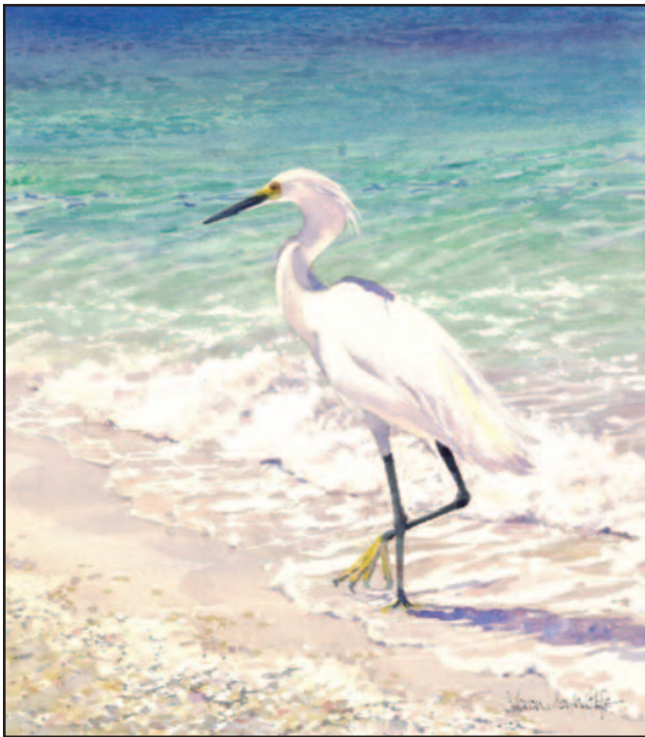


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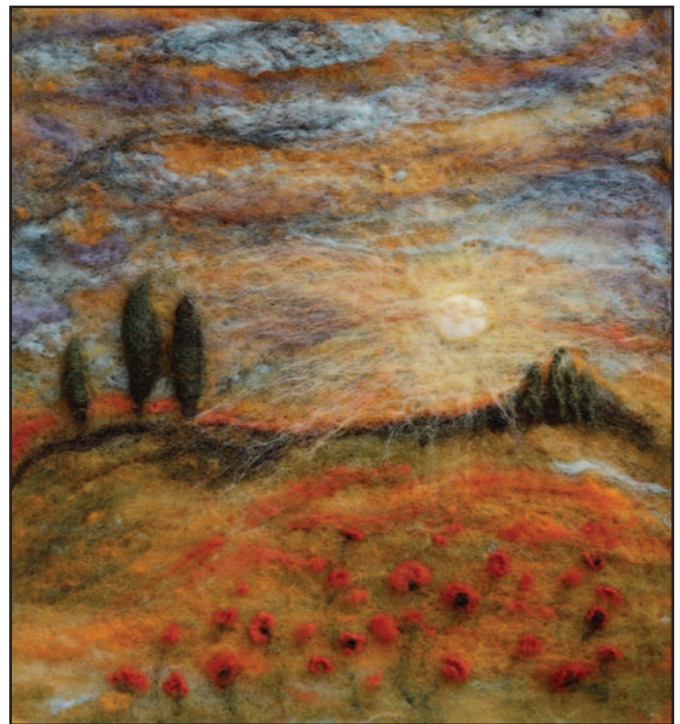
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August SAA Gallery Featured Artist:



"Snowy Egret," watercolor, Veronica Wolfe

September SAA Gallery Featured Artist:



"Tuscan Poppies,," wool fiber art by Christine Blomquist

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130 Water Street
Exeter, NH 03833

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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, mentor 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 hope you all find time for some peaceful relaxing moments this summer! Summer is a great time to slow down and enjoy life's gifts. Time spent with family and friends, on vacations and even alone to think rather than do, can all serve to rebuild our energy and our spirits and unleash our creative side. It is also a time for contemplation and making plans for the year ahead.

Although we have experienced some recent changes, I am confident we will adapt as an organization and grow stronger. We will continue to provide a vibrant gallery and off premises opportunities for local artists to show and sell their work. The gallery and the organization will continue to provide a place to meet and socialize, exchange ideas, learn from others and nurture young artists through our scholarship program. I am also confident that the membership will continue to provide their ideas, time and energy that will help the board, officers and committee leaders implement our goals and shape our direction.

My goals for myself and the organization in the year ahead are to focus on improving our gallery look and processes; increasing revenue and sales through targeted marketing and advertising using print and electronic media; raising funds for our scholarship program, and to provide a nurturing environment in which local artists can thrive and display their art.

Finally, I want to once again thank Mary Jane Solomon for all her creative energy that was selflessly poured into the SAA gallery.

— Dennis Skillman, President, SAA

FINAL MESSAGE FROM THE GALLERY MANAGER:

After many years, my stint of serving as the SAA Gallery manager has come to an end. It's been quite a ride filled with lessons learned, friends made, ideas shared, friends lost, gallery moves, wonderful art with shows to display it, and a community maintained. In reflecting back, what stands out most are the people. I have met so many beautiful and interesting souls, artists and all important art supporters alike, many of whom sadly are no longer with us here on earth. I am pretty certain had I traveled a different route, a chance meeting with these folks I hold dear would have been unlikely. So for this I am grateful and know I was where I was meant to be at the time. Going forward, I will just be a regular guy as Bill Childs fondly called me. I will continue to exhibit in the gallery quietly, and support the organization in neutral areas, but my fingers will no longer be behind all those annoying e-mails pleading for just one more thing. In these turbulent times, I do believe the arts need to be stronger than ever and I intend to support that, if only by just being here.

I leave you in strong hands. Dennis Skillman is putting his managerial skills into overdrive, taking over the gallery management along with holding the president role. He has many plans in the works for a more vibrant gallery and association. I am sure our wonderful SAA community will remain supportive through these changes.

Thank you for the gifts of friendship, support, and understanding when I messed up. I hope I have given back in some way to each and everyone. And now, I intend to experience what's left of summer with the pleasures of childhood, only with wine. Hope you will too.

All the Best – Mary Jane Solomon — Regular Guy — Outgoing Gallery Manager lostmarbles01@yahoo.com

2ND SUNDAY DEMOS:

The **2nd Sunday Demos 1:30pm. 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



Topaz photo



Todd Bonita

August 11, 2019 "Creativity Unleashed! Editing Photos with Topaz Labs Software" by Natalie Rotman Cote: Learn how Topaz Labs photo editing software packages create interesting and beautiful digitally enhanced photos. Their software is reasonably priced and works well with Adobe Lightroom or Photoshop or completely stand-alone without Adobe products. The creativity is endless with Topaz Labs software!

September 8, 2019 Plein Air oil painting demonstration with Todd Bonita: Todd will share his painting philosophy as it relates to, "The Art of seeing", perceptual drawing, outdoor painting strategies, and thinking like an artist. The demo will be outdoors (weather permitting) within a short walk of the gallery.

SAA SCHOLARSHIP NEWS:

2020 SAA Scholarship Committee Our dedicated SAA Scholarship Committee, consisting of Gwen Morgan, Carol Poitras, Doris Rice, Jean Swanson, Debra Woodward and Darlene Zahn report that our fearless leader, Gerry Bresnahan, has retired from chairing the scholarship committee, and Debra Woodward has agreed to step in for the next two years. Please join us in expressing our gratitude for all the hard work that Gerry has put in over these many years. Luckily, we know she will not be far away!

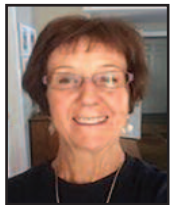
The SAA is one of the few, if not only, local artist organizations that awards scholarships to local high school students. This is probably the most important thing that we do, and to continue, WE NEED YOUR HELP. To all SAA members, let's EACH pledge to solicit at least one gift from a friend or business contact (your doctor, dentist, real estate agent, auto dealer, favorite restaurant, etc.), so that we can continue this fine effort. We have an official letter all ready to go. You can just print it out, sign it, and take to them. Please email Debra at woodwardda@aol.com and we can send you the letter. As you know, we sent out a fund drive email this summer and plan to do this again the end of the year. But nothing is as good as personal contact. Please hand at least one of these letters to someone you know. Every little bit helps.

Exeter High graduate, Sara Kunkemueller, who is going on to study at Smith College in the fall, painted self-portrait. To give you a hint of the caliber of student we are helping, here's a quote from her inspiring artist statement: "Art is the best indicator of the human condition throughout history. Art records everything from the mundane to the grand, indiscriminately, preserving the development of human culture and the thoughts of generations."

Please help us help students reach their goals to use art to make our world a better place to live.



"Self-portrait" by
Sara Kunkemueller



Veronica Wolfe



"Attitash Winter Sunset"
watercolor,
Veronica Wolfe



"Aspens"
watercolor,
Veronica Wolfe



"Raven"
watercolor,
Veronica Wolfe



"Owl"
fiber art by
Christine Blomquist



"Fall in Vermont"
fiber art by
Christine Blomquist

2019 Mystery Kits are in:



Volunteer on the new SAA Marketing Committee!

Our Board of Directors is committed to moving our marketing efforts forward in 2019. This new group includes: Natalie Rotman Cote, Natasha Stoppel, Debra Woodward, Karen Desrosiers, Bob Richardson, Mary Jo Bove Parker and Kim Cooper. Help volunteer on this committee and get the word out about the SAA., email seacoastartist.marketing@gmail.com.

SAA FACEBOOK GROUP:

Connect with members and share your art based Facebook and Instagram pages. New members can also receive positive feedback (if they want it!) or ask questions. For submission opportunities and general information beyond what gets covered in our newsletter visit: www.facebook.com/groups/SAAmembers/

AUG. 2019 FEATURED ARTIST: VERONICA WOLFE

Exhibit: Aug. at Seacoast Artist Association gallery. Reception Friday, Aug. 5th, 5-7 pm

The featured artist, Veronica Wolfe, will be displaying works in watercolor. Refreshments will be served. Veronica Wolfe loves watercolors and paints what she loves. She has a strong appreciation for the natural world and attempts to share the beauty or mood of a place, a child, a bird, or a moment with the viewer. She strives to create paintings that invite you in, tell a story or share a feeling. Veronica paints from life and from her photographs in her studio, typically using several photographs to create the image she is seeking.

Largely self-taught as a watercolorist, Veronica has recently exhibited her work locally at the Seacoast Art Association in Exeter, the Newburyport Art Association and at a one woman show at the Merrimac Public Library.

Veronica grew up in England, has travelled extensively and now lives in Merrimac, Massachusetts, on the shores of Lake Attitash. She can be reached through her website www.veronicawolfeartist.com or by email at lakewolfe@verizon.net.

SEPT. 2019 FEATURED ARTISTS: CHRISTINE BLOMQUIST

Exhibit: Sept. at Seacoast Artist Association gallery. Reception Friday, Sept 6th, 4-7 pm

Christine Blomquist is a wool fiber artist from Brentwood, NH. Her featured artist title is called Wild and Wooly Designs. She will be displaying works in wool. Refreshments will be served.

I was lucky enough to have grown up with a very creative and artistic mother who, when she wasn't sewing, crafting or gardening, was an amazing pastel artist. She recognized my interest in art and taught me drawing techniques at the age of six. Sketching with pencil and charcoals were my earliest favorite pastime until high school photography classes changed my trajectory. Photography will always be a lifelong passion and many of my wool creations are derived from my photo images.

Why wool as a medium you ask? It came about quite by accident but it's the most satisfying and unique experience I have had with any medium so far. It combines "painting" and "sculpting" of dyed or natural wool fibers using wet and/or needle felting techniques. I hope you enjoy my work as much as I enjoy creating it!

E-mail: christineblomquist1@gmail.com or call (603)702-0609.

SAA STREET ART INITIATIVE:

Several SAA members have participated in our new SAA Street Art Initiative! Natasha Stoppel, Natalie Rotman Cote, Karen Desrosiers, Tony Nicholls and Heather Crowley have all taken turns at volunteering to represent SAA and their own art in front of the SAA gallery! We've had great success with spreading awareness of the SAA and have even had some sales! If you'd like to get involved, email seacoastartist.marketing@gmail.com. All SAA Members are invited and encouraged to sign up! Share your art process out on the street in front of the SAA (or in the gallery on rainy days) on Sundays to chat with passersby about art and the SAA. The sign up sheet is on the desk in an orange folder along with all the information you need to set up. Educate people about the SAA and have fun showing your art for all to see!



Heather Crowley
at SAA Street Art Initiative

UPCOMING THEME SHOW CHALLENGES FOR 2019:

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 PM**

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 are available for purchase at \$25 in the gallery. The 2019 theme is "Let the Games Begin!". Don't be afraid, it's really fun! Proceeds go into the SAA scholarship fund.

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?

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

The Path I Found winners:

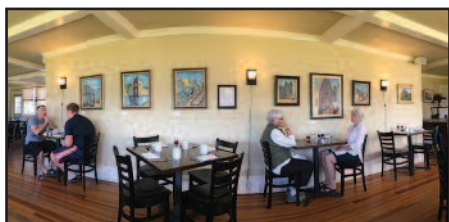


Best of Show, Wo Schiffman
"The Path I Chose" - encaustic
People's Choice, Laurie Levesque -
"Changing Pastures" oil

Fields of Flowers winners:



Best of Show, Carol Powley -
"Fields of Lupine" - fabric art
People's Choice, Arpana Pyakure
"Floral Forest" - acrylic



Bob Richardson, Mohegan Painting Exhibit



"Mill Pond", painting by
Grace Daly



"Bitter Oriental",
watercolor by
Kimberly Cooper



Exeter Independence Day Booth



"Swasey Bandstand in Exeter",
acrylic painting by Denise Brown

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS:

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. Visit www.natalies-art.com

DORIS RICE Demonstration for the KAA, Kittery Art Association: Monday evening, July 29. 4:00, Moore's Lane, Kittery Point, Maine. She will be painting the 'scape' at the home of Jackie Ellis. More info on KAA Website.

DORIS RICE Painting Adventure: 5 Day Seacoast Coastal Workshop. Locations to be announced as we get closer to the painting days according to wind, sun, heat. rain... always something! To register, send \$85 deposit to Doris at address below, and indicate approx day/days you'd like to attend. Information online: www.dorisrice.com 603-964-9254, c 603 724-7779. E: dorisrice@comcast.net

DANNIELLE GENOVESE, Wolf Spirit Art Studios, Hampstead: **Watercolor Classes.** From beginner to advanced painting skills. landscape, seascape, still life and plein air. Tues. & Wed. mornings, 10-12 and Wed. evenings, 6-8. Blocks of six classes are \$120.

Dannielle Genovese Plein Aire workshop in the beautiful mountains of Vermont from October 10-12. Come paint the fall foliage with friends.

Call Dannielle for class and workshop details 603 489-2745 or 603 770-1081 dgeno44@gmail.com

JAN LABRECQUE WATERCOLOR CLASSES, Thursdays, 10am to 12:30pm at Seabrook Beach Village District at 210 Ocean Blvd. Seabrook. Beginner to advanced painting skills. Paint scenes of New England coast and community. Demo and critique. \$25 a lesson. Jan, a former teacher, has been painting for 20 years and has painted with Doris Rice, Jan Kilburn, Judi Wagner and with Naples Art Association Outdoor painters. Call Jan at 603-474-5159 or email seacoastjan@comcast.net

BOB RICHARDSON just returned from teaching a July oil painting workshop on magical Monhegan Island. (SAA instructor, watercolorist Doris Rice, and her students were also there the same week!) Several of Bob's new Monhegan Island paintings are again on exhibit at the historic Monhegan House. If interested or you have questions about participating with Bob next July OR in his fall classes (schedules/venue to come) please email BBR4@comcast.net. Plans for July 2020 Oil Painting Workshop on Monhegan Island, Maine are now in the works. Contact Bob Richardson @ BBR4@COMCAST.NET

REVELLE TAILLON CLASSES at SAA GALLERY offering a drop in drawing class every Tuesday 10:30-12:30 until end of summer. New classes in September. 603-548-6694, email rtailon@comcast.net

MORE SAA & MEMBER NEWS:

Kimberly Cooper has original paintings and prints on display at D Squared Java in downtown Exeter now through the end of August. Stop by and check it out! kimberlypopken@gmail.com

Grace Daly paintings on display at Newburyport Art Association show with the Band of Brushes group which consists of nine artists, August 6-18, 2019 and the reception is Saturday, August 10, 6 - 8 pm. For more info: www.bandofbrushes.com or Grace Daly email: gdaly1@comcast.net

SAA booth at Exeter Independence Day with a tent provided by Newburyport Bank. Denise Brown represented the SAA at the booth with her artwork, children's books and prints. (She's a distant relative to Ambrose Swasey who donated the Band Stand and Swasey Parkway to Exeter years ago. Denise painted a picture of the Pavilion and sold prints.) She set up a 1770 display for Newburyport Bank with replica dollar bills for the kids, signs about Exeter's history when it was NH State Treasury, and made a replica 'strong box' used by the 1770s NH Treasurer Gilman. SAA members Karen Desrosiers, Dave Saums, and Natasha Stoppel had their own booths, and Heather Crowley and Natasha did shifts at the SAA Street Art Initiative!

For the booth, Denise also set up a banner for the SAA with our logo that is now available for members to use at future shows.



\$1 Colonial bill from New Hampshire. (Photo: National Numismatic Collection/Public Domain)

SAA Community Arts Exhibit will be in September at Exeter Town Hall.

This show is open to all artists, in all mediums, including SAA members and non-members. Artists will be able to bring up to 4 pieces to hang (pieces over 30"x30" will count as 2), as well as prints, notecards, 3D work, etc, for up to 10 pieces total. While there is no particular theme for this show, and all styles are welcome, it might be of interest to note that the show will be opening in conjunction with Exeter's annual UFO Festival. Drop off for the show will be Tue. Aug. 27th, 3-7pm. The show will run from Fri. Aug. 30th through Sun. Sept. 21st, with pick up on Sun. Sept. 21st. The call-to-artists will be available and distributed by the end of July. If you would like to be on the email list or have any questions, please email Karen Desrosiers at communityarts.saa@gmail.com

The Association needs some help with writing and ideas. Can you help?

Specifically: Taking excellent photos of gallery events, gallery art, posting on our Instagram and FB pages and help with other marketing tasks. Natalie is heading up this effort in the Marketing Committee.

You can reply to seacoastartist.marketing@gmail.com