

Theme Show Challenges for 2017

Push yourselves out of your comfort zones and try something new for any or all of these themed challenges. Take on a new subject, or an old one in a new way. It's all about the creative process and having FUN!!!

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 **up to 16"x20" 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 22"x26" INCLUDING FRAME will count as two for \$20.00/\$40.00**

*See Nov/Dec show for change in specs

Receptions will be held the first Fridays of the month from 4 - 7.

Black and White

Drop off Dec. 31

Pick Up Jan. 28

Reception Jan. 6

As the bright and merry holiday festivities subside, January is a good time to quiet our minds. The Zen of black and white helps get us to this peaceful place. Challenge yourself to compose a strong statement of mood and color using only black and white and the many shades of gray in between.

Wild with Color

Drop Off Jan. 28

Pick Up Feb. 25

Reception Feb. 3

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!

The Eye of the Beholder

Drop Off Feb. 25

Pick Up April 1

Reception March 3

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 1

Pick Up April 29

Reception April 7

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?

Sky Images

Drop Off April 29

Pick Up May 27

Reception May 5

Eyes to the skies, everyone! They can be so telling – the time of day, type of weather, or play the cloud game. However you choose to take on this challenge, the emphasis is that vast space above us. Go ahead; let your head get stuck in the clouds.

For the Love of Barns

Drop Off May 27

Pick Up July 1

Reception June 2

Though farming in general throughout New England has seen a decrease, the iconic barn remains a treasured classic through the rural landscape. Here's the chance to play tribute to these cherished structures, and the past generations who built them.

Marshes, Dunes, and Tide pools

Drop Off July 1

Pick Up July 29

Reception July 7

With only 13 miles of coastline, NH doesn't offer much in the way of long, sandy beaches, but it is rich with marshes, rocks, tide pools, and some dunes. Show us your favorite coastal spot.

Explore Your Garden

Drop Off July 29

Pick Up August 26

Reception August 4

...or your neighbors. Is it flowers, veggies, rocks, shrubbery, fountains, sculptures, or a combination of these garden subjects that strike your fancy? Whether you grow and construct your own or simply appreciate what grows around you, there will be no shortage of subjects for this challenge.

Autumn Light and Long Shadows

Drop Off August 26

Pick Up Sept. 30

Reception Sept. 1

As the sun sinks lower in the sky signifying the ending of summer days, the light takes on an amazingly warm glow and creates long shadows like fingers hugging the ground, not wanting to let go. We challenge you to capture this special time of year.

Mystery Kits

Drop Off Sept. 30

Pick Up Oct. 28

Reception Oct. 6

2015's introduction to the Mystery Kits has been so successful; we are continuing the tradition making it both a Scholarship Fundraiser, and a Theme Show. Kits and their instructions will be available for purchase beginning in the Spring. The theme will be disclosed with the kits. Don't be afraid, it's really fun!

Small Works for Giving

Drop Off Oct. 28

Pick Up Dec. 27 - 30

Reception Nov. 3

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**. **Three very small works, 5'x7" or less including frame**, may be combined 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.