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"Gardens, Kerry, IR" and "Lilac" — watercolors by Doris Rice



artworks by Revelle Taillon

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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.seacoartist.org

"Meet Up" sites:

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a peaceful holiday season with family and friends. Now is the time to renew your membership in Seacoast Artist Association, and encourage an artistic friend or two to join.

With the new gallery location, we have seen a significant rise in new members and foot traffic, so there is no better time to participate in our artist community. I look forward to seeing your work in 2017!

All members are invited to drop in for our monthly board meetings, which happen on the second Saturday of every month from 9:00-10:00am at the gallery. The board loves to hear your input, and we are currently looking for a few new board members, as a few have recently stepped down for other adventures.

I would like to extend my thanks and farewell to board member Jim Faist, who is moving to Nashville with his wife Paula. Jim brought a lot of good ideas to our board as well as breathtaking photography to our gallery. Paula often helped Jim with his gallery-sitting duties and will be just as missed! Bon voyage, and keep in touch.

I wish you a productive and artful winter season.

Ellen Ryder Griffin, President dandegriffin@comcast.net

GREETINGS FROM THE GALLERY MANAGER:

It's been quite a flurry of events since our last newsletter. New calendars have been hung and my hope for you all is that yours is filled with happy events amidst enough clear days to allow breathing room, reflection, and free play.

This holiday season was filled with visitors to the gallery accompanied by many sales from the Main Gallery, Theme Show wall, Gallery Shop, and Featured Artist wall. I believe there were many happy recipients of original local art this Christmas, which in turn makes for happy local artists. In light of this, we will be holding a special Valentines Sale in February. From Friday, February 3rd (the reception date for Wild with Color) through Sunday, February 12th (the reception for the Featured Artist wall dedicated to Doris Rice's students) we are offering 10% off most hanging pieces of art. Please consider this an act of love and appreciation to our customers and members. We hope you can join us during the receptions, but if not, we're always happy to see you during regular hours.

2017 is already seeing some changes in the gallery members. Real life work demands have deemed it necessary for Dave Thompsen and Jim Faist to leave the gallery as exhibiting members. Not only did they bring with them charming personalities and beautiful photography, they also both contributed to the greater good of SAA in many additional ways, and in Jim's case, it was a twofer, because we got Paula as well. Dave will continue as Webmaster with the assistance of Dennis Skillman, and Jim and Paula will send us supportive vibes from afar. Thank you for all that you have given SAA. You will be missed but we wish you well.

We do have two wonderful replacements to our team. Mayclare Heffernan, an oil painter known to many in the area, and Charlene Yelle, a photographer, who may be known to many as the jewelry lady from across the street. Both have been submitting well-received works to the SAA Members Show and theme shows and we are happy to now exhibit more of their talents on a regular basis.

We had a fabulous annual "SAA Members Award Show" in November. Thank you to all who participated and gave our judge, Todd Bonita, a real challenge! Congratulations to the winners, and a special HUGE thanks to Sandra Chaisson, who has stepped forward and volunteered to coordinate the 2017 Members Show, thus continuing a great tradition.

One more great improvement I wish to note is the beautiful sign hanging outside the gallery really marking our place on the street. Thank you Eric Dolce for creating our sign and giving us more visibility. It looks great!

The renewed energy in our new gallery has been wonderful. I look forward to seeing our long time members and meeting more of new members in 2017. The time to join or renew is now.

Here's to a happy, healthy, and creative year ahead! — Mary Jane Solomon

SAA SCHOLARSHIP:

The SAA Scholarship Committee made up of Doris Rice, Gwen Morgan, Darlene Zahn, Pat Boyd Robertson, Revella Tailon and Gerry Bresnahan have met several times this year to work out the plans for the upcoming Scholarship Competition.

Letters will be going out to 13 area high schools with follow up phone calls reminding the teachers to encourage the students to have their work submitted to the Gallery the week of March 24 to the 31st. We will again have sign up sheets for those sitting in the Gallery when the work is delivered. This has worked very well in the past in helping the committee include all works to be judged.

The Awards night will follow the Annual SAA Meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

A sign up sheet for food donations for that night will be available at the Gallery.

We are always looking for members to join us in our search for the talented High School Seniors who are deserving of Scholarship money.

If this sounds like a committee you would like to be on, please email to Gerry Bresnahan: gbresnahan33@gmail.com Thank you.

FEBRUARY 2017 FEATURED ARTISTS: DORIS RICE AND HER STUDENTS

A Touch Of Color! Lovely Gardens and Flowers, Watercolors by Doris Rice and participants in her classes. Reception will be on February 12th from 2 to 4.

Rice is a well known watercolor painter, exhibiting in many locations throughout the Seacoast. Her joy is to work plein air, outdoors, looking to capture light and feelings of movement in her paintings. She is depicting the place at that moment in time. She is a graduate of Moore College of Art, Philadelphia, with a background in Illustration from her early years. Rice teaches fundamentals to all levels of skills, in local sessions and on location workshops around the US and Europe. You can travel with her to places like: Monhegan Island, Maine; Sarasota, Florida; Santa Fe and Taos, New Mexico; Coronado and Lodi, California; Portsmouth, Hamptons and Exeter, Seacoast New Hampshire; Brittany, France; Seville, Spain; Tuscany, Sicily, Puglia, Italy; Athens and Lesvos, Greece. Portsmouth and Exeter weekly classes review skill techniques in painting with watercolor as well as working to find individual style, preferences and compositional content. If the artist can join in for the traveling Painting Adventures, they offer an incredible vacation, working one's art as well as absorbing the culture and visual of each location as we slow down to paint the location. It is a total immersion experience. 2017 Trips are listed on line at www.dorisrice.com E-mail: dorisrice@comcast.net or call 603-724-7779.



Doris Rice Class



Karen Noonan proudly displays her monotypes during NH Open Doors demo



SAA Tree, Festival of Trees



"Little Busker" photograph, Ellen Ryder Griffin 'Best of Show' in the Black and White Show



January's "Black and White" theme show challenge. Really going to miss these two. All the best, Paula & Jim

MARCH 2017 FEATURED ARTIST: REVELLE TAILLON

Artist reception will be March 5th from 3 to 5. Graphic designer, illustrator and artist, Revelle Taillon of Plaistow, NH, has found a new niche. She has created beautiful artwork in several different mediums, but it is her work with colored pencils that has gotten the attention of local art associations and galleries alike. Over the last year and a half the artist has created over 50 new pieces in colored pencil, many focused on birds.

Recently, two of her mixed media pieces, "Great Horned Owl" and "Flamingo", were chosen by noted juror, David Allen Sibley; well-known author, illustrator and ornithologist, to be in an exhibition titled "For the Birds" in the series Art of Nature at the Brush Gallery in Lowell. Organized by Eileen Byrne, the show is a collaboration with the Massachusetts Audubon Society to focus attention on birds and their habitats and to raise funds for the volunteers who care for injured birds until they are able to be returned to the wild. After her great success in Lowell, Taillon was invited to hang a one woman show at the Massachusetts Audubon Society in Newburyport, MA, also featuring her birds. E-mail: rtailon@comcast.net or call 603-548-6694. Visit the artist's blog at <http://revelleimagemaker.blogspot.com>.



Revelle Taillon

THEME SHOWS CHALLENGES FOR 2017:

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"x26" will count as two for \$20.00/\$40.00

Receptions: first Fridays of month, 4 - 7.

We currently are exhibiting a very strong and beautiful 'Black and White' show. However, color becomes the focus of the next show, also, plan ahead to partner up to be a part of the ever popular and intriguing "Eye of the Beholder" show.

Wild with Color: Drop Off Jan. 28, 2017 Reception Feb. 3, 2017 Pick Up Feb. 25, 2017 Perhaps January is just about all the winter white you can take. Here's your chance to make Old Man Winter do a little dance and show him your true colors. Help us liven up our walls with this vibrant challenge!

Eye of the Beholder: Drop Off Feb. 25, 2017 Reception March 3, 2017 Pick Up April 1st, 2017 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. Or, it can begin with a painting, which the photographer then has to try and recreate. Both works will be hung together. This is a powerful show that demanded yet another repeat.

New England Portals: Drop Off April 1st, 2017 Reception April 7, 2017 Pick Up April 29, 2017 Enter this one with caution! What intriguing doorways, windows, cave entrances or the like can you discover around New England that you simply can't pass by?

Members Show:



Best of Show Robert Steadman



1st Place Maria Simms



2nd Place Barbara Clark



3rd Place Charlene Yelle



Swimmingly Successful Show!!!



Gary Lamott shares his photo and a blog he did with Topaz Labs:
blog.topazlabs.com/national-heritage-100-years-celebration/
St. Mary's Lake Glacier National Park
<http://garylamott.smugmug.com/>

2016 CLASSES AT THE GALLERY

REVELLE TAILLON CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE SAA GALLERY:

Pastel Painting for Beginners: Landscape: Soft pastel painting class. See how quickly they go down on the surface, and how brilliant the effects are. How to make linear or side strokes, to blend colors, and underpainting techniques. Pastels are very versatile and it is easy to create simple or complex paintings. Landscape from photos. **Contact Revelle for details below.**

Class starts: Mon, Jan. 30 runs 8 weeks, 10:30 am to 1 pm. Cost \$150.00.*

Pastel Painting: Drawing Animals: Soft pastel and colored pencil painting class for those of you who have some experience with this medium, and those of you who have experience with drawing animals. How to depict fur and feathers. We will draw from photos. **Contact Revelle for details below.**

Class starts: Mon, Jan. 30, runs 8 weeks, 1 am to 3 pm. Cost \$150.00.*

Drawing with Charcoal: This class will teach you the difference between vine charcoal and compressed black and white charcoal. Each class will start with seeing samples of art created with charcoal. Learn various techniques, how to make different marks: linear or side strokes; blend white and black charcoals on various supports; and techniques. **Contact Revelle for details below.**

Class starts: Tues. Feb. 7, runs 8 weeks, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Cost \$150.00.*

***TO HOLD YOUR SPOT please mail a check directly to: Revelle Taillon, 26 West Pine Street, Plaistow, NH 03865. Call 603-382-3397 or email rtailon@comcast.net. 10% of each tuition is donated to the Art Scholarship Fund. Revelle Taillon is a member of the Seacoast Artist Association, holds a BFA in graphic design and illustration from ULowell and has won regional and national awards. Visit Revelle's Blog: www.revelleimagemaker.blogspot.com.**

SAA MEMBER NEWS

DORIS RICE AND PAT KENNEDY CORLIN EXHIBIT at the Provident Bank, Exeter, NH, January through June 2017. Title for the show is: *Wanderings, Near and Far*. Doris and Pat will present watercolors and photos from all over the world, as well as our own back yards!

Doris Rice is an award winning watercolor painter, creating works on location as well as teaching local classes and workshops across the US and Europe. She is an early member and past President of Seacoast Artist Association, now based in Exeter, NH. Doris loves working Plein Air, looking for the light and immediacy of the scene at hand. Doris does demos for area Art Associations. You will find her works at SAA Gallery, Kennedy's of Portsmouth and various other locations around the seacoast and Coronado, California. www.DorisRice.com

Pat Kennedy-Corlin is an award winning, New Hampshire photographer providing a wide range of services while specializing in studio portraiture, pet imagery and fine art photography. She is a founding member of the Seacoast Photographers Studios in the Washington Street Mills of Dover, NH. An avid wildlife, landscape and travel photographer, Pat aspires to honor where she has been and all beings encountered along the way with her imagery. She is a juried, exhibiting member of the New Hampshire Art Association, The Seacoast Artist Association, The Plymouth Art Guild of MA and the World's Best Top Photographers International Photography Gallery, currently exhibiting in the Netherlands.

www.PatCorlinPhotography.com

DORIS RICE GUEST SPEAKER AT EXETER ROTARY, Monday 1/23, filling in our local neighboring business folks on the SAA. She will be discussing the history and current make up of the group, the Gallery, funding and presentation of the Scholarships for Art Students — a general introduction to familiarize Exeter with our efforts and to invite them in to view our works, and to support our programs. (Note: Let Doris know if there are specifics you'd like presented... Wish me luck!) www.DorisRice.com

BOB RICHARDSON — OIL PAINTING 8 WEEK CLASS FOR BEGINNERS at the Exeter Old Town Hall, Second floor Gallery starting Feb 11th thru April 1st, every Saturday morning, 9:30 am. All materials will be provided. Cost is \$165. Class size limited to max of 6. To hold your spot please send a check to Bob Richardson, 1 Cedar Street, Amesbury, MA 01913 bbr4@comcast.net or call (978) 792-5734.

DRAWING FOR THE PAINTER and BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE OIL PAINTING CLASSES in Deerfield and on the Seacoast of New Hampshire. Classes are ongoing on Mondays and Wednesdays mornings and afternoons. Portfolio and class location and info: patenickerson.com. Pat E. Nickerson has exhibited at the SAA as a full time gallery member and teacher.

MONTHLY GROUP CRITIQUE: TODD BONITA — Jan 25, Feb 15, Mar 22 & Apr 19, 2017 Wednesdays (1-4pm) at Todd Bonita Gallery, 39 Ceres Street, Portsmouth, NH. (Limit 10) \$120. Call Todd to register (603) 819-9100 or email: tmbonita@gmail.com

PLEIN AIR TUESDAYS: TODD BONITA — Principles of Landscape Workshop: Six weeks, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and June 6, Tuesdays (9-1pm) Packed with info and appropriate for beginners. \$240. Call Todd to register (603) 819-9100 or email: tmbonita@gmail.com

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