

Seacoast Artist

The official newsletter of the Seacoast Artists Association

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April SAA Gallery Featured Artist:



"Moose Camp, Mt. Desert Island, ME", Photograph, Dave Saums

**SAA
UPDATES
TO NOTE!**

May SAA Gallery Featured Artist:



"Mandala 2" Ink on Paper, Samantha Licciardi

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The gallery is CLOSED until further notice
Please visit website for updates
www.seacoartist.org

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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 that every one of you and your loved ones are weathering the Covid-19 disruptions in good health! We are a community, and our interaction and activities have been taken away for a while. In times of crisis we want to reach out to our friends and family for help and reassurance and find solace in familiar things. Physical isolation and social distancing can feel strange, but the experts are telling us it is the best way to proceed at this time. Email, Phone calls, Facetime, Skype and other applications are ways we can stay in touch in real time, share our feelings, and ease that feeling of isolation.

Art is one way to find some peace in this turbulent world. Whether you create it or appreciate it, you can escape for a moment to a different place and time seen through someone else's creation.

Our website (<http://www.seacoastartist.org>) and our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Seacoast-Artist-Association-458673557524972/) are full of members art and will be used to keep members and friends up to date.

We will follow all federal, state and local guidelines and recommendations regarding small business operation relating to the Covid-19 public health emergency. In addition, we will only resume business when the Board of Directors feel it is safe to do so.

At this time, our gallery is closed until further notice and we are postponing or cancelling all events and exhibit changeovers (pickup and drop off) through the month of April. This includes external exhibits at the Blue Moon, 100 Domain Drive and the Exeter Inn. We will continue to update you as we make decisions regarding the gallery, exhibits and events.

— Dennis Skillman. President, SAA

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak we will have no changes in April. We hope at this time to be able to return to normal this spring or summer. We will update you if there are any changes.

2ND SUNDAY DEMOS: CANCELLED TBD

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

THEME SHOW CHALLENGES FOR 2020: TBD

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 TBD**

May 2020 - Dreamscape

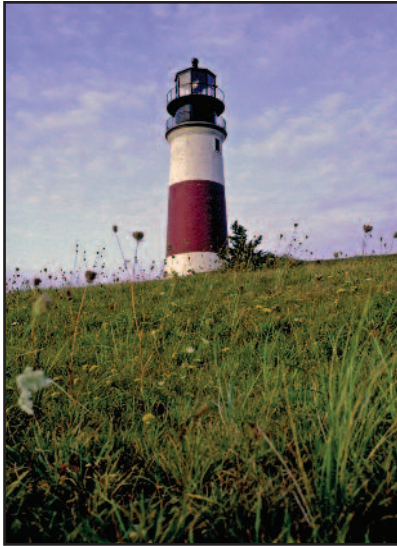
• Which is reality? Is it our dreams or our awaked selves? Or is it perhaps both? Dreams are the stories our brains tell in our deepest sleep that can be as elusive as a morning mist or lingering haunt. Dreams are the unexplained wonder of our human existence; something that science has yet to understand. And so, for now, capturing dreams is left to the artists. This month share your dreamscape in any form that moves you.

Drop Off: To be announced

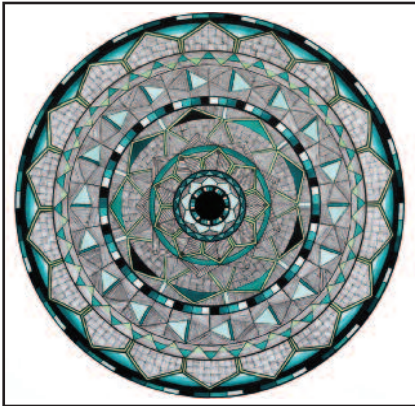
June 2020 – Color of the Rainbow

• The quick summer storm of a moment ago leaves behind a transparent and ephemeral thing of temporary beauty. A rainbow. We stop and look up and marvel at this thing so surprising, a bit magical. And then it's gone. Capture and share all the colors of your rainbow in this month's SAA Theme Show.

Drop Off: To be announced



Siasconset Lighthouse
Photograph
Dave Saums



Mandala 1
Ink on Paper
Samantha Licciardi

APRIL 2020 FEATURED ARTIST: DAVE SAUMS - TO BE ANNOUNCED — CHECK WEBSITE

Exhibit: To be announced

April Featured Artist, Dave Saums, presents an exhibition titled "Light Over Light" filled with images from New England Lighthouses to barns and evening view of Half Dome in Yosemite National Park.

Dave Saums has been exhibiting his fine art photography since 1991, beginning first with an entry in an international competition sponsored by the Nature Company. Long a member of the Andovers Artist Guild in Andover MA, Dave has also been a member of the Newburyport Art Association (NAA - Newburyport MA) and the Seacoast Artists Association since 2010. He also served on the board of directors for the NAA for three years and founded the finance committee for the NAA.

His black-and-white and color images have won numerous awards at a variety of juried artist shows and at the Topsfield Fair (Topsfield MA), and have hung in art galleries in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and California.

Beginning photography in high school, his grandfather and uncle owned a nationally-known commercial photographic business in Madison, Wisconsin, developing a range of films, still photographs, and filmstrips as training tools for the US Department of Agriculture and a number of state agencies.

Subjects for the SAA Featured Artist exhibit for April 2020, titled "Light for Light", are varied and primarily based on images shot on Kodachrome color transparency film, between 1986 and 2015.

Dave Saums, Mountains-of-the-Sky Photography Gallery, Cedar Street Studios, Amesbury, MA
Etsy: www.etsy.com/shop/MountainsoftheSky

MAY 2020 FEATURED ARTIST: SAMANTHA LICCIARDI - TO BE ANNOUNCED — CHECK WEBSITE

Exhibit: To be announced

May, our Featured Artist, Samantha Licciardi, presents an exhibition titled "Drawing with Lines" a zentangle inspired hand-drawn Mandala Series.

Samantha is a self-taught artist who has been developing this fine line intricate style for about six years and is still always learning. Her work is completely symmetrical and meant to be viewed from any angle.

"Mandala" is a Sanskrit word meaning "circle". Mandalas are symbols used in various cultures as a tool for meditation as well as a way to understand or represent the universe. It is believed that by "entering" a mandala and proceeding towards its center you are guided through the cosmic process of transforming the universe from a place of suffering to a place of joy and happiness.

Originally from Haverhill, MA, Samantha now lives in Nottingham, NH but her works can be found all over New England. Samantha creates her mandalas from the center and works her way out, she describes the process as meditative. Her designs are easy to get lost in the small details. To see more of her work, you can find her on **Instagram: SymmetricallySamm** or contact her at **Symmetricallysamm@gmail.com**

Volunteer on the SAA Marketing Committee!

Our Board of Directors is committed to moving our marketing efforts forward in 2020.

This group includes: Karen Desrosiers, 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/

SAA NEWSLETTER: Submit stories & announcements to denise@adceteragraphics.com by **APRIL 15th**, prior to publication. Thank you!

The winners for the Theme Show "The Color Blue". Due to the large number of entries 2 best of show were chosen.



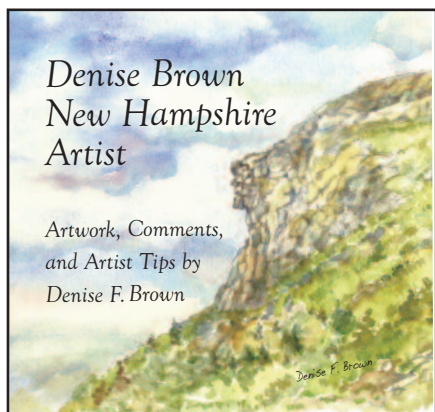
Morning Mist, Watercolor by
Deb McNelly



Harmony, Digital Art by
David Blomquist



People Choice;
Chicken in Blue, Watercolor by
Carol Poitras



NEW Artist Book by Denise F. Brown

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS:

DORIS RICE WATERCOLORS Outdoor Painting Adventure: Tuscany, October 1-8 2020.

Join Doris for an artist retreat to Spannochchia, a unique and utterly delightful heritage farm in the heart of Tuscany's rich wine country. Fabulous food, interesting excursions, timeless scenery. All experience levels welcome. To register and for more details: contact Doris h 603-964-9254, c 603 724-7779 www.dorisrice.com E: dorisrice@comcast.net



MORE SAA & MEMBER NEWS:

Looking for something to do while you are stuck at home? As we celebrate SAA's 45th Anniversary we hope to provide Mystery Kits as a fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund. So, look around you house and yard. I bet you'll find something interesting you might like to contribute to the kits. We need 45 of each item. (To be approve by the co-chairs.) Once the gallery reopens we ask that you drop them there. Thank you, stay well and happy hunting!

Thanks again to Carol and to Gwen Morgan for taking over this much-loved exhibit that also raises funds for our scholarships. Email Gwen at morgiegwen@comcast.net or email co-chair Carol at spoitras2@comcast.net

Spring Community Exhibit CANCELLED — TO BE ANNOUNCED

Please contact Karen Desrosiers at communityarts.saa@gmail.com

SAA is 45 this year 2020 marks the 45th Anniversary for the SAA.

We will be hosting quarterly events to celebrate this amazing milestone and achievement throughout the year, including an **Open House/Reception is postponed, TBD**. If you are interested and available to help with these quarterly events and/or have any questions, please contact Karen Desrosiers at karendnh@gmail.com

New Artist Opportunities Introducing the Lane House Arts Center, opening in Hampton **TBD**. LHAC is a community focused, multi-faceted arts center, with studios, a gallery, and space for teaching. If you are interested in exhibit and/or teaching opportunities at LHAC please contact Karen Desrosiers at lanehouseartscenter@gmail.com or visit the website www.lanehousearts.com.

Denise Brown just published a new book, "**Denise Brown, New Hampshire Artist: Artwork, Comments, and Artist Tips**" with Denise's artist tips, comments about a career in art and a lifetime of her artwork to share. "I started to catalog my paintings and it turned into a collectible book."

It is a nice gift for Easter and Mother's Day and features over 300 of Denise's paintings, with many local Seacoast and New Hampshire paintings, plus lots of horses, dogs, and cats artwork. "I've included my Caribbean paintings and many art projects I have done over the years as an artist. I call it 'happy' art. My favorite artists are also mentioned and a section on what to do with a houseful of artwork, and lots of motivational tips for artists and collectors." Great for beginners and seasoned artists.

Available on Amazon. Paperback \$16.99

denise@adceteragraphics See more of Denise's art at www.raccoonstudios.com. 603-436-0788

https://www.amazon.com/Denise-Brown-New-Hampshire-Artist/dp/0997748524/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=Denise+Brown%2C+New+Hampshire+Artist&qid=1584638347&sr=8-1

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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. Sign up to help on the Marketing Committee.

You can reply to seacoartist.marketing@gmail.com