

Seacoast Artist

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"The Apple Doesn't Fall Far..." — watercolor by Mary Jane Solomon

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130 Water Street — NEW LOCATION!
Exeter, NH 03833

The gallery is open
Tues. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun., 12 pm - 4pm
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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:

Welcome Fall! As usual, as the days grow shorter the SAA calendar comes alive with artistic opportunities!

Here are a few of my favorites:

New Member Drive — Encourage your artist friends and family to become a 2017 member of SAA! If they join in October (\$40), they get three months of 2016 for free. I hope that you can encourage a talented person in your life to show their work.

Festival of Trees — Once again we will decorate a tree with hand-designed greeting cards by our artists to support children in need. Please bring cards you would like to donate to the gallery before Thanksgiving.

Annual SAA Members Show — What better way to showcase our artists than in the historical Town Hall building! Art makes a wonderful gift for the holidays. Be sure to join us on Friday, November 4th for our opening reception.

Happy holidays to all, and remember to support local art.

— Ellen Ryder Griffin, President dandegriffin@comcast.net

GREETINGS FROM THE GALLERY MANAGER:

With autumn in full swing, the gallery walls are warmed with glowing colors of the season, soon to slip away and be replaced with images of the beauty inherent in the coming season. The Featured Artist wall is alive with a variety of works in several mediums by our beloved Barbara Cowan, as well as a bin featuring her well-known holiday scenes. Our Theme Show wall is the essence of creativity shown in the wonderful results of the brave souls who took on this year's Mystery Kits – and WON!!! Catch it before it's gone, for soon the Small Works for Giving will consume the space. The Gallery Shop Artisans continually update their offerings and continue to be a wonderful addition to the gallery as a whole.

We welcome two new gallery members who will be displaying their photographs, Tony Baldasaro, who has replaced Susan Clement, and John Bauman, who will be replacing Bonnie Demanche. Bonnie, thank you so very much for what you gave to the association over the past year. Best of luck pursuing the adult coloring book line. You do amazing work.

So much coming up during this 'most wonderful time of the year'. Kicking off November will be the SAA Members Only Show held in the beautiful upstairs gallery of the old Exeter Town Hall. Come to the reception Friday November 4th and see whom the prizewinners are. If that doesn't work for you, that gallery will be open Nov. 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th from 12-4. Works will be picked up the 19th. We are always very excited to showcase all our members' tremendous talents.

We are again taking part in NH Open Doors, which occurs Nov 5th and 6th. This is a statewide event put on by the League of NH Craftsmen, but we are also proud to be part of the Seacoast Fine Art and Sugar Tour, a self guided studio tour of fine artists and artisans and a sugarhouse. Go to www.nhopendoors.com for all the info. We hope to be offering demos and hands-on activities at our gallery and in the town hall.

December brings "Ring in the Season" weekend in Exeter. Dec. 1st is the Festival of Trees, a Chamber sponsored event, raising money for warm clothes for local children in need. I can't thank Eunice Miller enough for offering to oversee the decorating of the SAA tree for this very worthwhile event. We will be going back to decorating the tree with original cards. There is a beautiful box at the gallery in which to deposit your donated cards.

First Friday, Dec. 2nd will be buzzing in town with seasonal events as well as the reception for Featured Artist, Mary Jane Solomon. Wait! That's me! Better sign off and get busy!

Happy Holidays! Shop local. Buy art. 'Nough said! Cheers!

— Mary Jane Solomon

SAA SECOND SUNDAY DEMOS:

NOVEMBER 13, 2:00 to 4:00: Nature Photographer Kevin Talbot will be showing his amazing loon photos upstairs in the old Exeter Town Hall, 9 Front Street, just around the corner from the SAA Gallery. Elevator available at the side entrance.

"Choosing just 20 or so to show from the thousands of photos I took over a four month period last summer and fall has been a daunting task, but I hope those who travel to Exeter to see this presentation will enjoy looking at them as much as I enjoyed taking them!"

After an informative slide show and talk about Loons and their behavior, Talbot will give a short presentation in which he shows 20 slides and talks about each slide for 20 seconds. This is known as Pecha-Kucha style, a Japanese word for "Chit-Chat". This style was invented to keep presentations short and to the point and has become quite popular around the world. We hope you can join us for this reception!

This event is open to the public and free to SAA members. Donations appreciated by non-members. Call 603-778-8856 or visit www.seacoastartist.org.





"Lone Sentry"
watercolor by Mary Jane Solomonn



"Willow Creek Sugar House"
watercolor by Mary Jane Solomon



"Inspiration X 2"
watercolor by Mary Jane Solomon



*Siblings Myles and Addie
solve the Mystery together!*



Mystery Kit People's Choice
by Susan Bascom

DEC.2016 - JAN.2017 FEATURED ARTIST: MARY JANE SOLOMON

"Local Colors" is the theme for this show of primarily watercolor paintings by Mary Jane Solomon being held at the Seacoast Artist Association Gallery, 130 Water St., Exeter From December 2nd through January 28th. Artist's Reception will be held Friday December 2nd from 4-7. Refreshments will be served.

Being New England born and bred, Solomon finds the variety of colors offered by all four seasons an ongoing inspiration. Perhaps it is the brilliant splendor of autumn we are currently experiencing with its fiery reds, oranges and yellows, every shade of lingering green, the brilliant blue of the clear sky, through to the purple of shadows and distant hills. Or maybe a subtle, unexpected splash of color that catches her eye on a seemingly monochromatic winter day. These and the full range of color displayed throughout the year are what brings an emotional response and speaks of the New England experience. These are experiences worthy of a thank you note in the form of a painting.

Solomon earned a BFA at the University of NH and has studied graphics and illustration. She is a juried member of the NH Art Association and active member of the Seacoast Artist Association, showing work there regularly and managing the gallery.

Visit Mary Jane Solomon's website at www.mjsolomonart.com
Email: lostmarbles01@yahoo.com

THEME SHOWS CHALLENGES FOR 2016/2017:

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.

Our **Theme Show Wall** has been extremely popular in the new gallery so we are excited about keeping it going with some new challenges and some old favorites for 2017 to get the new year off to a challengingly creative start. These three were voted in as worthy of repeating, so the subject will not be new to many of you - an easy transition after the holidays. Hope to see your new masterpieces on the wall.

Small Works for Giving:

Drop Off Oct. 29, 2016 Reception Nov. 4, 2016 Pick Up Dec. 27 - 30, 2016

The challenge here is to keep your work small and priced under \$100. What could be a better gift than art? It's produced locally, has zero calories, zero fat, zero carbs, is gluten free, and the only nuts involved are perhaps the artists who create it. Pieces may be of any subject, but must be 11"x14" or smaller, including frame and priced \$100 or less. Two very small works, 5"x7" or less including frame, may be bundled together as one submission. Fee for members is \$10.00 per piece up to two pieces and non-members \$20.00 per piece up to two pieces. This is for two months and sold items may be replaced at no additional cost. **Due to space restrictions, size limits must be strictly adhered to.**

Black and White:

Drop Off Dec. 31, 2016 Reception Jan. 6, 2017 Pick Up Jan. 28, 2017

Here the challenge is to use only black and white, along with all the shades of gray in between.

Wild with Color:

Drop Off Jan. 28, 2017 Reception Feb. 3, 2017 Pick Up Feb. 25, 2017

Lose those winter doldrums and splash some wild colors on our wall!

Eye of the Beholder:

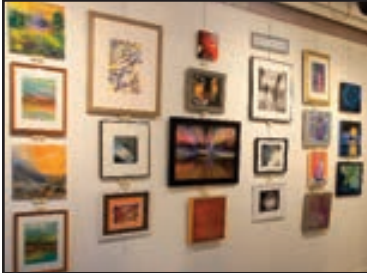
Drop Off Feb. 25, 2017 Reception March 3, 2017 Pick Up April 1st, 2017

Lose those winter doldrums and splash some wild colors on our wall!

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



Life is full of Mysteries



Out of this World Show



*Out of this World Show
Alien invasion during
Out of this World reception*



*Nancy Morgan showing how
she does what she does*



*Where was this guy
during renovations???*

SAA MEMBERS AWARDS SHOW

We are very excited to once again be holding our annual **SAA Members Awards Show!** This is a chance for all SAA Members to show off two of their best works. A highlight of the year, and it coincides with NH Open Doors promising a larger volume of visitor traffic.

The show will be displayed in upstairs gallery of the old Exeter Town Hall. Drop off: Wednesday Nov. 2nd from 3-6. Reception: Friday Nov. 4th from 4-7, at which time awards will be presented. Visitors may see the show Nov. 4th 4-7, and Nov. 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th from 12-4.

For members wishing to participate we ask for up to two original works, hand pulled prints, or photographs. 3-D work is welcome.

Fee is \$10.00 per piece. Entry forms are available at the gallery or on our website. Please have titles, medium and prices dropped at the gallery or e-mailed to **Annick at annickbg@comcast.net** no later than October 30th so labels can be ready to go when the pieces are hung. Pieces must be picked up Nov. 19th by 5:00.

Any member wishing to strut their stuff a bit more is encouraged to sign up for **demo space** in the room behind the Town Hall Gallery during the 5th and 6th (NH Open Doors weekend). This is a great outreach not only for SAA, but for participating individuals as well.

We hope to continue this traditional show, but to do so, we need member involvement. Please seriously consider working alongside Annick and Mary Jane on this year's show to see how it works. Without additional member commitment, shows like this will need to be discontinued.

2016 CLASSES AT THE GALLERY

REVELLE TAILLON CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE SAA GALLERY:

Pastel Painting: Landscape: Soft pastel painting class for those of you who have never tried this medium and those of you who have tried it. 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, Nov. 7, 2016, runs 8 weeks, 1 to 3 pm. Cost \$150.00.***

Drawing the Human Head, Beginner and Intermediate Students: Have you wondered where you go wrong when you attempt to draw a face or a portrait? Start with the basic skull, and work your way up to the planes of the face in portrait, profile, and 3/4 view. Then we will add the skin, practice types of shading and learn where the light is coming from, highlights and shadows. Learn parts of the face: eyes, nose, lips, ears, and hair. **Contact Revelle for details below. Class starts: Tues., Nov. 22, 2016, runs 8 weeks, 6 to 8 pm. Cost \$150.00.***

Learn to Draw: Have you been frustrated because you never learned the tricks of the "drawing" trade? Improve your hand-eye coordination, slow aging and grow your brain connections. Break down objects into their basic elements and shapes, see their edges, notice positive & negative space & composition. Blind contour drawing to enhance your understanding of how to render what you are looking at in a realistic manner. Shading and perspective. Learn the dimensions of the human face. **Contact Revelle for details below. Class starts: Wed, Nov. 30, 2016, runs 8 weeks, 6 to 8 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

ART INSTRUCTORS WANTED

Main Street Art in Newfields (www.mainstreetart.org) is looking for artists who might be interested in teaching art at the MSA gallery. We have classes and workshops for all ages and in a variety of media. If interested, please contact Joe Perna at joep834@gmail.com

WHERE IS DORIS?

Doris Rice Exhibit at The Victoria Inn, Fri. Nov. 18, 2016, 5-8 pm Featuring paintings from Doris' teaching adventures across the USA and Europe. Doris finds it fascinating to travel and see new places... and to capture those choice locales in drawings and paintings. Join her for an evening of wine, hors d'ouvres and fine conversation about people and places, near and far. Among the locations featured will be: Tuscany, Italy; Brittany, France; Taos, New Mexico; Siesta Key, Florida; Coronado, California; Monhegan Island, Maine; Seacoast, New Hampshire and more.

The Victoria Inn Bed & Breakfast is located at 430 High Street, Hampton, NH 603-929-1437 info@thevictoriainn.com See www.thevictoriainn.com for directions so you don't drive by this lovely inn at night.

"The Victoria Inn", watercolor by Doris Rice

