



Artistic Visions

Membership Newsletter of the Seacoast Artist Association

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT Dear Members and Supporters of SAA:

In light of the current economic downturn, our sales have not been very strong since April 2008. This is the main reason why we almost closed our doors this past September. However, just before we started the process to close, we received overwhelming monetary support from "Benefactors" who do not want to see our gallery disappear from such a perfect location. They also did not want to see the wonderful examples of Seacoast Art Talent be scattered to other locations and venues. In addition, our landlord was willing to provide a better lease rate for our space. As a result of these two factors, we did not have to close. Come December, I will have to renegotiate with the landlord to see if we can maintain a lower rental rate.

If this negotiation is successful, we will be able to stay at our location for at least the next 6 months with current poor economic conditions and sales. We are hopeful that the economy will improve by then, however, and our sales will be sufficient to cover our lease and utility bills. We have also had a significant number of members step forward to fill vacant positions on the Board and as Committee chairs. This has helped us to maintain good momentum with business matters and to keep our gallery running smoothly and with sufficient artists displaying their work.

Thank all of you who have stepped forward to help us keep our gallery, keep it filled with beautiful art, and keep our association growing in a positive way!

Sincerely, David A. Dilts, President SAA

SAA NEEDS YOU!

We are in need of a Chairperson to oversee our outside shows. Right now we have had a resurgence of enthusiasms from our members and we have filled alot for our open positions. The newsletter will be handled by Denise Brown and Mary Jane Solomon, The Publicity by Gene Galipeau, the Hospitality by Dannielle Genovese, Helen Hazen and Ellie Kirkpatrick. Francesca Fay will take care of the summer show but we need a person to oversee the program and get more shows going. We have made changes in the Gallery Manager position and many of the duties are now being shared among us.

I know that we are all very busy, but when we share the duties it is so much easier and fun. So please, if you think that you could help us in any way, get back to David Dilts at timelesstech@comcast.net I am sure that many of our volunteers would welcome some help. And if you think of something else that would be an improvement for our Association and that you are willing to get involved with it please let us know.

In making our best efforts to keep financially and environmentally responsible, the newsletter will be distributed only via e-mail to all who have access. Those without e-mail will be encouraged to pick up their copies at the gallery in the future. Thank you for understanding.

Remember, you are all welcome to attend the next Association board meeting on Saturday, November 15th at the Gallery in Exeter. See you there.

In behalf of SAA thank you, Annick Bouvron-Gromek

SAA DEMOS: AT EXETER TOWN HALL

November 19, 2008: Tom Gill, Acrylic Painter, Art Institute of Boston education.

Tom teaches through entertaining demonstrations at many art associations.

www.creativartist.com/tom_gill_art.htm

January: No demo

February 18, 2009: Jan Kilburn, Watercolor Painter, Damariscotta, ME. Jan enjoys painting the seacoast of Maine and New Hampshire. Her passion for color gives her paintings a quality of their own. She teaches at her home and has workshops in Damariscotta, Popham Beach, and Monhegan Island. www.jankilburn.com

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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** Wed. 3:00-5:00+ at SAA Gallery; Thurs. 9:15-11:30 at Greenleaf Rec. Center, Portsmouth; Thurs. 6:30 - 8:30+ at Exeter Town Hall; Sign up for adult ed. Classes at Winnacunnet High School, Hampton 758-9231 and/or Traip Academy, Kittery (207) 439-5896

Looking into the future

Start planning ahead for one or more 2009 Doris Rice Painting Adventures
February 23 - 16 Naples, Fla.
April 27 - 30 Hot Springs, Arkansas
June 19 - 22 Portsmouth, NH
July 13 - 17 Monhegan Island, Maine
August 13-17 Coronado/San Diego, CA
October 2 - 9 Tuscany, Italy
November to be announced Coronado/San Diego, CA

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

Michele Fennell: **Intermediate Oil Painting** classic masters approach.

Six weeks: 10/29 11/5 11/12 11/19 11/26 12/3 from 12:00 - 3:00 \$145

Personal Project Oil Painting landscape, still life, or master works, encouraging personal development of individual artistic styles and abilities. Previous painting experience required.

Six weeks: 10/27 11/3 11/10 11/17 11/24 12/1 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$145

Contact: info@michelefennell.com

Dannie Genovese - Watercolors classes

Wed. 6:30-8:30 and Thurs. 9:30-11:30. \$90.00 per six week session and **monotype classes** on individual basis. Call (603) 642-8507 for more details.

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.

EXHIBITS

Francesca Fay will be the featured artist at the Exeter Public Library through the months of November and December.

Through the month of November, the wonderful multi-media work of Newton artist and designer, **Grace Daly**, will adorn the walls of Blue Moon Natural Foods on 8 Clifford St. in Exeter. In December be sure to stop by the Blue Moon and check out a new exhibit of work by **Pam Ciley**.

The Rye public Library located at 581 Washington Rd., Rye is currently displaying works by **Mary Vermeersch** and **her Art Students** through December.

Rose Bryant has paintings on the walls of the Divine Café on Lincoln St. in Exeter and at Abercrombie's Seafood Grille, Rte. 1 in North Hampton.

Denise Brown Watercolor Exhibit at Discover Portsmouth Center, Corner Middle & Islington Sts. Nov 8 & 9, 10-5.

We know others of you are out there. Please send us your info so we can shout it out in future issues of the newsletter.

CALL for Artists

The Exeter Arts Committee is once again hosting its annual Holiday Art Show beginning Thursday, December 4th through Sunday December 21st. The show is held in the spacious gallery on the second floor of the historic Old Town Hall and offers a wide variety of works from regional artists. There is no jury process and there is no commission charged for art sold, but artists will be asked to help by signing up to gallery sit for a two hour time slot, or bring a refreshment for the reception on December 1st, or consider a \$10.00 donation. Artists may drop off work Tuesday, December 2nd from 3-6:30.. Work for hanging must be framed or have finished edges and a gallery wire attached securely to the back. Other work may be displayed on tables, racks, boxes, or armatures which the artists may bring and unframed poly wrapped art may be displayed in self-standing portfolios. All pieces must be labeled on the back or bottom with a number, title, artist's name, and price and must cost a minimum of \$5.00 and no cents. Artist are also required to bring and leave an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet with the artist's name, town, e-mail, and phone # at the top followed by a numbered full list of all pieces and prices (no cents) to record transactions. Keep a copy of this for yourself. Pick up of art will be Sunday, December 21st only from 4:00-6:00. For more info contact exeterarts@comcast.net.

Exeter Arts Committee Lottery Day at the Town Hall Sat., January 17, 10 a.m. Opportunity to show your work in a high traffic area for no cost. You will be guaranteed one hanging space, but bring an extra piece as well. The committee wishes to remind exhibiting artists to notify them if there is a need to change or remove any pieces of art due to a sale or other reason to avoid cause for alarm.

UPCOMING Events of Interest:

Painting Club Open Studio The Painting Club meetings Fridays from 10am-noon at the Exeter Town Hall Gallery, 2nd floor, Front Street, Exeter (across from the bandstand). Enter via the left side door to the 2nd floor and come up the elevator. Bring your own project and supplies. They have nice worktables, but if you need an easel, you'll need to bring it. A bathroom and sink for rinsing brushes, etc. is available. All levels are welcome.

2nd Annual Fine Fiber Fest, sponsor: the Exeter Arts Committee. Upstairs in the gallery of the Old Town Hall on Front St., Exeter. Over 100 pieces of fiber arts (weavings, art quilts, knitting, felted items, and hooked rugs.) Runs thru Nov. 9th.

The Great Bay Discovery Center 4th Annual Art of Great Bay Exhibition in the Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center at the Great Bay Discovery Center, Greenland. The theme is flora, fauna, and human activities centering on the watershed of Great Bay. The Gala Opening Reception will be Friday, Nov. 7th. Show runs November 8th and 9th from 10-4.

Exeter Center for Creative Arts 2nd Annual Holiday Fine Arts Fair upstairs in the gallery of the Old Town Hall Fri., Nov. 21, 6-9 and Sat., Nov. 22, 9-4. Local artists will show and sell fine art pieces. Join them for beverages and hors d'oeuvres Friday evening.

Two Studios: Six Artists Holiday Open House Fri. Nov. 21, 3-8 and Sat. the 22, 10-4 on the corner of Union and Front Streets in Exeter. The Salmon House Art Studio will feature winter warm and earthy paintings by Rose Bryant, pottery in new fun colors by Lori Martone, and beautiful nature photography by Deb McLarnon. At Lily Design Studio you will find fabulous one-of-a-kind beaded earrings, necklaces, and bracelets by Lisa Cochran, hand painted wine glasses by Sandy Wood, and stop by for a portrait of your favorite person or pooch taken by Jaye Carr.

EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES:

Exeter Chamber of Commerce's new location in the Major Blake building on Front St. in Exeter would love to liven up their walls with art by SAA artists. Exhibits will change quarterly. 2 works each from 6 artists. The first show: Exeter theme by **Bill Childs, Barbara Cowan, John Hauschildt, Gene Galipeau, Doris Rice, and a mystery artist**. Contact Annick Bouvron-Gromeck at annickbg@comcast.net for future exhibits.

The Children's Museum of NH has moved from Portsmouth to Dover and is located at the former Butterfield Gym. The new space is light, bright, and stunning. Tess Feltes, gallery coordinator is seeking works by local artists depicting children portraits, scenes of life involving children, children and parents/grandparents, etc. to enrich the walls. 1-5 pieces per artist, framed and gallery wired, not to exceed 30"x36" and not be too heavy. Contact Tess at (603)431-1313 or tfeltes@comcast.net by Nov. 30th. The first exhibit will run from mid Jan. thru Feb.

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@carlsone.com or 978-270-3941.

Portsmouth Regional Hospital Artist Guild: (Juried) 10 to 15 pieces. 20% commission. Contact A. M. McCurdy at 207-439-1685.

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

Lane Memorial Library, Hampton. Contact Darrell Eifert at (603)926-3368.

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

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

Rick's Café & Grille, Main St., Kingston. Email Lorna at lornadoone@mac.com.

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

Exeter Day Spa: call Kristina Campbell at (603)778-7440

Rye Public Library: call the library at (603)964-8401 for upcoming shows

Seacoast Family Practice, Portsmouth, NH call Denise at (603)431-2516

Member Articles Welcome

Wouldn't it be great to juice this newsletter up with some personal stories, tips, and photos from our members? If you have an art related story, took an exciting art class, picked up any useful tips, visited a truly inspiring exhibit, or discovered a new product, we'd love to hear about it. Kindly e-mail any of this fun stuff to Mary Jane Solomon at lostmarbles01@yahoo.com. We're shooting for the next issue to come out in January, so send them by Dec. 15th to be included in the next issue.

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EXETER'S 10TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES

Sponsored by the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce where local business, organizations, and groups decorate trees to be raffled off during the festival. Proceeds of the raffle go directly to the Chamber Children's Fund to provide warm clothing for area children. SAA wishes to continue our tradition of decorating a tree for this event with handmade cards. Last year 54 cards were donated and the final bid on the tree was \$500. We're asking all you artists to contribute original cards 5x7ish with envelope for this year's tree. The Festival is Thurs., Dec. 4, 11 am – 8 pm. Please drop off your cards at the gallery prior to Nov. 29th to allow time to tie on the bows and decorate the tree. If you need cards to attach your artwork to and envelopes, blank ones are available for purchase at the gallery. Also need volunteers to help with the cards and decorating. Contact Doris Rice at dorisrice@comcast.net or 964-925.

DUES RENEWAL TIME AT SAA

It's that time of year again. All members must fill out the attached application form, (or pick one up at the gallery), each year to renew your membership, pay your dues and update our records. Among the benefits of membership is a quarterly newsletter e-mailed directly to members keeping you informed of art related events, classes, shows, and opportunities. Our website: www.seacoastartist.org highlights individual artist's work for additional fee of \$10/year. The Board meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9am in the Gallery. All members are welcome and encouraged to come. The Association is hoping to sponsor numerous shows open to members in good standing in a non-juried entry. These and other opportunities will be announced in the newsletter. All members are expected to volunteer for one or more activities of the Association. SAA offers Workshops and Demos. If you would be interested in conducting one yourself, please contact Francesca Fay at ffay91443@aol.com and let her know what talents and skills you have to offer and share.



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