

# Seacoast Artist

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"Rose", watercolor by Brenda Slattery



Château Frontenac, photograph by Dave Thompsen

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**130 Water Street**  
**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](http://www.seacoastartist.org)

### "Meet Up" sites:

[www.meetup.com/Seacoast-Art-Connection](http://www.meetup.com/Seacoast-Art-Connection)  
[www.meetup.com/SeacoastPhotographers](http://www.meetup.com/SeacoastPhotographers)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

It is hard to believe two months have gone by since the last issue of the SAA Newsletter! While things generally slow down in our households for summer vacations and day trips, activity in the SAA has been continuing at a high level. The gallery is seeing increased traffic and sales as more people are out and about and word about the exhibits and artists continues to grow. The main gallery is looking bright and new with a "total" changeover. All three exhibit areas (Theme Show, Featured Artist and Exhibiting Members) changed to show new art the beginning of July.

On July 10th Mary Jane and I put up our first show in the lobby of 100 Domain Drive, a large building housing several businesses and Green Bean Restaurant/Cafeteria off the lobby and open to the public. It is in the Industrial Park off Rt.111 just East of the Rt. 101 overpass. The exhibit will last 3 months. During that time we will be determining how to pick exhibitors going forward and looking for volunteer(s) to help or take charge. Sales will be handled much like the Blue Moon exhibits with no exhibiting fee and 10% of any sales going to our Scholarship Fund.

On the topic of the scholarship fund, we have recently gone live with a Scholarship page and a means to donate online using PayPal or major credit cards. The following link will take you there:

[seacoastartist.org/about-saa/scholarship/](http://seacoastartist.org/about-saa/scholarship/)

Enjoy your summer!

— Dennis Skillman, President, SAA

## GREETINGS FROM THE GALLERY MANAGER:

We're rolling through the lazy days of summer here at the gallery. Though it's been hot outside, the AC has been running so the air and artwork is very cool!!! It's always such a treat to see what is new and fresh that shows up on our walls with regularity.

No big events planned at the moment. Perhaps some of your summer travels, or relaxing down time in your own backyards will provide the inspiration for a masterpiece fit for the Annual Members Awards Show coming in November. Details will be found in the October newsletter, as well as through e-mail and the website as the date approaches, but it's never too early for inspiration.

All 30 Mystery Kits flew out the door this year, so if you missed picking one up, there's always next year. Really looking forward to what shows up through these creations in the October Theme Show.

Hoping all good things of summer are finding their way to you, and we might see you perusing the gallery now and again.

— Mary Jane Solomon, Gallery Manager [lostmarbles01@yahoo.com](mailto:lostmarbles01@yahoo.com)

## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2ND SUNDAY DEMOS:

**August Artist Bob Goudreau: "Scratchboard Art," Sun, Aug. 12, 1:30-3:30pm.** Scratchboard art, an uncommon art medium, involves scratching literally thousands of marks through a darker outer layer to reveal varying amounts of the white inner layer just below the board's surface. Each scratch produces a white mark representing light in the design. Finished scratchboard art pieces may be left black and white or the white marks can be painted with translucent inks, producing beautifully colored designs. Scratchboard Art is very detail oriented and requires patience and an eye for form, light, and shadow. Images from completed scratchboard pieces make fine art prints.

Scratchboard Artist Bob Goudreau, a resident of Rochester, was introduced to scratchboard art in the fall of 2001 through a non-credit course at the University of New Hampshire. Bob took an immediate liking to this art form because it combines drawing and painting while producing three-dimensional pictures. Bob's scratchboard images are featured in the scratchboard section of the book titled "Compendium of Drawing Techniques" by Donna Krizek; a piece titled "Christmastime" appears on a Rochester, NH commemorative plate as well as a wine bottle to promote the city; and his pieces have won awards at the Rochester Fair. Bob is an active member of the International Society of Scratchboard Artists (ISSA).

**September Artist Revelle Taillon: "How to Create Greeting Cards and Giclées from Your Artwork," Sun, Sept. 9th, 2018, 1:30-3:30pm.** Come to this informative talk to learn how to create greeting cards and quality giclées from your artwork or photographs. Revelle Taillon has been creating cards and giclée prints of her artwork for over 10 years, for selling in galleries and online. She also creates greeting cards for members of her family, from photos combined with text. Various programs can be used to add text or adjust color, value, contrast, etc. like Photoshop and Lightroom. Online or local suppliers can produce quality art prints or cards for you. If you want to create them at home, learn about how to accomplish this task with a scanner, printer, and card stock. Get info on suppliers of glassine envelopes and envelopes. Revelle Taillon is a hanging member of the Seacoast Artist Association, and teaches art classes.

See [www.facebook.com/RevelleTaillonArtist](https://www.facebook.com/RevelleTaillonArtist) and [www.reveilleimagemaker.blogspot.com](http://www.reveilleimagemaker.blogspot.com)

**"We have a members Facebook group!"** Connect with members to collaborate and communicate local art events. Share your art based Facebook and Instagram pages. New members can also receive positive feedback (if they want it!) or ask questions. Share work-in-progress or finished work that isn't in the gallery and upcoming shows, submission opportunities, and general information beyond what gets covered in our newsletter. Visit: [www.facebook.com/groups/SAAmembers/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SAAmembers/)

The **2nd Sunday Demos** are offered free to SAA members. Donations from non-members are encouraged to aid our scholarship fund. Call 603-778-8856 or visit [www.seacoastartist.org](http://www.seacoastartist.org)





Brenda Slattery



"Along the Shore",  
oil by  
Brenda Slattery



"Lilacs",  
watercolor by  
Brenda Slattery



"North Hampton Fish Houses",  
watercolor by Brenda Slattery



Montmorency Falls, photograph  
by Dave Thompsen



Eye of the Beholder  
Best of Show  
"The Embrace"  
photo by  
Ellen Ryder Griffin



Eye of the Beholder  
"The Hug"  
watercolor by  
Veronica Wolfle



Members welcome our new President, Dennis Skillman, and extend our gratitude to Annick Bouvron Gromek, for years of everything during the SAA Annual Members Meeting and Social

## AUG. 2018 FEATURED ARTIST: BRENDA SLATTERY

**Exhibit: August at Seacoast Artist Association gallery. Reception Friday, Aug. 3, 4-7pm**  
**Brenda Slattery** oil and watercolors: "The Shore and More". After a lifelong interest in art, Brenda became serious about painting after her retirement. Though mostly self-taught, she has studied oil painting with Mary Vermeersch, watercolor with Robert Steedman and watercolor with Doris Rice. Brenda has attended many workshops and travelled to Canada and Italy to paint. Her fascination with art has inspired her to do paintings of the beautiful NH seacoast area where she lives. Landscapes and florals are favorite subjects. Her style of painting is both impressionistic and representational.

**Memberships:** SAA Exeter, NH, York Art Assoc., York, ME, Chelmsford Art Society, Chelmsford, MA and Beach Art Center, Indian Rocks, FL.

## SEPT. 2018 FEATURED ARTIST: DAVE THOMPSEN

**Exhibit: September at Seacoast Artist Association gallery. Reception Friday, Sept. 7, 4-7pm**

**Dave Thompsen** photographs, of Dover, New Hampshire will exhibit scenes of Québec Province, Canada. From the elegant, old-world architecture of Québec City to the rugged landscapes of the Charlevoix coast and Saquenay Fjord, Thompsen's photographs highlight the amazing diversity of this charming region. A member of the New Hampshire Art and Seacoast Art Associations, Thompsen has exhibited images of New England and other interesting places from his travels. He processes his digital photographs using high dynamic range techniques and artistic filters that give his images a unique, painterly appearance. Visit his website at [dthompsen.com/quebec](http://dthompsen.com/quebec) for the story behind these works and visit [dthompsen.com](http://dthompsen.com). E-mail: [dave@dthompsen.com](mailto:dave@dthompsen.com)

## UPCOMING THEME SHOW CHALLENGES FOR 2018:

### Along the Coast

**Drop off: July 28 Reception: Aug. 3 Pick up: Sept. 1**

What's more alluring than the New England coast, especially in the summer? The rugged, rocky coast, rough surf, salty marshes, beach goers and explorers, lobsters and fishermen have lured artists to the shore for all of time. So many intriguing subjects the challenge may be narrowing down your list for this one.

### Abstract

**Drop off: Sept. 1 Reception: Sept. 7 Pick up: Sept. 29**

Ah, what is abstract? Expressing a quality apart from an object? Having only intrinsic form with little or no attempt at pictorial representation or narrative content? There has long been much discussion over this, so let's see what your interpretation is. Up for the challenge?.

### Mystery Kits

**Drop off: Sept. 29 Reception: Oct. 5 Pick up: Oct. 27**

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!

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. 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. 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.

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

**SAA NEWSLETTER:** Submit stories & announcements to [denise@adceteragraphics.com](mailto:denise@adceteragraphics.com) by the 15th of the month prior to publication.



Wo and her colorful Scarf Ladies during a well attended Gallery Shop Reception



Lisa McManus chatting during her Reception



Carol Kuzminski took People's Choice for her watercolor "Sylvia's Garden"



Natasha Stoppel and guests enjoy her Reception



Teresa Farina at Show of Flowers with her Best of Show oil painting "Sunshine Came Walking"



"Sunset Beach" wool by Christine Blomquist



People's Choice - "Sunset Beach" photo by Dave Blomquist

## FALL CLASSES

### REVELLE TAILLON CLASSES at the SAA GALLERY:

• **Learn to Draw in Colored Pencil:** starts **Tues, Oct. 2, 2018**, runs 8 weeks, 1pm ~ 3pm. This class is for students who want to learn to draw with colored pencils or just want a class to practice more and improve your skills. Explore various techniques creating fur and feathers, preserving highlights to create volume, building layers of color, mixing for dark rich colors, creating interesting backgrounds, new highlighting techniques. You will work from photos and improve your own personal technique and style. Learn to use watercolor color pencils for your backgrounds, and use Liquin for dissolving colored pencils. Come meet new friends and see samples of colored pencil artwork from around the globe.



• **Intermediate Acrylic Painting Class:** starts **Tues, Oct. 2, 2018**, runs 8 weeks, 10:30am to 12:30pm. This class is for anyone who has had a class in acrylics or learned the basics on their own. We will continue learning the next steps, add more detail, and explore tips and tricks in acrylic painting. Acrylic paints offer a wide variety of ways to apply paint and you will learn about different kinds of mediums.



**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](mailto: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](http://www.revelleimagemaker.blogspot.com).**

### PAT NICKERSON "BASIC DRAWING", "DRAWING FOR THE PAINTER" AND "BEGINNER AND INTERMEDIATE OIL PAINTING": at her Deerfield, N.H. art studio.

Fall-Spring art classes in Exeter, N.H., as well. Go to: **Pat E. Nickerson Fine Arts** for more information. Also on "The Art Spirit" on meetup.com. Contact Pat at [patnickerson54@yahoo.com](mailto:patnickerson54@yahoo.com)

## SAA MEMBER NEWS:

**Grace Daly** will participate in a group show called "The Band of Brushes" at the Newburyport Art Association, 65 Water Street, Newburyport, MA, August 28 to September 8, 2018. The reception is Saturday, September 1 from 6 to 8 pm. For inf email: [gdaly1@comcast.net](mailto:gdaly1@comcast.net)

**Kate Zamarchi** will participate in a group show hosted by NH Art Association in Portsmouth by members of the NH Watercolorists. Paintings depict images around New Hampshire of waterfronts, wildlife, and landscapes. NH Watercolorists is open to all watercolor artists based in New Hampshire. For information, visit the group "NH Watercolorists" on Facebook. The opening reception is Friday, September 7th - 5-8pm. Exhibit runs from September 5 - 30. Gallery Hours: Tue-Thurs 11am - 5pm; Fri - Sat 11am - 8pm; Sun 11am - 5pm; Closed Mon.

**Wo Schiffman** has been accepted into the 2018 International Juried Summer Show at the Encaustic Museum in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Her encaustic piece, entitled "*Unexpected Consequences*" will be in the **Global Warming is Real Exhibition** from July 14 - Sept. 2. [www.waterstoneart.com](http://www.waterstoneart.com).



"Unexpected Consequences" by Wo Schiffman

## SAA EVENTS:

**Natalie Rotman Cote, 'Every other Friday morning' at SAA Gallery**, leads a small group who do art projects together for the sake of relaxation. The group works on individual projects and chats and laughs together. The group is supportive and we share ideas. No pressure, just fun! For info to join this group, email [nrotman@aol.com](mailto:nrotman@aol.com). Visit [www.natalies-art.com](http://www.natalies-art.com)