



Artistic Visions

Membership Newsletter of the Seacoast Artist Association

March 2009

SEACOAST ARTISTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ELECTION —

It's that time again, folks. The next board meeting will be held at the gallery on March 14th beginning at 9:00 a.m. At this time elections for board members will take place. Francesca Fay will be stepping down from the vice president position. Elaine Sylvester will be running for that position. All other current board members will run again. Anyone else interested in running should contact president David Dilts prior to the meeting. Committee members will also be appointed at this meeting if this is more appealing to you. The need is strongest for members on the Shows Committee and Scholarship committee.

NEW HAPPENINGS WITH THE SAA AND AT THE GALLERY —

Featured Artist Exhibit in the upper gallery

The Featured Artist exhibit is an opportunity for SAA members to have their own dedicated mini-gallery and increase exposure for a larger representation of your work. The selected artist will have use of the full back wall, one piece chosen to hang in the front window, and a rack dedicated to their unframed work for two consecutive months. The artist will receive publicity in local papers and be allowed time to host a reception. Find all the details on the SAA website or contact the gallery at 603-778-8856.

The Art Association Collaborative

The Art Association Co-Op is a tested initiative designed to facilitate collaboration, cost sharing, and expanded marketing exposure between art associations and galleries in order to increase revenues and marketability, while simultaneously reducing operating costs. The co-op will be comprised of member not-for-profit organizations (art galleries, photo galleries, artist associations, and the like) and run by elected board members, officers, and committees. The cop-op will serve its member organizations, which in turn will serve their own members.

Why Now? We see the tough economic times we're in, and while such times suggest doom and gloom to some in the art community, there are opportunities left on the table in economic downturns. People travel less and look for entertainment and education nearer home. High quality long-lasting purchases grow at the expense of lesser-quality work. People want to be made happy.

Within volunteer associations, the downturn in the art market makes it tougher for artists to spend time creating art, for associations to find volunteers to perform the myriad of required functions to expand marketing the art, and it makes it tougher for everyone to find art patrons. As a cooperative, we aim to put our heads together to find and make these opportunities, and to avoid the pitfalls that are all too easy to fall into. A cooperative can find, fund, and facilitate venues for art sales and marketing more efficiently than any individual association, thereby spreading the wealth and creating a larger pie for each member association to take a slice from. A cooperative effort can do the same with art education, art instruction, and art funding. In a nutshell, the Art Association Cooperative is about "Success through Collaboration".

Our New Website

Donated by Newcastle Technology Advisors, the new website offers a fresh look and will make it easier for our many committees to keep their information up to date.

The new website expands the online virtual gallery, with more photos of your artwork. Soon, participating members will be able to update their own virtual galleries, but in the meantime, find out how you can get or update yours by pointing your web browser to www.SeacoastArtist.org/FAQ.cfm

Another upcoming feature is instant notification of events or calls-to-artists. Just another way that your art association is working for you.

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SAA DEMOS: AT EXETER TOWN HALL, 6:30 PM

March 18, 2009: Julie Airoidi , Pastel Demo

April 15, 2009: Robert Steadman, Watercolor Demo

May 20, 2009 Scholarship Awards Night, no demo

ART Classes

Jan Kilburn: Watercolor classes Sept.-June, 1st Wed. of the month, 9:30-3:30 at the Greenleaf Rec. Ctr., Portsmouth.

Workshops So. Chatham Ma.....May 18 to 29 Popham Beach, Me.....June 16 to 19 Monhegan Island, Me.....July 19 to 21 Damariscotta Sea Coast.....Sept. 21 to 24
Info: Jankilburn.com (207)563-8363 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 HS, Hampton 758-9231 Traip Academy, Kittery (207)439-5896

Workshops 2009 Painting Adventures

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 TBA Coronado/San Diego, CA
Info: www.dorisrice.com 603-964-9254

Mary Vermeersch: Brush & Palette is closing the art supply part of the store. Art classes to be held at Centennial Hall at 105 Post Road in N. Hampton. www.brushandpalet.com Call 603-964-1113 for schedule.

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

Mary Byrom - classes at Sanctuary Arts Painting Landscapes in Oil, call for schedule

Artist Get-away Workshops

May - Plein Air in Cape Elizabeth, ME
June - Acadia National Park
July - Pemaquid Point, ME
www.marybyrom.com Call 207-676-9933

Byron Carr Artist Get-away May 14-19, just painting on location in White Mountains. All skill levels. Reservations thru Bartlett Inn, only cost is lodging. www.bartlettinn.com Byron Carr paintings at www.cbgallery.com

Figure Drawing Open Studio The Exeter Center for Creative Arts (ECCA) Thursdays 6:30-8:30, 30 Linden Street, Exeter, in Tuck Learning Campus (former Exeter HS), \$10 per evening. Bring supplies for drawing, easels and stools available. ECCA 778-8441.

MEMBER'S EXHIBITS

Barbara London: Landscapes and Soundscapes

Provident Bank, 21 Daniel Street, Portsmouth, NH
Exhibiting January 20 through March 7
Artwork may be viewed during branch business hours

Doris Rice and Friends at the Blue Moon February - March 2009
Come and explore with us the shores of Brittany and the back country of Tuscany. Participating artists: Jamie Baron, Annick Bouvron-Gromek, Bill Childs, Barbara Cowan, Brianna Harmer, Helen Hazen, Gwen Morgan, Doris Rice, Nina Shore.

Monotype Exhibit by Annick and Doris — Lyceum Gallery at The Derryfield School, Manchester, NH. Annick Bouvron-Gromek and Doris Rice invite you to a reception Friday, March 6 Refreshments served 5-7. Exhibit can be viewed March & April
Directions: www.derryfield.org/podium/default.aspx?t=6588

Mary Jane Bascom Solomon: Faces and Places — an exhibit of watercolor portraits and landscapes at the North Hampton Public Library. Show runs the month of April during library hours. Reception Friday, April 3rd, 5-7.

Scenes of the Seacoast a multimedia show by Seacoast artists at the Rye Library through mid March.

MORE EVENTS

Russian Easter Bazaar in Rochester — New England Language Center's International Art Gallery has received a shipment of beautiful traditional arts and fine crafts from Russia and will be holding a Russian Easter Bazaar on Saturday, April 4 from 11am to 3 pm. The event is free and open to the public. Includes educational activities, storytelling, Russian cartoons, historical info about the crafts, and an exhibit of Russian art and icons, (nested doll) sets, greeting cards, toys and more. Proceeds to support Russian artists and artisans and New England Language Center cultural programs. Contact Marina Forbes (603) 332-2255 or marina@anylanguange.org.

Second Annual Sustainability Fair — Call for Art from Recycled Materials. For professional area artists who use recycled materials to create their art work. Show held at the Portsmouth Public Library, the month of May. While work will not be for sale, contact information will be provided. Artists should have their work insured and ready by end of April. The fair, organized by a committee of volunteers, sponsored by Portsmouth Listens, the Piscataqua Sustainability Initiative and the City of Portsmouth, with support from Seacoast Newspapers. Contact Diane Stradling at (603) 431-2525 or durga418@yahoo.com by March 20th.

Miscellaneous Articles of Interest Natalie would like to pass along the website for a place she just found last fall during the Deerfield artist tour! It's not for painting but it is for creative types and she knows some of you out there like to make jewelry! www.beadbush.com It's a jewelry makers dream shop out in the woods of Deerfield! Judy, the shop owner and one of the instructors, is very friendly and knowledgeable. Her shop has all the supplies you could possibly need! Beware; this is a very addictive art or craft or hobby - depending on where you go with it!

UPCOMING Events of Interest:

Exeter Arts Committee Seeks Local People With Passion! Learn how a gallery operates, show your art, hang some art, find musical talent, read poetry, bake some cookies, help develop a show concept, post a few flyers, dance or sing or act, or share ideas that promote the arts? We are looking for Exeter residents to be a part of a nine member group as Committee members or committee "Friends", an all-volunteer group appointed by the Exeter Board of Selectman. <http://exeterarts.home.comcast.net>, or contact exeterarts@comcast.net.

Buds and Blooms: Resilience and Renewal — A Spring Art Show in collaboration with Seacoast Artist Association and Exeter Arts Committee inviting painters, potters, florists, sculptors, garden groups. April 25 through May 16 at Exeter Town Hall Gallery, 12- 4, Saturdays and Sundays. Reception with music by Barbara London, Sat., April 25, 12 – 2:30. Submit up to 3 original pieces. No commission taken for works sold but \$10 cash donation to help defray costs. Drop off Wed. April 22, 3:30-6pm. Application form www.exeterarts.home.comcast.net under Coming Events, stop by the gallery, or contact Francesca at ffay91443@aol.com

The Seacoast Y Annual Artsource Auction, Saturday, May 9, 2009. This year's format will be a silent only auction (70/30 split with the Y), with a special live auction called: Strong Kids Live. The live auction features any items that have been 100% donated. Artwork or gift items, gift certificates etc. Call Seacoast Y for info packet 431-2334.

15th Annual Families First Art Exhibit submit original works to be hung at Discover Portsmouth Center and considered for inclusion in calendar. Money raised through calendar sales, donations and sponsorships to provide affordable primary, prenatal and oral health care; family support, education; health care for homeless; and programs at the Community Campus and seacoast. Jury selects 13 works for calendar. Submit one piece, drop off at Discover Portsmouth Center (formerly Portsmouth Public Library) Fri, April 17 or Sat, April 18, 10am-5pm. \$15 fee. Contact Nancy 603-422-8208, ext.126, ncasko@FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org

Art Beyond Sight. NHArtAssociation's exhibition for blind and visually impaired for the month of April 2009, to eliminate barriers and make art more accessible to the sighted and non-sighted community. A tactile show - all 3D works will be touched and the 2D works will need to be of high contrast or tangible so people can experience part of the work. Multimedia encouraged! Use all the senses! Generous prize money. Delivery dates: Sat, March 28, and Sun March 29, 12-4pm. NHAA/Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, Portsmouth. Contact NH art Association for specs and fees. Contact: Valerie Sobel at vsobel@gmail.com or Judy Brenner at jebowker@verizon.net

FOR SALE

2 light tables — One is a full size drafting table 40" x 60" x 36 " with a light table as the top surface. \$275.00 and a portable tabletop light table 25" x 36", \$150. 603- 898-2255. Barbara

PLACES to Exhibit

Bridge Gallery, Newburyport. Artist Co-op with 15 members has opening. Financial/sitting obligations, 6-month commitment. Joanna at jhammond@carlsorne.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 displays. 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.

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

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

Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce: rotating exhibits. Contact Annick 603-895-3866 or annickbg@comcast.net

Provident Bank, exhibit 8-10 weeks. will provide publicity and wine and cheese reception. (Exeter & Portsmouth branches) Exeter: Matthew Halfmann 603-778-1006 Portsmouth: Anne Lapointe 603-334-1255

Webster at Rye, 7-15 pieces. contact Kerry Robertson, 603-964-7144

North Hampton Public Library, 10 - 20 pces. More than one artist may show at the same time. Contact Annalee Mack 603-868-1520 or cutpaint@yahoo.com

Member Articles Welcome

Send in your personal stories, tips, and photos, art related story, exhibit or product review to Mary Jane Solomon at lostmarbles01@yahoo.com.

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DON ANDREWS WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP MAY 4-8, 2009 IN NEWBURYPORT, MA. \$475.00

Don Andrews, a member of the American Watercolor Society and graduate of the Ringling School of Art, will help you take your painting skills to the next level. Don's books *Interpreting the Figure in Watercolor*, *Interpreting the Landscape in Watercolor*, and *Rough Sketches- Short Stories of a Traveling Artist* will excite and stimulate artists. His videos, *Making Watercolor Glow* and *Watercolor Workshop Set*, clearly show a master teacher and artist www.donandrews.net Weather permitting; you may paint outdoors along the historical streets of Newburyport, or Plum Island. Location: Salvation Army Community Center/ Newburyport Senior Center at the corner of 40 Water Street and Fair Street, Newburyport, MA.01950 Contact Louis and Marjorie Rizzo. 781-629-1255. Email: marjorizzo@yahoo.com

WILD ORCHARD GUEST FARM weekend workshop on *Dreams and the Gifts They Hold*, Wild Orchard Artist in Residency Program Guest quote "I feel like I just walked into a book". Dream Program, Guest House Room and 5 meals. Price: \$245.00 to \$185.00 depending on the room. June 27 and 28, Deerfield, NH. Molly Grant 603- 261-7742, <http://wildorchardguestfarm.com/>

RETIRED TEACHER WRITES MEMOIR "Winston Churchill Was a Catholic Priest" is a humorous, sad, unique and poignant memoir from a 37 Year Career in Newburyport. When a Newburyport High School Social Studies teacher got funny answers to test questions and read them aloud in the teachers room while correcting exams, colleagues were so amused that they told him he ought to write a book. Adding circumstances from in and out of the classroom like in Theater Arts that he also taught and situations encountered when he was President of the Newburyport Teachers Association, Newburyport native Richard Doyle has done just that. To purchase a copy go on line to rdoyle561@aol.com as well as amazon.com & authorhouse.com.



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