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"Winter Color" watercolor by Doris Rice

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SAA MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Seacoast Artists

Association is to enhance knowledge of, and stimulate interest and appreciation in, the variety of creative arts available throughout Seacoast New Hampshire, by hosting exhibits for established and emerging artists; providing a gallery to house works of art, collaborating with other arts organizations, and by providing art education, mentoring and scholarship opportunities for students pursuing a degree in the arts.

SAA WEBSITES

www.seacoastartist.org

"Meet Up" sites:

www.meetup.com/Seacoast-Art-Connection
www.meetup.com/SeacoastPhotographers

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As the year begins and we contemplate the next chapter of Seacoast Artist Association, I am thankful for our hard-working board and a passionate and committed membership.

I'd like to take a moment to introduce, or re-introduce, the members of our board: Recently we welcomed two new board members, Natalie Rotman Cote (secretary) and Bonnie Demanche (newly appointed gallery shop manager and Marketing Coordinator) who have brought many exciting new ideas to the table.

Gerry Bresnahan, our vice president, is also our Scholarship Coordinator, and works diligently throughout the year coordinating participating schools and planning our annual ceremony celebrating talented high school seniors.

Roger Goun, a past president and Membership Coordinator, seems to be skyrocketing to fame with his recent exhibit of the presidential candidate photography (now showing at the Millspace in Newmarket through February 7). He has been interviewed on NHPR and will soon be featured on NH Chronicle! We are so proud of his success.

Darlene Zahn, our treasurer, has helped us immeasurably as we have considered different relocation options, patiently creating several budget scenarios and bringing a calm and level-headed vibe to our deliberations.

Mary Jane Solomon, our gallery manager, and Annick Bouvron-Gromek, our assistant gallery manager, have both worn so many hats over the years, and are the force behind our pending move to 130 Water Street. I am so appreciative of their strong relationships with our Water Street neighbors, their tenacity, and their business savvy. Please thank them when you see them!

Board member Jim Faist, usually seen with his wife Paula, motors out from Nashua faithfully to serve the board and gallery sit. We appreciate his insight and great ideas.

Doris Rice, our program director, and Elaine Sylvester, our coordinator of classes and workshops, have enriched SAA for years, encouraging the growth of new and veteran artists. I hope you find time in 2016 to take a class!

We have also been fortunate to have a new editor of our newsletter, Denise Brown, who has done a great job keeping the content fresh and keeping us all on deadline. Contact her with any news you would like to share: upcoming exhibits, honors, etc.

Thanks to the board and our volunteers for all that you contribute. Here's to an artful New Year!

— Ellen Ryder Griffin, President dandegriffin@comcast.net

2016 CLASSES

COLOR THEORY INTENSIVE

This is a 6 week course covering everything you ever wanted to know about controlling color. Through lecture, video and hands-on exercise you will master control of color as never before. All materials are supplied. Class fee is \$195. Begins Monday, May 9th from 12 to 3 p.m. in Kensington studio. Please contact Michele to register for this class at 603-686-0228 or email her at info@michelefennell.com.

To see Michele's impressive artwork, visit michelefennell.com



Master color theory and control with Michele Fennel

SECOND SUNDAY EVENT MARCH, 13th 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the SAA Gallery

Todd Bonita, an oil painter from Greenland, NH, will demo his layering and glazing process.

FEE: SAA Members FREE, Meetups \$10.00.
Walk-ins \$25.00 or sign up for membership.
for info email to patnickerson54@yahoo.com



Todd Bonita deleting the lights on this oil painting roughed in.

NEWS FROM THE GALLERY:

Welcome 2016! Don't you just love a new year? Especially a new leap year! 366 blank pages upon which to write and illustrate so many new chapters. Looking forward to sharing stories as they evolve.

Chapter one begins with Roger Goun stepping down as a gallery member to pursue other photographic endeavors. He will however continue overseeing and updating the SAA membership. Thank you for that! Filling the open spaces on the walls and seat at the desk is Valerie Allen. Valerie works mainly in acrylics and is a welcome addition to the gallery.

Our really big, really exciting news coming into the New Year is we have secured a new location for our gallery - 130 Water St., Exeter! This is currently the home of Art & Tiques and conveniently located next to Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt but more importantly, closer to the heartbeat of downtown. The new space has a bigger footprint so offers many more options. Over the years it has often been asked if we would include 3-D work in the gallery. Though open to it, space was restricting. With additional space, we now are seeking fine artists and craftsmen to compliment our current selection of paintings and photography with the likes of sculpture, pottery, jewelry, fiber arts, glassware, etc. Details on this have been sent via e-mail to members, but if you'd like more, contact our president, Ellen Griffin, at dandegriffin@comcast.net, or Mary Jane Solomon at lostmarbles01@yahoo.com.

Our plan is to make the move the first of April. Getting the new space gallery ready is going to require many things, money being one. We have already had generous donations come in, so perhaps if you know a special person who has a passion for the arts, this would be a great time to make a donation in their honor or memory, or just to show your support. Remember, SAA is a 401C3 so your donations are tax deductible.

Carpentry skills, electrical knowledge, interior painting, and good old elbow grease will also be needed. Let us know how you can get involved in making our new space spectacular! Feel free to leave your info at the gallery or contact Mary Jane directly.

We've got some busy months coming up but it's very exciting. Stop by often to see what we're up to, get involved, and have some fun for art's sake.

— Mary Jane Solomon

FEBRUARY 2016 FEATURED ARTIST WALL

Winter Works Exhibit — February 2016

Doris Rice and Painters from her Classes and Workshops

OPEN to Students of Doris Rice!

Reception is Sunday 2/14/16 2:00-4:00 All welcome

Doris has been teaching Watercolor for 28 years, locally and across the US and Europe. The show is an opportunity for painters of all levels of experience, sharing her love of Watercolor, to exhibit together. Small format is encouraged so that we can fill the wall with incredible variety.

For info: Call Doris Rice h 603-964-9254, c 603 724-7779 www.dorisrice.com



"Winter Glow"
by Nancy Reiss



"Winter, Feeder Visitor,"
watercolor, by
Annick Bouvron-Gromek



"Winter Fun"
by Nancy Beveridge



Visitors viewing the Small Works Show



*Hospitality Coordinator,
Pat Boyd Robertson
relaxing at a reception*



Three Gallery Musketeers

SAA NEWSLETTER: Submit stories & announcements to denise@adceteragraphics.com by the 15th of the month prior to publication.



Debra Woodward with her Best of Show photo, "Joy"



A not so beautiful photo of a beautiful Festival of Trees tree

Paint an eagle for charity visit:
VetsCountEagles.org
an Easter Seals program



THEME SHOWS CHALLENGES FOR 2016:

*Please take note of date changes on the Feathers and Fur Show due to our anticipated gallery move. Also, the **Eye of the Beholder Show** is a collaboration between a photographer and a painter, so plan a head and find your partners!

Theme shows are open to members and non-members alike. All work must be framed in a professional manner complete with a wire hanger, sized at **16"x20" or less including frame, and properly labeled on the back with artist, title, medium, and price.** For a more consistent appearance on the wall, we recommend frames of brown, black, gold, or silver.

Fee for SAA members: \$10.00 per piece up to two pieces, non-members: \$20.00 per piece up to two pieces. Pieces 16"x20" up to 24"x30" will count as two for \$20.00/\$40.00 *See Nov/Dec show for change in specs. Receptions: first Fridays of month, 4 – 7.

Black and White: Drop Off Jan. 30 Pick Up Feb. 27 Reception Feb. 5

The challenge this month is to turn the bleakness of February into a strong expression of mood, contrast, the suggestion of color, and shadows using only black and white and maybe 50 shades in between.

Wild with Color: Drop Off Feb. 27 Pick Up March 26 Reception March 4

Had enough of winter whites? Take March mud season by the horns and show us your true colors. Wake up those who hibernate with a shout out in colors splashed upon our wall. Don't be shy.

Feathers and Fur: Drop Off Saturday April 2nd NOTE: that the drop off will be at our new location at 130 Water St. Pick Up April 30 *Reception date to be determined

Who doesn't have a special furry or feathered friend? We challenge you to capture the texture of their coat and the personality coming out from beneath. This is always a favorite show melting hearts of visitors.

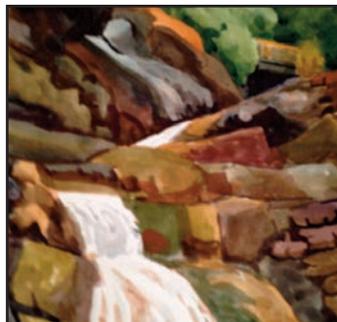
The Eye of the Beholder: Drop Off April 30 Pick Up May 28 Reception May 6

Here the challenge is multi-level. It begins with pairing a photographer and a painter. The photographer captures an image. The painter uses this image as reference for a painted interpretation of what the photographer saw. Both works will be hung together. This was a powerful show last year and demanded a repeat.

MEMBER BITS

SAA member **Natalie Rotman Cote** is participating for her third year as a volunteering artist in the **Art of Recovery** program. The program is run by the Seacoast Mental Health Center. Several community artists are paired with patient artists to create art pieces over the course of several months. The event ends with a wonderful auction/dinner in Portsmouth. Funds received by the program help pay for mental health services for those in need. This program is very rewarding and they are always looking for volunteer artists. Enjoy a visit to Natalie's art site! www.natalies-art.com

SAA member **Milt Lauenstein** says "Puerto Rico is a great place for plein air painting in winter." See below.



Wish I was back in Puerto Rico...