

Seacoast Artist

The official newsletter of the Seacoast Artists Association

November/December 2021

SAA Gallery Body of Work: November



"Coneflower Monarchs"
watercolor by Nancy Reiss

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"Trinity"
digital photo art by David Blomquist

SAA Gallery Body of Work: December



"Town of Exeter"
photography by Charlene Yelle

SAA Gallery Body of Work: December



"Autumn River"
acrylic by Jane Copp

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The Gallery is Open: Wednesday through Saturday 10 to 5, and Sunday 1 to 4. Starting in November we will stay open on Thursday evenings until 7 for your holiday shopping.

Following the CDC guidelines, we are back to Mask Required inside the Gallery. Thank you!

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SAA MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Seacoast Artist 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/GALLERY MANAGER'S MESSAGE:

The **Seacoast Artist Association** continues to support the arts community of the Seacoast. From exhibition opportunities to scholarships for future artists to art instruction and gathering to paint "en plein air". Our gallery is open five days a week and will be open additional hours during the holiday shopping season.

Publicity has blossomed under the leadership of Debra Woodward, with numerous articles about our activities published in Seacoastonline.com and in traditional print media in the Carriage Town News, as well as other outlets. This will be supplemented with holiday season advertising in selected media with local distribution led by Denise Brown (who also happens to be editor of this Newsletter).

The Scholarship Committee, led by Maryclare Heffernan and Stephanie Williams, has been very active with proceeds from the Mystery Kits and the Y'Art Sale going directly to our Scholarship Fund. It's noteworthy that despite the economic consequences of the pandemic, we were able to fully fund this past spring's scholarships. This speaks to the support for this activity by members and the local community.

Our footprint in **social media (Facebook and Instagram)** has increased greatly thanks to the efforts of our summer intern Emily Scally, along with editors Phill Allen and Kevin Talbot. Emily also contributed to our direct e-mail marketing along with Lynn Krumholz who manages the monthly email letter. The scope and expanded list have blossomed as we now send regular monthly emails to over a thousand friends and patrons. Our **website**, maintained by Dave Thompson, continues to be improved in coordination with social media, by providing up to date information on activities, and by adding galleries of art for online sales.

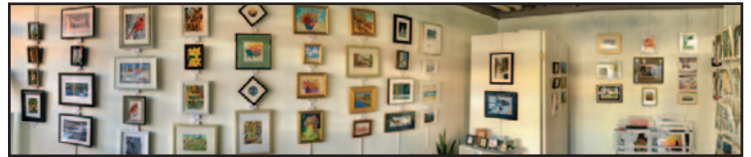
The Body of Work (coordinated by Debra Woodward) and Theme Show (coordinated by Lynn Krumholz) continue to attract the participation of members and non-members. Receptions for these exhibits have started up again without refreshments and masks while in the gallery.

The **Gallery** operations are being streamlined and coordinated to spread the effort of the Gallery Manager more equitably amongst the exhibiting gallery members. A series of meetings are being held by Annick Bouvron-Gromek and Lynn Krumholz to identify tasks and recruit volunteers to carry them out from that group of exhibitors. The gallery operation is transitioning to a team-based model rather than one dependent on a single individual to perform a myriad of tasks.

As you can see the organization and teamwork amongst members is flourishing and our contact with potential customers via print and electronic media has greatly increased. Thank you everyone for your individual efforts and for working together so effectively!

Dennis Skillman. President, SAA

Come shop early!
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THEME SHOWS 2021:

Theme shows are open to members and non-members alike. All work must be framed in a professional manner complete with a wire hanger, 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. All judged shows take into consideration many different factors when awarding **Best in Show**. These factors include, but are not limited to: originality, technique in the specific medium of the piece, presentation, subject matter, design, relevance to the stated theme and whether the piece is an original piece of art. Keep in mind that, for non-photography entries, reproductions such as giclée prints, prints that are not numbered (and are not hand pulled) and other reproductions are not considered for **Best in Show**. However, all art hanging in the show is eligible for the **People's Choice** award.

Fee for SAA members: Art may be of any subject, but must be 11"x14" or smaller, including frame and priced \$100 or less. Three small works, 5"x7" or less including frame, may be combined as one submission. Fee for SAA members: \$10.00 per piece up to two pieces, non-members: \$20.00 per piece up to two pieces. See our website at seacoastartist.org for updates.

November to December – Big Gifts Come in Small Packages

• With the holidays approaching, we are pleased to announce that our Annual Holiday Theme Show "Big Gifts Come in Small Packages" will be on view for a two month exhibit November through December. All work will be \$100 or less, perfect for holiday shopping! **For artists** participating in this exhibit, art may be of any subject, but must be 11"x14" or smaller, including frame and priced \$100 or less. Three small works 5"x7" or less including frame, may be combined as one submission.

Drop off by Sat. Oct. 30 before 3pm, Pick up Jan. 8, 2022

Reception: Sunday Nov. 14, 2-4 p.m. (Please note this time is earlier than previously communicated).

Prizes will be awarded:

Best of Show: \$35.00 gift certificate to Minuteman Press

Peoples Choice: \$15.00 gift certificate to Minuteman Press.

Gift certificates will be redeemable toward service by their company. To learn more about what they have to offer, visit www.minutemanpress.com

Congratulations to our Recent Award winners!

Sept.: "Harvest Moon" – Best in Show: "Moon Pull," Mixed Media by Lorraine Woodford and **People's Choice,** "Full Moon on the Powow," Photograph by Kevin Talbot.

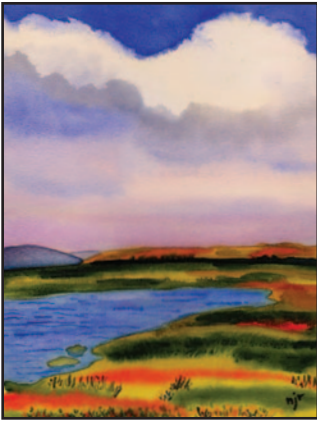
Oct.: "Mystery Kits" – People's Choice, "The Greater Washer-Eyed Pine Owl," Mixed Media by Kim Cooper.

2022 Theme Shows: Monthly theme shows will continue in 2022! More information about theme titles and dates will be announced shortly. Please visit seacoastartist.org for updates.

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

BODY OF WORK SHOWS FALL/WINTER 2021:

NANCY REISS - NOV. 2021 "BIRD'S EYE VIEW"



"Marsh and Sky"
watercolor by Nancy Reiss



"Boy King"
digital photo art by David Blomquist



"Snowy Owl"
photography by Charlene Yelle



"Winter Alley"
oil by Jane Copp

Nancy displays her passion for saturated, vibrant hues with attention to detail in her Bird's Eye View exhibit. This show depicts her favorite subjects in nature using bold, living color--striking scenic vistas, including flora and fauna close up. During a health challenge 20 years ago, Nancy took up water painting for therapy and escape. With total focus and joy, she discovered her talent and signature style. After a career in creative and technical writing, painting has become her retirement obsession (she's taken over 15 courses and studied with 8 different teachers). Painting is a meditation where she is continuously surprised and usually pleased. Combining her good eye for composition, she paints en plein air or from photos, following the zen of simple subjects.

Nancy is a frequent flyer with Doris Rice and has accompanied her to the Cape, Monhegan, Florida, New Mexico, Tuscany, Sicily, Vermont, Star Island, and anticipating Costa Rica next. Doris says, "Nancy Reiss has a distinctive style. She is an accomplished artist with her own way! A strong painter, her works are original, delightfully composed of shapes and colors which predominate."

She has exhibited at SAA Gallery, Unity on the River, Lane Art Gallery and St. Anthony's Bakery. She has shared space with Seacoast Open Studio painting group at libraries and D Squared Java Coffee Shop, Exeter Hospital and Exeter YMCA. She can be reached at njreiss1@gmail.com

DAVID BLOMQUIST - NOV. 2021 "DREAM STATE"

Dave was first introduced to photography almost 50 years ago. "Like many, I started with a 35MM camera and learned the basics of aperture control, shutter speed, film developing and printing. Later, I purchased a 4x5 medium format camera and a couple studio strobes for doing school and modeling portraits. These were all good learning years for me, but I always wanted to be more creative with my photography, more artistic."

Today, using a digital camera and Photoshop, Dave uses a combination of layering, brushing and modern filtering technics to transform his photographs into a unique image that cannot be captured through the lens.

"I often spend my nights working on a photo in the post-editing process. This is where you can use your imagination and turn an image into a new level of photographic art, and for me, that's where the fun is. So, with camera in hand, I walk a not-so-typical trail and look forward to where my path leads while enjoying the company and knowledge of other like-minded folk." All the images in this show represent Dave's current journey and his passion in photography. Dave is a current member of the AWAKE Group: A Photo Artistic Life and is working to complete his course study with the New York Institute of Photography. Email David at rsvp1@comcast.net

CHARLENE YELLE - DEC. 2021 "WONDERS OF NATURE"

In Charlene's words: "Nature has always been my inspiration. Nature reminds me that there are things much greater than the affairs of humans. When we are unbalanced or if life is unsettled around us, we can do no better for ourselves than to seek out the embrace of Nature. It is my hope through my photography, that you will experience a "childlike surprise" and delight in the animals and nature around us.

My photography mentor Mehmet "Oktay" Kaya is a professional wildlife/nature photographer. We met on the beach and have been friends ever since that day. Oktay has taught me how to use my camera on manual settings only, to achieve different effects without the use of computer enhancements. He also has taught me the importance of respecting nature and wildlife always. We have been working together now for 12 years and I still have a lot more to learn. Currently I am working on learning macro photography.

I have also completed a 5 year apprenticeship with Master Hand Engraver Frank Kulik, the Engraver for Lady Dianna's baby cups and for the silver tray given to Pope Benedict XVI when he visited the USA in 2008. Working as a hand engraver and silver chaser for more than 30 years, I am now merging my hobby as a Photographer with my passion for design into my line of clothing, accessories and jewelry.

Certain things catch your eye, but I try to pursue only those that capture the heart. Break the rules, stand apart, ignore your head, follow your heart." Charlene can be reach at charleneyelle@gmail.com

JANE COPP - DEC. 2021 "FALL INTO WINTER"

"I love the monochromatic palette that winter presents us with...the simple elegance of the limited colors," says Jane Copp about her show Fall Into Winter. "I grew up in Hanover NH, and skiing was my major sport for my entire childhood, so there must be some connection I feel for winter images. Spent so much time out on the slopes and winter was a long season in Hanover...you had to embrace it."

"Art works have always held a certain fascination for me, beginning as a child walking through museums here and in Europe, as a college student wrestling with the challenges of art instruction and again as a teacher watching my students create. The process of art creation and the physical reminder of the beauty of our natural world motivate my interest in painting. My goals are to capture a visual segment of time where color, form, light and shadow provide aesthetic consideration and perhaps emotional content."

Primarily a painter of boats, landscapes, and flowers, Jane works in both acrylic and oil paints, capturing the shapes, compositions and light that define her visions. She has a degree in art education from the University of New Hampshire and is the author of Visual Arts for Middle Schools which highlights student work from her career as a NH art educator. She is a juried member of the NH Art Association and maintains a studio in North Hampton, NH. See more of Jane's artwork at www.janedavisopp.com

The Body of Work show calendar for 2022 is now full! We have a waiting list in the gallery for 2023, and if there are cancellations before then, we will go to this list. If you are interested, please add your name to the binder in the gallery and we will contact you.



SAA Scholarship Committee promoting the Y'Art Sale



A few of the artists exhibiting at the Exeter Inn Fall Art Exhibit



SAA Plein Air Artists Group who met at New Castle Commons in October

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/

Help SAA get the word out!

The SAA is a **community** of artists. There are many things you love about this community and our gallery. **Can you help us tell more people about what you love?**

- Meet with fellow members and come up with ideas on how to bring more people into the gallery and increase art sales.
- Strategize on soliciting donations and calling for volunteers to help with marketing.
- You do NOT have to be an expert. Just have ideas and passion.
- Once a committee is formed you will be surprised at how much fun it is to meet with others with the same goal. Interested? Please email marketing@seacoastartist.org

SAA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The Holidays are coming — New this holiday season will be the SAA Scholarship Ornament Tree! We are asking SAA members to donate original ornaments created by you for the Scholarship Tree with all sales benefitting the SAA Scholarship Fund. The art ornaments may be made of any material (e.g. canvas, glass, beads, fabric, wool, paper, etc.) no larger than 4x4. All ornaments will be sold for the same price of \$20, with all profits going to the SAA Scholarship Fund. Ornaments should be ready to hang on the tree. Any questions email Maryclare Heffernan at maryclareheffernan@gmail.com. Thank you in advance of your generous ornament donation!

Ornament Drop Off: Oct. 30th, 10:00 to 3:00, the same day as the drop off for "Big Gifts Come in Small Packages" Theme Show.

Get in early and shop our Scholarship Ornament Tree!

Y'Art Sale Update & Thank You! The Y'Art Sale held on Sept. 18th was a big success! We want to thank all who donated and stopped by to support the fund and our seacoast high school's future artists. The Y'Art Sale profits along with proceeds from the Mystery Bags, Get Framed sale and individual donations help to keep this valued SAA Scholarship Fund viable.

Please help us spread the word to any student you know who plans to pursue a career in the arts following HS graduation. The NH High Schools in the 2021-2022 SAA Scholarship invitation include: Dover HS, Epping HS, Exeter HS, Newmarket HS, Oyster River HS, Portsmouth HS, Sanborn Regional HS, Spaulding HS, Timberlane HS, Winnacunnet HS, and York, HS.

Seeking new SAA Scholarship Team Members Our current team wants to grow our membership! We invite other SAA members to consider joining us in this important endeavor. We meet monthly 11:30 - 1:00 for lunch (on your own) and planning. If you are interested in becoming part of the SAA Scholarship Team or if you have any questions please contact Stephanie Williams at srwilliams1@hotmail.com or Maryclare Heffernan at maryclareheffernan@gmail.com

SAA Scholarship Team meeting: Tue., Nov. 2nd, 11:30 at The Green Bean, Exeter.

SAA NEWS:

SAA Members Fall Art Exhibit at the Exeter Inn through Dec. 28, 2021

The public is invited to view accepted Seacoast Artists Association member works on display at the Exeter Inn, August 26 through December 28, 2021.

Open to the public. Tell your friends to visit SAA Exeter Inn Art Exhibit.

SAA Plein Air: For information on 2022 plein air meet ups and dates, please check Facebook for updates or contact Carol Poitras at spoitras2@comcast.net or cell 603-770-0363.

SAA 2022 Membership Dues: Thank you to all our members for being part of the SAA this year! As an all-volunteer, non-profit organization we rely our members to make it one of New Hampshire's much-loved destinations for artists to display their work and art lovers to enjoy! Whether you are an artist, art enthusiast, or a friend of the SAA, we would love to have you continue your membership or join us as a new member in 2022. **Renewals are due the first of the year.** For more info, please visit www.seacoastartist.org or email membership@seacoastartist.org. Thank you!

MEMBER NEWS & WORKSHOPS

Revelle Taillon Learn to Draw Workshop

Mondays, 10-12 pm, start Nov. 22, 2021, 8 sessions, at SAA Gallery
Instructor, Revelle Taillon, rtailon@comcast.net

Contact: **Revelle Taillon, rtailon@comcast.net** to sign up early! Call 603-548-6694 for more information and details. Revelle Taillon, a member of the Seacoast Artist Association in Exeter, NH. She holds a BFA from ULowell and has won regional and national awards. She has been teaching for over 7 years. Her blog has samples of her artwork and techniques <http://revellimagemaker.blogspot.com>



Doris Rice 2021 Watercolor Workshops and Plein Air Adventures

Visit www.dorisrice.com for 2021 calendar of online and plein air workshops and painting adventures!
 Call Doris Rice for 2021 class and trip details and to schedule a workshop: c: 603-724-7779
 or email: dorisrice@comcast.net

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Bob Richardson Winter Oil Painting Workshops

Bob will offer his beginning oil painting series as well as his weekend "boot camp" this winter at Lane House Arts Center in Hampton. All levels welcome and most materials provided. Please call 978-792-5734(h) or 267-614-6333(m) or email him at bbr4@comcast.net for details and to register. Space is limited to allow for physical distancing.