

Seacoast Artist

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“Sailing Off Rye” — photograph by Dave Thompsen

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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:

As the weather turns cooler, we are getting ready for another exciting fall season of art!

Special thanks to our Y'Art Sale committee, which held two sales this summer to benefit our Scholarship Fund. We appreciate those members who volunteered their time.

Our ranks are growing steadily as new artists discover our gallery. I hope you attend our theme show and featured artist receptions this fall — what a great way to get to know our members! We are excited to welcome Marina Forbes from the NH Humanities Council, and our own fabric artist Nancy Morgan, as our Second Sunday speakers for September and October.

Enjoy the last warm days of summer!

— Ellen Ryder Griffin, President dandegriffin@comcast.net

GALLERY MANAGER'S UPDATE:

While this summer has been hot and steamy, the gallery has been a cool oasis to retreat to. The AC has been cranking, and the walls filled with cooling images – Renee Giffroy's intriguing "Boatscapes", Dave Thompsen's stunning photos of "H2O", dreamy "Sky Images" and a flood of work depicting scenes from "Along the 'Coast", and all this on only our Featured Artist and Theme Show Challenge walls.

In the main central portion of the gallery we have welcomed three new exhibiting members, Peter Barlow, Susan Hennigan, and Susan Clement. All three are painters who add greater diversity with their individual styles and personalities. Stop by and get to know them. Our waiting list has grown, but if you are still considering more gallery involvement, let me know.

All 30 2016 Mystery Kits have been purchased and the creative juices are flowing. This is such a fun project, and I'm thrilled to have a few young people participating this year. I'm pretty excited to see what comes from their uninhibited creative minds. Final products will be hung September 24th and will be up for the month of October, so please do stop in and be wowed!

Looking ahead to Fall we have some exciting events planned. The first week in November will be drop-off for our annual SAA Members Only Show held in the upstairs gallery of the old Town Hall. Keep an eye out for full details. The opening of this show will coincide with NH Open Doors, a statewide event where artists, crafts people, and producers of local products open their doors to visitors to educate and hopefully generate more interest in and sales of local art and products. In addition to the Members Show, SAA will be offering simple hands-on activities at the gallery. If you would like to offer up a project, we'd love to hear from you. Dates for this are November 5th and 6th.

Our ever-popular "Small Works for Giving" show will be hung in time for the Open Doors weekend. With the strong enthusiasm and participation rate we have been experiencing for these theme shows, we may well need to adjust our guidelines so everyone can be included, so pay close attention to announcements as the drop-off date approaches.

In the meantime, enjoy the remaining days of summer and know your continued support of the arts is sincerely appreciated.

— Mary Jane Solomon

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



"Lone Dingy" — Dave Thompsen



"Little River" photograph by — Dave Thompsen



"Fuller Gardens Fountain"
photograph by — Dave Thompsen



"June Sunrise"
Watercolor by Barbara Cowan



"Victorian Croquet",
Watercolor by Barbara Cowan

AUG./SEPT. 2016 FEATURED ARTIST: DAVE THOMPSEN

As artist featured in August and September, Dave is displaying his photographs that capture the essence of water in his exhibition "H2O" at the Seacoast Artist Association gallery, 130 Water Street, Exeter.

Water. A precious resource. A playful medium. The stage for an infinite number of photographic possibilities. This series of photographs by artist Dave Thompsen celebrates water in every scene, whether it's under two sailboats racing off Rye, New Hampshire or pouring from a fountain at Fuller Gardens in North Hampton.

Meet the artist at this First Friday of August reception. Refreshments will be served.

Dave leverages his background in software engineering to explore High Dynamic Range and artistic filter techniques to emphasize key forms in his works. He's passionate about creating unique works that blend travel, technology, and photography.

Dave Thompsen is a fine art photographer living in Dover, New Hampshire. He developed his photography skills as a member of the Seacoast Camera Club and enjoys sharing his artistic talents as a member of the New Hampshire Art Association, Seacoast Artist Association, and Newburyport Art Association.

Visit the artist's website at www.dthompsen.com. Email: dave@dthompsen.com

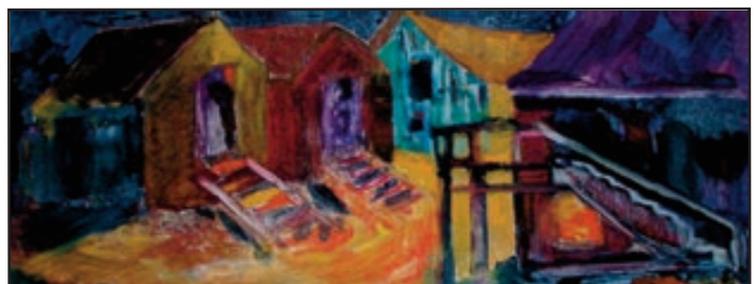
OCT./NOV. 2016 FEATURED ARTIST: BARBARA COWAN

As artist featured in October and November, Barbara Cowan will display her watercolor landscapes and seascapes. She has also worked with the monotype process and with pastels. She is a former student of Timothy Clark, a California and Maine painter. She was also a student of the late Valfred Thelin of Ogunquit Maine. She has studied the monotype process with printmaker Pam Lawson of Harvard, Massachusetts.

Barbara Exhibits with the Exeter Art Committee and is a exhibiting member of the Seacoast Artist Association in their new gallery location at 130 Water St. in Exeter, NH. She maintains her studio in her home. For many years she has designed the annual holiday ornament and related prints through Trends Gift Gallery in Exeter. These ornaments and prints are regarded as important collectibles for many seacoast area residents. Barbara Cowan's reception will be held on Sunday, October 16th, 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Gallery, 130 Water St. Exeter, NH 03833.



Barbara Cowan



"Fish Shacks", Monotype — Barbara Cowan



Bob Richardson providing a 2nd Sunday demo



Reid Bunker and Bill Childs enjoying the moment at a reception



Y'Art Sale in progress



'People's Choice' winner Mary Clare Heffernan for her oil painting "Crashing"



'Along the Coast' winner Laura Cassinari King with her painting, "Morning Mist"



Sky Images 'People's Choice', "Pete in Paradise" an oil by Michele Fennell



Best of Show winner Tony Baldasaro at the 'Sky Images' Reception

THEME SHOWS CHALLENGES FOR 2016:

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.

Out of this World: Drop Off August 27 Pick Up Sept. 24 Reception Sept. 2

This show coincides with the annual UFO Festival in Exeter in honor of "The Incident in Exeter". We challenge you to leave your comfort zone and travel through another dimension, not only of sight and sound, but also of mind. A wondrous journey into the imagination.

Mystery Kits: Drop Off Sept. 24 Pick Up Oct. 29 Reception Oct. 7

2015's introduction to the Mystery Kits was so successful; we are doing it again this year as a themed challenge. All 30 Kits have been purchased and those creative wheels are spinning. Don't miss checking out the final results!



Small Works for Giving: Drop Off Oct. 29 Pick Up Dec. 27 – 30 Reception Nov. 4

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.

SAA SECOND SUNDAY DEMOS:

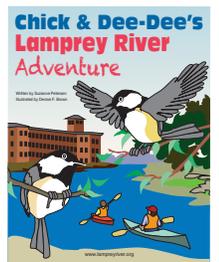
SEPTEMBER 11, 2:00 to 4:00: This presentation is supported by the NH Humanities and is free and open to the public. Marina Forbes, a NH Humanities Council speaker, will present an interactive and beautifully illustrated lecture on Russian Arts, History, Culture, and Iconography: 1,000 Years of Tradition. This illustrated presentation deals with the spiritual significance of Russian religious art from the 10th century to present. Icon making involves the painting of specifically stylized religious images on wood using traditional natural materials and techniques which are determined by longstanding conventions which serve to shape the art form. Using a slide show and numerous exhibits, including examples of her own work, Forbes will examine the history of icon painting in Russia. Anyone who has personal icons may bring them for examination and comment.



OCTOBER 9, 2:00 to 4:00: Fabric Art Demonstration by Nancy Morgan. Join award winning fabric artist and SAA member Nancy Morgan for a fabric art talk and demonstration. Nancy will bring her sewing machine, fabric and thread to demonstrate and explain the basic techniques of creating her Fabric Art pieces. There will also be plenty of time for questions and answers. www.nancymorganart.com.

MEMBER NEWS:

Denise Brown published a new children's book, "Chick and Dee-Dee's Lamprey River Adventure" about two little birds that go exploring and fly up the river and meet a few new friends. They learn about many places to visit along the river as it meanders through woods, farms, and towns. This colorfully illustrated story is also an intriguing history lesson of ways people and animals have used the river and ways to protect it for generations to come, and has a handy map to explore the Lamprey.



Denise also did a mural for Hilltop Chevrolet's children's room that features the owner's many grandchildren as they ride a Chevrolet bus to school. Denise will be signing books at Hilltop's Children's Day in October. See more of Denise's art at www.raccoonstudios.com.