

Seacoast Artist Association - 2019 Theme Show Challenges

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.

Let it Snow Drop off Dec. 29th Reception Jan. 4th Pick up Jan. 26th

Winter has only just begun. Hopefully you still find the beauty and magic of the pristine, sparkling snow so plentiful in our New England winters. Or, maybe the magic comes from inside, by the fire, being toasty warm while looking through the frost covered windows. Or, do you get your jollies from postcards sent from your northern friends buried in snow while you bask in a southern sun? When you say "let it snow", what are you envisioning?

The Eyes Have It Drop off Jan. 26th Reception Feb. 1st Pick up Feb. 23rd

"Eyes are so transparent that through them the soul is seen." – Theophile Gautier

Will this challenge get you capturing the windows to the soul, or some other eyes? Potatoes, storms, and needles all have eyes, do they not?

Feathers and Fur Drop off Feb. 23rd Reception March 1st Pick up March 30th

Out in the wild, or curled up in your lap, the other creatures we share this great earth with are always intriguing in one way or another. The texture of their fur, the iridescent shimmer of feathers, a cold nose, or a soulful stare, what can you capture for our theme show wall?

Up Close and Personal Drop of March 30th Reception April 5th Pick up April 27th

Time to turn on the zoom lens of your eyes and forget about the big picture. Look closely, then closer still. Beauty lies within individual petals, wrinkles, cells, grains of sand, or the eyes of an insect. Turn the tiny into big, and see if we can guess what your microscopic eyes saw.

Eye of the Beholder Drop off April 27th Reception May 3rd Pick up June 1st

Here the challenge is multi-level. It begins with pairing a photographer and a painter. The pair decides what image to begin with, a photo the painter then interprets, or a painting the photographer recreates or interprets. The pairs are hung together for the show. This show is being repeated yet again due to popular demand and is quite interesting and powerful, bridging a gap between artistic mediums.

The Path I Found Drop off June 1st Reception June 7th Pick up June 29th

This challenge conjures up many images and ideas. Does it allude to your life's direction, evidence of frequent animal passage, or a path you physically walked down? It's your challenge, your choice.

Fields of Flowers**Drop off June 29th****Reception July 5th****Pick up July 27th**

Flowers in your hair, flowers everywhere! Mother Nature is the source of inspiration for this month's show. Nature and science combine to create intricate blossoms and brilliant colors. Go wild with this one!

Along the Coast**Drop off July 27th****Reception Aug. 2nd****Pick up Aug. 31st**

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.

Mystery Kits**Drop off Aug. 31st****Reception Sept. 6th****Pick up Sept. 26th**

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!

Trees**Drop off Sept. 26th****Reception Oct. 4th****Pick up Oct. 26th**

"The tree which moves some to tears of joy is in the eyes of others only a green thing that stands in the way. Some see nature all ridicule and deformity... and some scarce see nature at all. But to the eyes of the man of imagination, nature is imagination itself." – William Blake

Need I say more?

Big Gifts in Small Packages**Drop off Oct. 26th****Reception Nov. 1st****Pick up Dec. 28th**

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.