



NEWSLETTER September 2026

SBA GENERAL INFORMATION

Saco Bay Artists meets from March through December on the second Monday of the month (except for holiday weeks). 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.

The next meeting will be on October 19, 2026. Make a note of it! And please let Heather know if you want to put anything on the meeting agenda.

MEMBERSHIP. Anyone wanting to join SBA can obtain an application from our website, under "Membership". The annual membership fee is \$45. If you have not renewed your 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 (Oct-April), or P. O. Box 7100, Ocean Park, ME 04063 (May-Sept). The deadline is the March meeting date, so if you renew after that there will be an additional \$10 late charge.

ARTISTS STUDIO GATHERINGS. Saco Bay Artists gather at the Rec Center on Franklin Ave., Saco, every non-meeting Monday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm to paint, create and chat. If you would like to attend, please email Ellen Pelletier who coordinates these meet-ups, Pastelpainter84@gmail.com. If at least 3 people are coming, the session is on! I can personally attest that it is an event of friendly conversation and mutual encouragement.

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/>). Any member in good standing who wishes to have their website or Instagram added to our website can contact Membership Coordinator, Vicki Lowe, at vickilowe555@gmail.com.

MEETING MINUTES August 10, 2026

- SBA President Heather Fountain welcomed everyone back at the Saco Recreation Center.
- Treasurer Cathy Turpin reported that we ended the month of July with a balance of \$10,869.01. As she is resigning at the end of the year, ***we are desperately in need of a treasurer for 2027***. We cannot operate as an organization without a treasurer. If you have some skills in tracking money, please help.
- Mary Brunner reported on the **summer shows**. July 4 had 30 participants, August 1 had 24, and September 5 had 23, so the number decreased as the summer wore on. 49 different artists participated.

- The SBA has had a long-standing agreement and relationship with the Ocean Park Association that the artists can use the staff bathrooms in Jakeman Hall during our three shows. Unfortunately, during the last show of the season non-artists were told they could use the bathrooms as well. The abuse of our agreement cost us the loss of this privilege. In addition this year, the OPA paid for porta-potties to be placed next to its office for free public use. Mary and Heather will meet with the executive Director and try to solve this issue in a way that is beneficial to both parties for next year shows.
- Having a SBA member tent at each show this summer was a trial. In the first show the tent was filled, but in the second it was not, and in the third, the tent was canceled for lack of activity. Next year, we will have to reevaluate this next year to determine what is best for our members. In the past, we had only one member tent at the August show, the only one to have purchased prizes for members. Nancy Kenney has volunteered to coordinate the member tent in August and will direct this reevaluation of our member needs in the spring.
- Next year's shows will be July 3 (with parade), August 7, and September 4.
- We will need help in finding judges for next year. If you have recommendations please email them to Mary. The judge should be knowledgeable of different art medium and crafts.
- Several banks gave a purchase price of \$300 for a piece it selects to be displayed at its offices. Most prefer photos/paintings of historical landmarks or local scenes. Anne Alexander suggested that next year we propose a similar arrangement with medical facilities.
- We need to enforce the rule that if an artist registers for a show, they cannot leave till the end of the show, rain or shine.
- See *Art Opportunities* for the The Art Walk December 6, 10:00-3:00.

Faylinda Kodis' **SPOTLIGHT** is taking a hiatus this month.

2026 OFFICER SLATE

President/Chair - Heather Fountain
 VP/Vice-Chair – Pam Chute
 Treasurer - Cathy Turpin (*replacement needed!*)
 Membership Coordinator - Vicki Lowe
 Events Coordinator - Sylvia Orchard
Newsletter Editor – Art Morrisette
Member Spotlight Coordinator – Faylinda Kodis
 Program/Demo Coordinators – Wayne Turpin & Pat Nash
Scholarship Committee - Gail Caiazzo & Faylinda Kodis
Webmaster - Stephen Beckett
 Facebook Coordinator - Kailleigh Archibald
 Summer Shows Chair - Mary Brunner; Diane Fumia (assistant)
 Outside Shows Coordinators – Robert Dunn
 SBA Historian – Open

NEXT MEETING'S PRESENTATION: ART MORRISSETTE

Art's paintings can be seen on the SBA website. He has produced 250 watercolors in the last 20 years. He's dabbled in many art forms: stage design, pen and ink magazine illustrations, linoleum block printing, woodcarving and woodworking. His passion is History and New Testament scholarship. His presentation will be a review of the basics of composition.



L-R: Light in Winter, The Irrisistable Puddle, Father and Daughter fishing, North Dam Mill.



ART OPPORTUNITIES

A **Painting and Sketching Studio** at Libby Library in OOB, will be held every Thursday starting October 1st, 11:00-2:00, for 8 weeks ending on November 19th. There is no charge; it is open to anyone, beginners and advanced. Come create your paintings & drawings!! For further information, call the Libby Library 207-934-435, or Sylvia Orchard 207- 934-2930.

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THREE SACO ARTISTS

SEPT 19 - OCT 23



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Opening reception on Thursday, September 24, 2026, 6:30 PM

Refreshments served and each artist offers one of their art works as a door prize.*

*Winners must be present to receive door prize.

SACO MUSEUM

371 Main Street, Saco, Maine 04072

TUE: 12 pm – 4 pm; WED: 12 – 4 pm; THU: 12 – 8 pm &

free after 4 pm; FRI: 12 – 4 pm; SAT: 9:30 am – 2 pm

This exhibit is a collaboration between Saco Museum & Dyer Library and the artists.

The 6th Annual Old Orchard Beach Art Walk will be on Saturday, December 5, 10-3. Libby Library hours will be 10:30-2:30. This is a fun event in town and we have developed a loyal following who look forward to this every year. Small gift items and cards usually sell well. The information sheet and application are attached below. If you have questions, contact Kathy Angel Lee at kathyangellee@gmail.com.

**Old Orchard Beach Art Walk
6th Annual
December 5, 2026
10AM-3PM**

This is our 6th annual Art Walk. Every year has been a bit different with new artists/locations. This year we have the following locations - first come, first serve for Elevate and Libby.

Elevate Cafe, 155 Saco Avenue. Set up on Friday, December 4, 3-4 PM. Since the cafe opens at 7 AM, you need to have your space picked out/set up on Friday. You do not need to be there at 7 on Saturday. It is suggested that you cover your table with a cloth once you have everything set up. You need to bring your own table (5 foot). Chairs are provided. There is also space available to hang art on the walls using a thumbtack. David, the owner, is looking for artists to hang their work on a rotating basis with commission sales. Speak with him to arrange this.

Libby Library, 27 Staples St, OOB. (3 spots). Hours for the library will be 10:30 AM-2:30 PM. Set up on Friday night from 5:30-6:30.

Other locations below are all set with participating artists.

Art Glass by Lorrie, 15 Ross Rd., OOB

Cafe 64, 35 Old Orchard St., OOB; 1 artist

Coastal Craft Workshop, 126 Saco Ave., Unit 101

Cottage Designs and Bookstore, 71 Seaside Ave., Ocean Park

Kathy Angel Lee, 11 Pleasant St., OOB, annual 20% off everything

Kelp, 35 Old Orchard St., OOB, OOB High School art students

Kyle Neugebauer, Tidal Force Creations, 1 Charles Ave, OOB

Ocean Park Collective, 30 Maine Ave., Ocean Park; 6 artists

We ask that you donate a small item for the gift bags. The gift bags are a big attraction for the art walk participants. People need to get their maps signed at each stop and then turn them in at their last stop. In past years we have had enough donations to make up 5-6 gift bags to give out. Applications are due by November 1, earlier, if possible. It will be first come, first serve in assigning the spots for Elevate Cafe and Libby Library.

**Saco Bay Artists
OOB Art Walk - Saturday, December 5, 2026
10 AM-3 PM**

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Cell:** _____

Address _____

Email _____ **Website** _____

Sites available:

____ **Libby Library** (3 spots). Hours for the library will be 10:30 AM-2:30 PM. Set up on Friday night from 5:30-6:30.

____ **Elevate Cafe, 155 Saco Ave (across from the schools)**, 5 spots available. Set up on Friday, December 4, 3-4 PM. Since the cafe opens at 7 AM, you need to have your space picked out/set up on Friday. You need to bring your own table (5 foot). Chairs are provided. There is also space available to hang art on the walls using a thumbtack.

Artist type (check all that apply): ____watercolor; ____acrylic; ____oil; ____pastel; ____mixed media; ____photography; ____other, please describe _____
Recommended that you have smaller work priced accordingly.

Will you have work that needs to go in a bin? (prints, wrapped originals, etc.) ____yes ____no
If yes, then you must also bring a bin for your work.

I understand that I will need to:

- to set up on a table at the chosen site on Friday, December 4, 2026 at Elevate or Libby Library
- bring a table and easel (if you need one)
- bring a small cash box with name on it to collect money from sales
- donate a small item for the gift bags
- commit to stay for the whole time and not pack up early

I have read and understand the guidelines for the Saco Bay Artists Art Walk and agree to abide by them. **Application due to Kathy by November 1....no exceptions! We need to make the map.**

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Send application to:

**Kathy Angel Lee
11 Pleasant St.
Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064**

PHOTO GALLERY

L-R: Anne Alexander, Denise Fumia, Dwayne Turpin, Ernie Menard, Ellen Pelletier, Elsie Reese, Heather Fountain, Jeanne Berthiaume, Cathy Turpin, Cathy O'Loughlin, Richard DuFosse, Marie Laverriere, Frank Jedrychowski, Nancy Garnache, Nancy Kenney, Robert Dunn.



