



# Artistic Visions

Membership Newsletter of the Seacoast Artist Association

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## SAA SCHOLARSHIPS SPUR YOUNG ARTISTS

Every year, the Seacoast Artists Association looks beyond itself to the artists of the next generation – especially high school students planning to make a career in art. To encourage them, the SAA annually stages a competition for high school seniors and awards scholarships to help fund their way through college. This year the scholarships – funded in large part by members' dues – total \$1,500.

The Scholarship Committee – Barbara Corbett , Gerry Bresnahan, Lorna DeVries, Francesca Fay, and Doris Rice – met in January to organize and publicize the scholarships. Invitations were sent to 17 high schools in the Seacoast area.

Fourteen students submitted entries – paintings, drawings and ceramics. The judges had a tough time because of the high standard of the entries, but finally awarded scholarships to the following three high school students:

Paul Igoe of Durham (first place); Elise Fachon of Hampton (second place); and Jessica Hayes of Hampton (third place).

They will each receive a check for \$500 at the SAA annual dinner at the Gallery on Wednesday, May 21 (6:30 p.m.), plus a year's free subscription to the SAA newsletter. Their parents are invited to join them.

The annual scholarships are just one example of the SAA's outreach to the Seacoast community. Other outreach includes art classes, workshops and demonstrations. In addition, the SAA is a regular participant in the American Independence Museum's annual festival on Swazey Parkway, and members work closely with the Exeter Arts Committee to support shows and exhibitions locally. The tradition of outreach continues.

## PLEASE Vote for SAA Leadership

All members are asked to cast their vote for the SAA Officers. Please indicate your vote for a candidate for each position or write in a candidate of your choice, below:

		Write in Candidate
<b>President</b>	( ) David Dilt	( ) _____
<b>Vice President</b>	( ) Francesca Fay	( ) _____
<b>Secretary</b>	( ) Gerry Bresnahan	( ) _____
<b>Treasurer</b>	( ) Rick Sherman	( ) _____

The remaining positions are appointed or volunteered. Please cut out this completed ballot and send your vote by the end of May to Gerry Bresnahan, 33 Spring St., Newmarket, NH 03857

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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., 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 and Thurs 9:15-11:45 at Greenleaf Rec Ctr, 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 levels, **all mediums**, morning & evening classes. 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. \$90.00 per six week w/c session, starting Sept. 18th. For more details call 603.642-8507.

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

**Painting Club and Open Studio** every Friday 10-12. Exeter Town Hall Gallery. Open to ANY level or ability. contact Francesca Fay at ffay91443@aol.com.

## NEW Classes

**Michele Fennell** will be starting her spring 6-week series of classes in oil painting. Her **Beginners Oil Painting** class begins Wednesday, April 30th from 6-9. A fun and informative class to get started with oil painting. Cost includes supplies \$195. **Underpainting Oil Painting** class begins Tuesday, April 29th from 6-9. Learn the empowering process of underpainting as a foundation for all your painting projects. Cost is \$145. **Personal Project Oil Painting** class begins Monday April 28th from 6-9. Cost is \$145. A class for the more advanced who paint independently but appreciate some guidance. To register call Michele at 772-8387.

### Painting Adventures Watercolor Workshop with Doris Rice

Come and paint the many faces of Portsmouth and Seacoast NH! Work outdoors, plein air, in several picturesque locations. Among the locales will be Prescott Park and Strawberry Banke with other views to be announced. Learn to use the fundamentals of working outdoors, on location. Build your confidence, your style! June 26, 27, 28, 29, 2008, 9:30am to 4:00pm. The cost is \$260.00/4 days or \$70/day, lunch will be provided. Also Tuscany, Italy 2008 October 13-20, 5 day workshop. For painters of all levels. Companions welcome. Explore the Tuscan landscape: Spannocchia Castillo. Contact: Doris Rice at 603-964-9254 or doris@dorisrice.com

## CALL for Artists

### Petite Art in the Park July 14 - 20

The Seacoast Science Center invites you to participate in Petite Art in the Park, part of a week-long celebration called Art in Nature to be held July 14-20, 2008. Support the Center's efforts to create new and creative ways of connecting visitors to the environment. Vistas include the rugged rocky shore, the windswept salt marsh, the sandy beach and expansive woodlands. Artists work must be "en plein air" and must submit one final piece by Saturday afternoon to be exhibited and available for sale on Sunday. All pieces priced at a flat rate of \$60, unframed and hung on clothesline. Artists will receive 80% of the sale price; 20% will benefit the Center. Registration at: [www.seacoastsciencecenter.org/events/](http://www.seacoastsciencecenter.org/events/)

**Arts Festival at One Washington Center** - One Washington Center invites you to participate in their 1st Annual Arts Festival, which will be held Saturday, May 10th 2008 from 10 am – 3 pm. The goal of the event is to add to the cultural quality of Dover by providing an opportunity for artists to share and sell their work, to educate the public about the artistic process and to celebrate the historic heritage of the mills. Please submit 2-3 digital images of the work to be sold. If you have a website featuring your work, you may provide a link to that instead. Application deadline is April 18th 2008. To request an application contact Brint Shone at Bshone@chinburgbuilders.com or (603) 749-3355.

## MEMBER Spotlight: Dennis Skillman

### 1. How long have you been a member of SAA?

I rejoined the SAA this year after a lapse of several years. I am very impressed with the new location and the improved exposure it gives to SAA members.



*Old Man of the Mountain, Franconia, NH.*

### 2. What type of art do you create?

I am an outdoor and nature photographer. For the most part, I produce my own prints on a high quality printer, and do my own mounting, matting and framing. I produce prints for sale, publication and for my own and family members' enjoyment.

**3. What subject matter inspires your art?** I have a deep connection with the natural world, so it follows that my photography reflects this connection. I like to capture unique events in nature so that others can share in the experience. I am constantly amazed and restored by the beautiful creatures and happenings that we can easily overlook. I especially enjoy birds and smaller animals. I also find reflections on water, sunrise and sunset, and cloud formations to be a rewarding challenge.

**4. When did you first realize that you wanted to become an artist?** I have had ideas of creating photographic art for over 20 years, but I did not invest the time and energy necessary to make that dream come true until the last several years. My father was an amateur naturalist and quite a good amateur artist and illustrator in oils, pencil, pastels and charcoal, so I had homegrown inspiration in the formative years of my life.

**5. What are your goals in the art field? Have you realized any of your goals?** My goal is to capture ephemeral moments in nature and freeze them in an image that compels people to consider the subject and the moment. It would be very fulfilling for me if my photographs helped promote conservation by helping others see and feel the beauty in nature. I want to get my photography and writing to a level that is publishable in national magazines. I also want my work to be viewed as collectable art by others. I have achieved all of these goals to a degree, but there is so much more to do. I want to keep learning and improving my skills with the goal of being published more widely, exhibiting in more places, and influencing people to be conservators of our natural heritage.

**6. Do you have an artist tip that you'd like to share?** Nothing works better than passion for your subject matter. There is a quote by some unknown person that I love: "Aspire to inspire before you expire!"

## 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 Coorssen 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).

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](mailto:yaa1@comcast.net)

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## VOLUNTEER Needed for Annual Art Show

SAA is looking for a volunteer to organize an annual art show along the Alewife Parkway. This show would include artists from around the region and from other art organizations. Contact Reid Bunker for more information 772-1903.

## EXHIBITS

**Mary Ann Kennedy** is exhibiting her paintings at The Masiello Group, 21 Western Ave., Lower Village, Kennebunk, ME, for the months of May and June. Her theme "The Four Seasons" will feature local scenes depicted in oils and watercolor. A reception will be held May 17th from 4 to 6pm.

Oil paintings, original watercolors, and framed prints by **Barbara Clark** are on display during May at The Blue Moon Market, 8 Clifford Street, Exeter NH. The natural foods store and restaurant is hosting rotating art exhibits by members of the Seacoast Artists Association.

## CALL to Artists

York Art Association **Spring Art Show** is an open show and will be held May 18 - June 22, 2008. Three art works may be submitted with a guarantee of one being exhibited in the show. Drop off art on Sunday, May 18 - Monday, May 19, 4-6 pm. The Reception is Friday, May 23, 5-7 pm. Pick up art on Sunday, June 22 - Monday, June 23; 4-6 pm. For more details visit [www.raynorshyn.com/yaa/happenings.html](http://www.raynorshyn.com/yaa/happenings.html).



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