



# Artistic Visions

Membership Newsletter of the Seacoast Artist Association

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## SAA Website Receives an Average of 2927 Visits per Month

In 2007, the SAA Website received a total of 35,123 visits. October 2007 netted the highest traffic with 4,697 visitors, averaging more than 151 visits per day. The top three months for visits was October (4,697), November (3999) and January (3800). The slowest month was December.

SAA members wishing to promote their artwork should consider posting their art in the SAA's Virtual Member Gallery as it is the most viewed page on the SAA website, followed by visits to the individual artists listed on that page. The next most visited pages are Board Minutes, Staff/Volunteers, Demo Artists, Classes, Exhibits & Shows. The top search strings used to find our website are: seacoast artists association, seacoast art association, seacoast artist association nh, artists of the seacoast, Exeter nh art classes, drawing class Exeter nh, oceanscapes watercolor, Doris Rice, where can I find photographs of Portsmouth NH?, and Reid Bunker Photographs.

We have been found by searches at Google, Yahoo, MSN Search, goseacoast.com, altavista, and MySpace. What do we know about our viewers? Although there is "traffic" all day and night, the greatest number of visits occur on Mondays at 11 am, the majority of the rest between 7am and 2 pm. Most are Windows users, very few MAC users. For more info contact Web Mistress, Sharon Allen at 603-437-5079 or msjallen@comcast.net.

## VOLUNTEER Membership Coordinator Needed

The Seacoast Artist Association needs a volunteer to fill its Membership Coordinator position. Grace Daly previously held the position but is stepping down due to upcoming extended travel plans. The membership coordinator is responsible for maintaining all the records of individual members, including such vital items as name, address, city-state-zip, phone number(s), e-mail addresses, expiration date, and type of membership. Computer skills are essential. Currently we maintain our records using Microsoft Excel, a fairly easy-to-learn program. Any other software which is accessible could be used, at the membership coordinator's discretion.

1. Put information on memberships into the database as it comes in.
2. Send out membership renewal letters annually. Typically two letters are sent out: one before the membership renewal becomes due, and one after it is overdue.
3. If dues are not paid, at a determined time (typically three months after the membership has expired) the membership's status is changed. The record is not permanently deleted, however.
4. Send backup copies of the current membership information (typically, a document listing all current members and complimentary subscriptions) to the President and other designated people.
5. Once a month, send a copy of excel file (with recent new membership highlighted) to Newsletter Editor and Email Bulletin Coordinator so that the newsletter or other mailings can be sent out.

For more information about the responsibilities please contact Grace Daly at 603-382-5364 / gdaly1@comcast.net or President David Dilts at 603-772-2797 / timeless@comcast.net.

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## ART Classes

**Jan Kilburn: Watercolor classes** Sept.-June, 1st Wed. of the month, 9:30-3:30 at the Greenleaf Rec. Ctr., Greenleaf Ave., Portsmouth. Call (207) 563-8363 or jankilburn@msn.com.

**Doris Rice: Watercolor classes** on Wed 3:30 -5:30 pm at the Town Hall Gallery, Exeter, NH and Thurs 9:15-11:45 at Greenleaf Rec Ctr, Greenleaf Ave, Portsmouth, NH and 6:30 - 9:00 pm at the Town Hall Gallery, Exeter, NH. Also a fall watercolor series (6 weeks) starting in October at the Winnacunnet High School. Call 603-964-9254, or dorisrice.com.

**Mary Vermeersch:** Ongoing classes at the Brush & Palette, N. Hampton, NH. Call 603-964-1113 (artist discounts).

**Bill Lane: Photography** 101, one-on-one basis, 6 weeks, 90 minutes per session. The camera, composition and light, \$185. Call 603-964-9236.

**Elaine Farmer:** All artistic levels, **all mediums**, morning & evening classes available. Visit elainefarmer.com or call 603-432-2447.

**Kathleen A. Seekamp: Critique:** Bring up to 5 pieces. No charge. **Portrait:** Monthly on the last Sat. 9-12, no instruction, \$10. Call (978) 462-6747 for further details.

**Dannie Genovese - Watercolors classes** on Tues. 10 am - 12pm and Wed. 6:30-8:30 pm and **monotype classes** on an individual basis to be arranged. Cost is \$90.00 per six week watercolor session, starting Sept. 18th. For more details call 603.642-8507.

**Artist Support Group** meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. at Ruth Kenick's Studio, 1346 Islington St., Portsmouth, NH, Cost is 15 per session or give as you can. Call 436-5507 or email ruthakenick@aol.com for details.

## SMALL Works Gallery Change Over

The Small Works Gallery change over will be Saturday, January 26th 10 to 5. All small works should be pick up and new works brought in. Again the cost is \$ 20.00 for 2 pieces for the period of 2 months. Also 30% of all works sold is retain by SAA. The Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 to 5 and Thursday we are open until 7:00 pm. The Gallery Phone is (603)778-8856. Any question you can call Annick 895-3866 or annickbg@comcast.net

## ATTENTION: You and the Virtual Members Gallery?

When you updated your dues did you check the box and pay an extra \$10 to post your work to the SAA's online web gallery called the Virtual Members Gallery at <http://www.seacoartist.org/artistgalleries.htm>? If so, you need to send Web Mistress, Sharon Allen, your artist statement, contact information and 1 - 3 photos of your art (digital, preferred) so Sharon can post your information to the online gallery. You may also download a submission form at <http://www.seacoartist.org/websiteapp.htm>. You will NOT receive any other communication regarding this. Send your info to Sharon at [msjallen@comcast.net](mailto:msjallen@comcast.net) or for more information call Sharon 603-437-5079. Don't miss out on this important opportunity. The Virtual Members Gallery is one of the most visited pages in our website!

## MEMBER Show

**Barbara Borsa's** work will be on display at the Buyers Brokers of the Seacoast, 33 Deer Street, Portsmouth, NH beginning April 1 - June 30.

## PAINTING Club

The painting club is fun, friendly and FREE and meets on Fridays from 10-12 at the town hall gallery, second floor in the back room Contact: Francesca Fay at [ffay91443@aol.com](mailto:ffay91443@aol.com) for details.

## ART Shows

Gallery 4, 188 1st NH Turnpike, Northwood, NH presents The Good, The Bad & The Ugly: A Celebration of Interesting & Affordable Art offering original art from \$10-\$200. The shows runs through the end of January 2008. See the show online: [www.gallery4design.com](http://www.gallery4design.com).

## EXHIBIT Opportunities

**Buyers Brokers of the Seacoast** is looking for artists to exhibit their work for quarters 3 and 4 of 2008 and going forward. The works are displayed for 3 month time periods, with an open house for each artist. There is space for 10 - 15 paintings, depending on the size. Contact: Cindy Bronzetti-Choquette at 603-436-6636 or download an application at [www.hallmcgee.com](http://www.hallmcgee.com).

Any kind of art work in any media which contains a **human figure** (no nudes please) for exhibit at the Rye Library from now through March 2008. Forms are available at the Library. Contact: 964 8401.

Artists are needed to exhibit 10 to 20 paintings at the **North Hampton Library** for February or any of the following months. Contact Annalee Mack at 603

## MEMBER Spotlight: Judine V. French

**1. How long have you been a member of SAA?** 6-7 years

**2. What type of art do you create?** Having worked with several different art mediums, I find I can express myself best through watercolor.



**3. What subject matter inspires your art?** I guess I call myself an outdoor enthusiast. Because of that, I am drawn to nature around me and I tend to paint scenes which are reflective of nature's beauty and peacefulness.

**4. When did you first realize that you wanted to become an artist?** I always enjoyed various forms of art as a young person; however, I never had time to pursue anything further until I retired at age 60.

**5. What are your goals in the art field? Have you realized any of your goals?** (a) I would like to keep exploring different watercolor techniques. I also hope to start planning another art show. Additionally I hope to do more plein air painting especially on Monhegan and other Maine sites. (b) I have been fortunate to have had two art shows in the past two years and had good response to my work.



**6. Do you have an artist tip that you'd like to share?** It's never too late to begin exploring your hidden talents. I would encourage everyone who has compiled some art to be part of a show whether you stand alone or exhibit with others. It can boost your confidence in your own abilities.

**7. Additional information about your work that you think other SAA members would find interesting?** Through the years I have been inspired by the various instructors of the classes in which I have participated. They have helped me sharpen my focus and have expanded the way I see the world and my subject matter. My work is a reflection of their encouragement and I am grateful.

## PLACES to Exhibit

Bridge Gallery, Newburyport. Artist Co-op with 15 members has opening. Financial/sitting obligations required as well as a 6-month commitment. Contact Joanna at [jhammond@carlsorne.com](mailto:jhammond@carlsorne.com) or 978-270-3941.

Portsmouth Regional Hospital Art Guild: (Juried) 10 to 15 pieces. Contact A. M. McCurdy at 207-439-1685.

Exeter Hospital: Contact Sarah Coorsen at 603-642-4275.

BCOB, Hampton: Ongoing show in public areas of local Accounting Firm. Call: Sally Mitchel 603-929-0179.

Lane Memorial Library, Hampton. Contact Ethel Hills 603-926-6370.

Elliot Hospital in Manchester, contact Gail Badulato at 603-472-3723.

Federal Savings Bank, Portsmouth, NH – Contact Lori Hults, Branch Mgr. at 603-433-4388, 5-10 paintings.

Portsmouth Family Practice on Pease: 3 to 10 paintings. Call April Drew or Lauren Caldwell at 603-431-2516.

Dover Library: Call Sandy Erdman 603-516-6050.

Blue Moon, Exeter ongoing display. Call Annick Gromek at 603-895-3866.

Webster at Rye, Retirement Home, 7 - 15 pieces. Contact Kerry Robertson, at Webster 603-964-7144.

Rick's Café & Grille, Main St., Kingston. Email Lorna at [lornadoone@mac.com](mailto:lornadoone@mac.com).

Beacon Internal Medicine, 330 Borthwick Ave., Portsmouth, NH. Call Marcy Ghirargi 603-433-5106.

Londonderry Library & Londonderry RE/MAX 1st Choice Real Estate: Call Elaine Farmer 603-432-2447.

Art in the Park sponsored by York Art Association - [yaa1@comcast.net](mailto:yaa1@comcast.net)

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## ART TEACHERS wanted at SAA

The Seacoast Artist Association is looking for teachers. Classes will be taught at the new location at 167 Water Street. All mediums are welcome. Times for morning, afternoon, or evening classes are available and workshops would be welcome as well. Artists determine the times, dates, class sizes and the fees. Please spread the word! Call Dannielle Genovese at 642-8507 or Sally Mitchell at 929-0179 to sign up for this wonderful opportunity and to schedule a class.

## KUDOS Korner

Sharon Allen recently sold 4 prints to a local financial consultant who purchased them as Christmas Gifts for her siblings. The siblings are spread all over NH now, but grew up in Exeter, and she was looking for artwork of Exeter - "a piece of home." She found Sharon by doing a google search for "Exeter local artists" upon which the SAA website came up (of course!) and she searched the Members' Virtual Gallery Page.

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**Newsletter Deadline:** Please have all news & notices to natalie@comcoach.net by the 15th of the month prior to publication. **The next deadline is 1/15 for Feb Newsletter.**

**Member Articles Welcome:** Do you have an art-related story you'd like to share? Did you attend an exhibit you were impressed with? Try a new product? Take a class that raised your spirits? Have a tip or technique you'd like to share? Tell us about it! Write a 250-300 word article & submit to [Natalie@comcoach.net](mailto:Natalie@comcoach.net) by the 15th of the month.



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