottery, good variety of other crafts
 - **Bill Edmunds Photography Award** - Don Withers for well executed, intimate nature portraits
- The SBA art show at the Libby Library in OOB is now hung. Participating arts have 28 works on display until October 3 (reminder: pick up is Friday October 4 between 5-6 pm). See photos in the events section below.
- The annual OOB/Ocean Park holiday art walk will take place Saturday, December 7.
 - Kathy plans to send an email out this month with details and to invite members to reserve a spot at one of the locations around town (Libby Library, Ocean Perk, etc.)
 - The Chamber of Commerce is interested in helping with promotion this year.
 - As in the past, participating artists will be asked to donate a small item to the gift bags that will be part of the drawing for attendees that visit all the stops and turn in their maps.
- Kathy also has 8-10 historical panels that were made for 20th anniversary of SBA. Since SBA is coming up on 30th anniversary in 2025, she suggested that perhaps we could see if the Saco Museum is interested in hosting another exhibit. Sylvia Orchard offered to talk to the museum about it.
- The meeting was adjourned for the presentation and discussion with SBA member, Ken Kantro of Lovell Designs. Ken has "been at the jewelry business for 50 years" and took the group through his fascinating "odyssey as an artist", including his influences and how his media and business have evolved over time. See photos that follow.





Announcements, Events & Happenings

- **Libby Library SBA Art Show** (photos below) with 28 works by SBA artists on display until October 3. Reminder for participating artists that pick up is Friday October 4 from 5-6 pm.
- **OOB/Ocean Park Holiday Art Walk**, Saturday Dec 7, with opportunities for artists to participate at locations across town; more info will be forthcoming later this month.

September

Libby Memorial Library

27 Staples Street Old
Orchard Beach, ME
04064 207.934.4351
ooblibrary.org

September 7- October 3 the library will be host to a beautiful display of artwork by the **Saco Bay Artists!** Stop in to appreciate the work of some local artists. Some artists will include contact info with their pieces for those interested in purchasing any artwork.



Sunday & Monday - Closed
Tuesday-Friday - 9:30am-6:00pm
Saturday - 10:30am-2:30pm



Upcoming Guest Presenters

October 21 Meeting - Amalia Tagaris

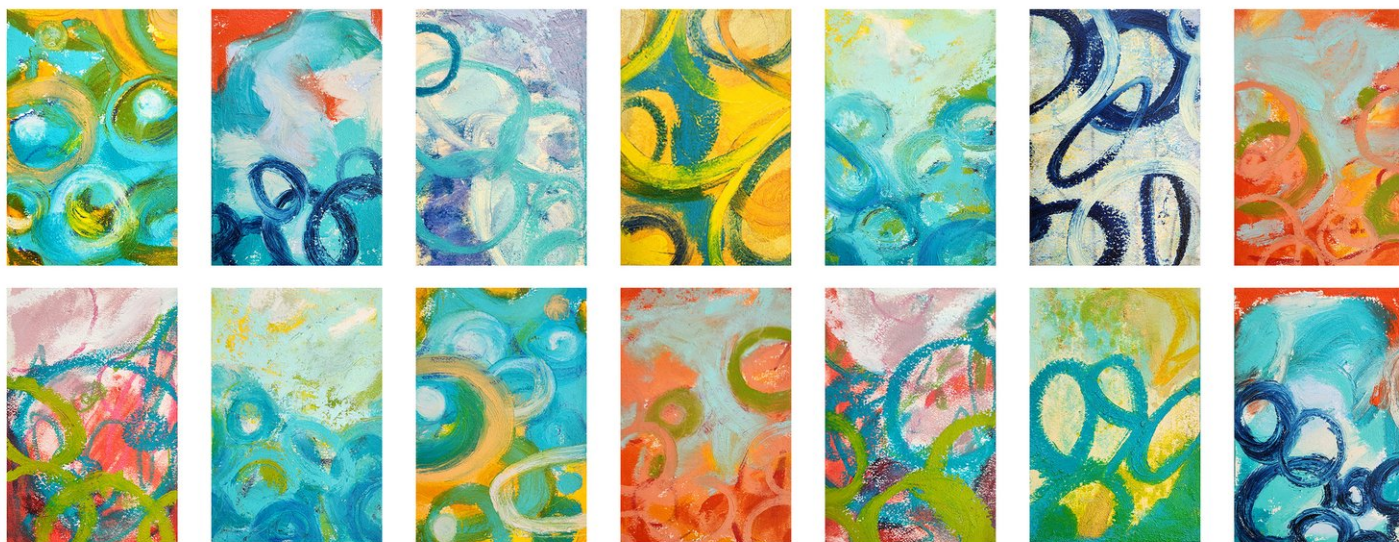
Amalia is a Boston based artist, trained in professional photography at the New England School of Photography and is self-taught in encaustic (beeswax + damar resin + colored pigments) and mixed media art.

Her introduction to painting with encaustic was in 2009 where she began the application of the encaustic medium onto her photographs to produce works with luminous, textural qualities.

Today, she continues the exploration of the medium by incorporating oil paint, inks, carbon prints and a variety of other mixed media in my paintings. In addition, she uses a variety of fine art paper to create unique and lively encaustic monotypes.



A true New Englander with European roots and traditions, her perspective is enriched by the marriage of both worlds. Her subject matter is highly intuitive, informed by past experiences as well as her current state of mind and place. She stated that, "I oscillate between urban and natural landscapes, abstract compositions and sometimes find pleasure in investigating unassociated subjects such as colorful koi fish and bold, floral compositions. The versatility of this ancient medium allows it to adopt various materials within its own skin to reveal an entirely new meaning. It also allows me to infuse bold, luscious colors and textures onto what would otherwise be a flat surface. The tactile property of the wax demands physical interaction during the process of scraping, incising and smoothing of its surface, layer after layer. Quite often, there is something extraordinarily beautiful that arises from these unplanned happenings which makes working with encaustic very appealing in expressing my visual narrative."



We are still looking for artists or suggestions for November and December 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

Dues for 2024 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.)

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

Meeting Scribe/Newsletter - Christine Labaree

Membership Coordinator - Vicki Lowe

Events Coordinator - Sylvia Orchard

Webmaster - Stephen Beckett

Facebook Coordinator - Kailleigh Archibald

Summer Shows Coordinator - Mary Brunner/

Kathy Angel Lee (2024 only)

SBA Historian – new/open