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"Swansong" Photo Illustration, by SAA Featured Artist Lauren Chuslo-Shur

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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:

I begin this journey as your new president with a thank you and a farewell. Thanks to our "retiring" president, Roger Goun, for his leadership and commitment to the SAA. We are fortunate that he is remaining as an active advisor to the board.

Exciting new developments are happening this summer. The board is considering a partnership with the Lamprey Arts and Culture Alliance, which oversees the Millspace in the Newmarket Mill complex. This huge space would afford us another opportunity for exhibits, classes, and artist talks. The partnership would give our artists exposure to a new audience, as the Millspace will be used for performances, trades shows, and civic and cultural events.

We are testing our fit with the space with an exhibit in October (see Save the Dates, below) so you can see its potential firsthand.

As you can imagine, expansion requires volunteers. While our Water Street gallery is expertly managed by Mary Jane Solomon and staffed by exhibiting members, another location will require a dedicated team to hang and staff exhibits. The only way we can expand our reach is with committed volunteers from our membership.

If you would like to help us move forward, please contact me at dandegriffin@comcast.net. I will add your name to the list of volunteers. As with any great initiative, it takes time and energy from all of us. Your response to this message will directly impact our decision to move ahead with this partnership.

— Ellen Ryder Griffen, dandegriffin@comcast.net

NEWS FROM THE GALLERY:

Summer has been very pleasant and active at the gallery. We are excited to welcome three new photographers into our gallery – Dave Thompson, Pat Kennedy Corlin, and Patsy Pratt. Though unified as photographers, each offers their own unique approach and style to their subjects as well as the presentation of the captured image. Come see for yourself...

Varying approaches to the same subject became evident in our June Themed Challenge, "**Eye of the Beholder**". This was perhaps one of my favorite shows for involvement and comments. Here a photographer captured an image, then a painter created their painterly interpretation. If you missed it this year, we plan to do it again in 2016. Coastal New England is also not surprisingly a favorite show. Receptions for all our Theme Shows have been lively with increased traffic in Exeter during the First Friday Artwalks. So much is happening in town those evenings. Bring the family! Bring your friends!

Darlene Zahn has done an amazing job coordinating two very large and successful YArt Sales. The scholarship fund is already growing as a result of Darlene's efforts and all the generous donations, so a huge thanks to all who contributed items and/or time. And an especially huge helping of gratitude goes to Darlene!

We still have a few Mystery Kits available at the gallery as another fun fund-raising project. If you are not aware of this, the kits all contain the same crazy variety of items you may use to create your masterpiece. Not all items need to be used, but you may only add a few extra supplies. Finished pieces will be displayed at the gallery October 2nd and 3rd. Prizes will be given. Come to the gallery for complete details and to pick up your kit while they last!

Looking ahead, November will kick off some very exciting events. We will be holding a SAA Members only show in the historic old Town Hall Gallery. Though not juried, the show will be judged and prizes will be awarded, so don't let creativity go completely on vacation this summer. Keep an eye out for full details. The same weekend as the opening of the members show will be NH Open Doors, a statewide shopping and touring event celebrating the best of NH made art, crafts, and homegrown goods. This has been offered throughout NH for several years, but only recently have local artists become involved, and last year with great success. SAA will open our doors November 7th and 8th to take part in this annual event. We are hoping to offer demos and perhaps a few hands-on activities. Contact the gallery if you have an offering.

In the meantime, enjoy the beach, the lake, the gardens, the mountains, and eat lots of ice cream – oh, and make the most of any rainy days in the studio, we'll be watching for your newest and best inspirations in the fall.

— Mary Jane Solomon

BUILDINGS, BIRDS AND BEACHES BY SAA FEATURED ARTIST LAUREN CHUSLO-SHUR

As the artist featured for August and September, digital artist Lauren Chuslo-Shur will be displaying photographs and photo illustrations on canvas of buildings, birds and beaches.

Attend her artist reception on Sunday, Aug. 16, from noon – 3 p.m. at the Seacoast Artist Association gallery, 225 Water Street, Exeter. Refreshments will be served.

Shur is an eclectic digital artist who will display buildings, birds and beaches. In addition to printing photographs on canvas, Shur uses photography and the computer to push images beyond reality in a search of the enchanting, the evocative and the ethereal.

The Exeter resident is also a graphic artist and author of “The Golden Friendship,” a children’s book illustrating the Golden Rule through the exploits of a tree frog and a monkey in the Brazilian Rain Forest.

Shur identifies much of her work as photo illustrations so that viewers know that she has manipulated the image using computer programs. She also creates digital images directly in computer programs without the use of photographs.

Shur is also a computer tutor, instructing people with a wide range of skills, from seniors trying to e-mail photographs to accomplished artists looking to refine their Photoshop skills.

Combining her artist’s eye with other skills, Lauren has worked as an editor, page designer and freelance writer, founded a monthly publication for women, and earned a master’s degrees in English from the University of New Hampshire. She has also served as a college instructor.

Shur is a member of the Seacoast Artist Association and a member of the Art of Great Bay Committee for the Great Bay Discovery Center. She has also served on the Exeter Arts Committee, volunteering for all these groups to hang shows, provide refreshments, publicize events and take pictures.

E-mail: lcshur@comcast.net or call 603-778-9170.

The exhibit runs through September. The SAA gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays until 7 p.m. Call 778-8856.

**Lauren Chuslo-Shur
Artist Reception
on Sunday, Aug. 16,
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*“Le Louvre”
Photo Illustration, by
Lauren Chuslo-Shur*



*“Welcome” Photo Illustration,
by Lauren Chuslo-Shur*



*“Dawn Discussion” Photo Illustration, by
Lauren Chuslo-Shur Lauren Chuslo-Shur*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CLASSES, & TIDBITS:

DAVE THOMPSEN'S AUGUST 2015 NHAA GALLERY SHOW "SEACOAST SLICE":

"Seacoast Slice" will be on view the month of August at the New Hampshire Art Association gallery. This exhibition features vibrant, artistic scenes from photographer Dave Thompson's favorite locations along the eighteen miles of New Hampshire coastline.

The exhibit will run August 7th through 28th at the NHAA's Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery at 136 State Street in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The opening reception will be held Friday August 7th 5PM-8PM.

SAVE THE DATES!

We are installing an **exhibit in the Millspace on Saturday, October 3**, to coincide with their Farm to Table event, and will have our reception on **Friday, October 9**. We are hoping to draw new members with this event as there is a lot of wall space to cover! Please tell your friends that this is an excellent time to consider joining the SAA. Volunteers and great art will be needed. More details to come soon!

DANNIELLE GENOVESE WILL OFFER WATERCOLOR CLASSES at her home studio in Hampstead, NH on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30-12 and Wednesday evening from 6-8:30. All levels from beginners to experienced painters are welcome. Classes will be comprised of 6 sessions for \$120. Please call 489-2745 or 770-1081 for further information or directions. Sessions start Sept. 8th. Classes are fun, inspiring and filled with lessons on technique and painting principles. Join us and cross this one off your bucket list.

NEW!! OIL PAINTING CLASSES MONDAY MORNINGS / FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE SAA GALLERY,

with Instructor: Pat E. Nickerson (Cell: (603)828-6585) Pre-registration @ The Seacoast Art Connection on Meetup.com Required or email / call instructor.

Due to our location in the gallery, this class is *limited to 6 participants each week. Odorless spirits only, no turpentine or turpenoid. I have Gamblin's Gamsol that you can borrow in class.* We will explore painting techniques, photographing art work, materials and framing. You will be using your own supplies, or mine for an extra fee of \$5.00. A short demo on my paintings in progress will be followed by individual and group critiques, with lots of time to work individually. There will be handouts, framing instructions, as well as information on Art blogs, my Art books to browse, and a sharing of our collective knowledge.



Ready to Sell at the Yart Sale



Dennis Skillman
discussing his SAA Featured Artist exhibit



"Burnt Coat Island" a watercolor
by Bill Childs



MJ working hard
at the Yart Sale!



People's Choice winner,
Crystal Hale next to her white
pencil drawing, "Piping Plover"



Bill Childs and Dave Thompson
discuss Coastal New England