



Artistic Visions

Membership Newsletter of the Seacoast Artist Association

February 2008



By the Sea

FEBRUARY Demo will feature Award Winning Artist Stan Moeller on Thursday February 20th

The Seacoast Artists Association (SAA) announced that the demonstrator for February is the popular award winning artist Stan Moeller. Moeller, best known for his brushwork and vibrant color, will feature his diverse landscapes, cityscapes, interiors and figurative work on Wednesday, February 20 at 6:30 PM at the Exeter Town Hall Gallery. Two of his pieces are featured to the left "By the Sea" and "Lobster Cove." Open to the public, Moeller's demo will take place on the second floor in the back room behind the gallery which is accessible by elevator. Due to an anticipated turnout, those planning to attend are advised to bring a chair. There is a \$10.00 admission fee for non SAA members. Please arrive promptly as the doors will be closed by 6:45 for gallery liability reasons.



Lobster Cove

VOLUNTEERS Needed for Key SAA Positions

The nominating committee for the Seacoast Artist Association is looking for volunteers to fill several key positions, including President, Vice President and Membership Chairperson. An interim Vice President is also need as soon as possible to fill in for Lyn Joslyn. Volunteers are also needed to serve on the Nominating Committee. Working side-by-side other volunteers provides a great opportunity to meet fellow artists and develop lasting relationships. If you interested, please contact current President David Dilts at 603-772-2797 or timelesstech@comcast.net.

EXETER Art Walk on Thursday February 7th

Mark your calendar and participate in an Evening of Exeter Art on Thursday February 7th from 5 to 7 p.m. Lots of fresh fine art in various media for all tastes and reasonably priced. Follow the red balloons as you stroll in downtown Exeter and allow your senses to fill with beauty. Enjoy light refreshments at each gallery. Maybe find the perfect piece for your valentine. Participating galleries include: Blue Moon Cafe, Exeter Fine Crafts, A Picture's Worth, Exeter Town Hall Gallery, The Copper Canoe, and the Seacoast Artist Association Gallery.

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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 SAA 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. Spring 08 Winnacunnet High School Sprint Session starts/6 weeks. 2008 Workshops: Arkansas/April, Monhegan Is/ July, San Diego/Aug + Nov, Sept/Europe. 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.

WORKSHOPS:

NHPleinAir Workshop with Peter Granucci

Peter is regarded as a Master portrait and landscape artist, a Master teacher, and is considered to be one of New England's foremost artists, holding awards in national juried competitions. To learn more visit petergranucci.com The Workshop will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2008 (snow date 2/17) from 10 AM – 4 PM at the Black Brook Gallery, 597 Black Brook Road, Goffstown, NH. Fee: \$75 per person; 50% non-refundable deposit required, balance payable on arrival. Registration deadline: February 2.

Don Andrews Landscape Workshop

Don Andrews, a nationally renowned artist and author, will conduct an **Interpreting the Landscape in Watercolor** workshop May 19-23, 2008 at the Salvation Army Community Center/Newburyport Senior Center at the corner of 40 Water Street and Fair Street, Newburyport, MA. Cost is \$425. For more information contact Louis and Marjorie Rizzo. Tel: 781-629-1255. Email: marjrizzo@yahoo.com.

Doris Rice Workshops

Consider a travel/art vacation in 2008 with Doris Rice, an award winning watercolor artists. April 21-25 [5 days] Hot Springs, Arkansas. Fee: \$475.00 Contact Vanessa Seagraves: www.hotspringsgallery.com. July 14-18 [5 days] Monhegan Island, Maine. Fee: \$325.00. Contact Doris for an email flier with details. August 19-22 [4 days] Coronado Island, California (San Diego) Fee: \$280.00. Contact Doris a flier. September / early October European Adventure, contact Doris for details. November 3-6 [4 days] Coronado, California (San Diego). Fee: \$280.00. Contact Doris for flier. The workshop fee covers the course instruction. Each student is responsible for accommodations and transportation, etc. Contact Doris Rice at Doris Rice, 603-964-9254 or dorisrice@comcast.net.

CALL for Artists

14th Annual Families First Art Exhibit

Families First invites local artists to submit original works to be hung in an exhibit at The Children's Museum and considered for inclusion in our 14th annual "Artists of the Seacoast" calendar, which raises funds for Families First Health and Support Center. Suggested subjects include seasons, nature, family life, children, local scenes, portraits, still-lives. Artwork should be dropped off at the Children's Museum (280 Marcy St., Portsmouth) on Friday, March 28th or Saturday, March 29st between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The entry fee is \$10 and artists are asked to submit only one piece each. For more information visit: www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org.

EXHIBITS

The New Hampshire Society of Photographic Artists (NHSPA) will hold their 9th Annual Member Exhibit at the Town Hal Gallery, Exeter Area Arts Association, in Exeter, NH. The exhibit will run from January 12th (reception) through to February 23, 2008, and will be open every Saturday and Sunday, 1:00-4:00 pm.

MEMBER Spotlight: Grace Daly

1. How long have you been a member of SAA? About 7 years.

2. What type of art do you create? I love all the major mediums, watercolor, oil, pastel and pen and ink.

3. What subject matter inspires your art? I have always loved still life but most recently have been inspired with nature and plein air painting. In the spring and summer, I paint plein air weekly with a group of oil painters. We inspire each other and learn from each other.

4. When did you first realize that you wanted to become an artist? From an early age in grammar school. I did go to art school and studied all the masters. I also made a living in the graphic design field. It wasn't until 7 or 8 years ago that I stepped away from the computer and picked up a painting brush again and began to love the freedom it enabled me.

5. What are your goals in the art field? Have you realized any of your goals? My goals are to continue to explore different forms of art. It doesn't always have to be achieved through painting although I love to paint. I sometime achieve it through making jewelry or creating collages or computer illustrations or pen and ink drawings. I have had some successful shows and sold paintings. So, I guess I have realized my goals. But, there are always more goals to achieve around the corner.

6. Do you have an artist tip that you'd like to share? Believe in yourself and creative abilities. Continue to explore and learn.

7. Additional information about your work that you think other SAA members would find interesting? I think my work continues to evolve. I need to continue to reach and become a better artist. I have been inspired by many instructors and strive to learn and explore.



Tuscan Light by Grace Daly



Fountain of Youth by Grace Daly

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 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.

BeaconInternalMedicine, 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

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SAA Artist Marina Forbes Leads Cultural Tour to Russia

Local Russian artist, lecturer and iconographer, and SAA member, Marina Forbes, will once again be leading her annual tour to Russia this June. This will be the 15th year that Marina is offering her unique tour of her native city of St. Petersburg and Moscow during the season of White Nights, when the City of St. Petersburg is bathed in 24 hours of continuous daylight. Marina Forbes is a traditional Russian icon painter and is licensed with the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg. She offers more than 75 lectures and presentations each year on Russian art, traditions, history, contemporary Russian life and Russian culture. Marina's tour is customized each year to focus on the specific interests of the tour group. It includes lectures and discussion sessions on Imperial Russia and Russia Today; guided visits to major historical sites and museums; meetings with active Russian artists in their studios, and more. For information about Marina's 2008 tour, contact Marina Forbes at (603) 332-2255 or by e-mail at marina@anylanguage.org.

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Newsletter Deadline: Please have all news & notices to natalie@comcoach.net by **2/15 for the March 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 by the 15th of the month.



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Winter Show Location Needed!

The SAA is looking for a place to have the Winter Show, which is the Art Awards Show. Last year the Winter Show was held at the Drake Farm in March. If you have location ideas please contact SAA Secretary, Gerry Bresnahan at 603-659-5089 or via email at gerrybresnahan@verizon.net.