

Seacoast Artist

The official newsletter of the Seacoast Artists Association

January/February 2022

SAA Gallery Body of Work Artists: February 2022



"Freyja," mixed media by Kerri L. Grant, D.C.



"Fly Away With Me," oil by Maryclare Heffernan



"Renaissance Woman," mixed media
by Kerri L. Grant, D.C.



"Rose Hip and Her Susan," oil by Maryclare Heffernan

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Happy
New Year!

**The Gallery is Closed for the month of January
and will reopen in January 29, 2022:
Wednesday through Saturday 10 to 5,
and Sunday 1 to 4.**

***Following the CDC guidelines, we are back to
Mask Required inside the Gallery. Thank you!
See www.seacoastartist.org for updates.***

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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'S MESSAGE:

How do you honor someone who has given selflessly to our organization over decades? Not easily and certainly not sufficiently!

Annick Bouvron-Gromek has transformed the SAA as a Member, a Board Member, President and Gallery Manager. Many have contributed to our current strength as an organization, but I cannot think of anyone who has done more and done it so well and for so long! She is retiring from her current role as Gallery Manager and Board Member at the end of December, however Annick will remain active as an Exhibiting Member and will continue to be active in planning and hanging several Gallery Exhibit venues. Please take the time to thank Annick for all that she has done!

I have seen the immense positive impact she has had for the last 15 + years that I have been a member. Good judgment and common sense, great people and organizational skills, and an understanding of business management stand out most to me. Thank you Annick for a job well done!!!

Outstanding publicity has been a big success this past year. The efforts of Debra Woodward (news articles in local media outlets), Emily Scally (our summer intern, social media strategy), Phill Allen (Facebook), Dave Thompson (Website), Kevin Talbot (Facebook), Denise Brown (Newsletter), Lynn Krumholz (email newsletter), and others have all worked to increase public awareness of SAA. The Gallery exhibits continue to generate interest and record sales from the public as we once again find ourselves navigating the swirling waters of the Coronavirus pandemic.

We all need to avoid complacency regarding precautions taken in Gallery operations. That includes masking, social distancing, staying home when not feeling well, avoiding large indoor gatherings. Wash hands with soapy water and clean surfaces with Lysol. (If you use hand sanitizer, let it dry completely on your hands before touching anything.) It is the Exhibiting Members who run the day-to-day operations of the Gallery. Their safety and the safety of members and visitors is of paramount concern. We hope to remain open through the Holiday shopping season by following these guidelines.

Best Wishes for the Holidays and a Happy Healthy New Year to the community and to the SAA Family!!!!

Dennis Skillman, President, SAA

THEME SHOWS 2022:

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: \$10.00 per piece up to two pieces, non-members: \$20.00 per piece up to two pieces. Pieces OVER 16"x20" up to 22"x26" INCLUDING FRAME \$20.00/\$40.00. You may enter one oversize and one 16X20 or smaller.

Receptions will be held the **second Fridays of the month from 5-7 pm.**

• February: Let Me Show You What I Love

Do you remember when you first learned about love? Do you remember your first love? Do you remember realizing that love is more than a stolen kiss, but also a passion for beauty and a feeling of tenderness for people, places and things? If you dare to share, we'd love to see what or whom you love. After all, sharing what we love is the sweetest gift of all.

Drop off by Sat. Jan. 29 before 3pm, Pick up Feb. 26, 2022

• March: Black and White

Who doesn't love color? Those brilliant cadmium reds, gorgeous oranges, passionate purples! Yet, there is something so lovely about the clean, clear beauty of a black and white image. The values take on a new importance, the greys a special role. Without color we rely on composition and mood; we see beauty through a new and uncomplicated lens. We can't wait to see the art you have to share with us...black and white and all those subtle shades in between.

Drop off by Sat. Feb. 26 before 3pm, Pick up March. 26, 2022

Congratulations to our Recent Award winners!

November/December 2021 "Big Gifts Come in Small Packages" –

Best in Show: 'Exeter Sunflower' by Lucretia Gordon

People's Choice: 'Spring at the Bridge' by Grace Daly.

Please visit seacoastartist.org for updates or follow us on **Facebook**.

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

BODY OF WORK SHOW FEBUARY 2022:

KERRI L. GRANT, D.C. - FEB. 2022 "THE SACRED FEMININE: WOMEN FROM AROUND THE WORLD"

Portsmouth NH native and self-taught aspiring artist, Kerri L. Grant, has always had a deep love for the arts, culture, visiting museums, and spending hours at the ocean's edge in quiet contemplation. She never tires of listening to the ocean crash upon the shore or sitting in wonder of cloud formations in the sky which she has dubbed God's ever-changing canvas. When she is not immersed in painting, Kerri is a licensed chiropractor and energy healer, and loves to travel. Her travels have taken her to the Middle East, Africa, and Europe where she studied the mysteries of Jesus, Mary Magdalene and the sacred feminine. These experiences have shaped her life significantly and have become her inspiration to put paint to canvas for the past three years. "My inspiration for painting comes from my Arabic and European ancestry, love of nature, travel and culture, healing, and dreamy approach to life. I have a propensity for capturing the sacred feminine, which truly embodies the gentle and loving qualities of a mother. Now more than ever the planet needs mother's love, thus raising the vibration of the individual mindset to the oneness of Sacred Humanity. Artistically, I've discovered that one's personality is transferred to the canvas and can be your greatest strength as well as your greatest weakness. I work with acrylic paint, watercolor and ink on canvas, ceramic tile and various fabrics."



"Arabic Woman"
mixed media by Kerri L. Grant

MARYCLARE J HEFFERNAN - FEB. 2022 "THIS LOVE OF OURS"

"During this February month of exchanging love, I am so grateful to share my art with you! I want to show you the love I have for the life that lives on this gorgeous planet of ours. The wildflowers along our highways, the chickadees at the window feeder, the delicate branches of the bare apple trees against a grey winter sky, the perennials that persist regardless of the 3-feet of snow cover every year. Or perhaps because of the 3-foot snow cover. I arrived late in life to the wonder of creating my art. With the mentoring of my two artist sisters and other wonderful teachers I've become an artist. After my family, it is the single greatest joy of my life. The thrill of making something from nothing but a vague dream is an indescribable gift. We all share the same air on this precious planet. The only planetary space we have; at least for now. It is ours to take care of and protect from further damage. The tufted titmouse in the spruce tree, the moles burrowing under the herb garden, the owls in the oak trees calling to us at night, will all thank us. Even if they don't know that it's us. We'll know." Maryclare has studied art with several New Hampshire based artists, but her main inspiration has come from traveling and painting with her two sisters Michele and Karen. threesistersfineart.com



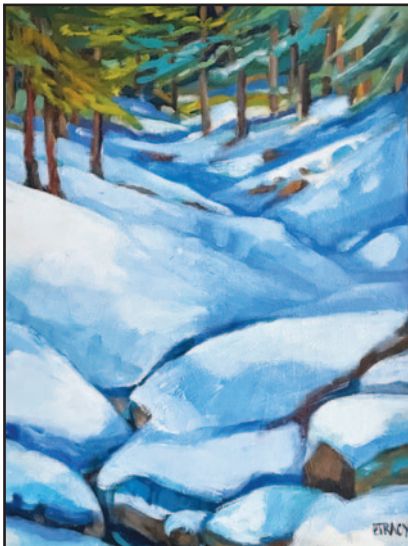
"Fist Full of Feathers"
oil by Maryclare Heffernan

The BOW schedule for 2022 is full. We are now scheduling for 2023. There a waiting list in the BOW binder in the gallery, and if there are cancellations for 2022, we will go to this list. If you are interested in applying, please add your name to the list and we will contact you. 2023 rent for members is \$100 for Jan-May and \$125 for June-Dec. Email Debra at woodwardda@aol.com with any questions.

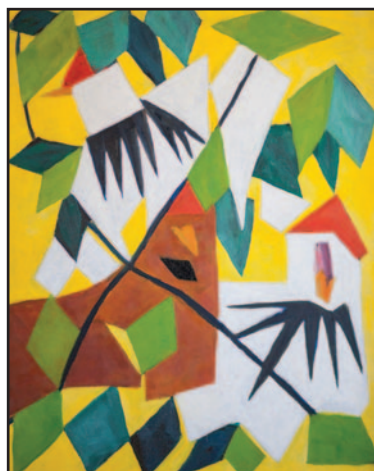
SAA NEWS:

SAA Members Winter Art Exhibit at the Exeter Inn through April 5

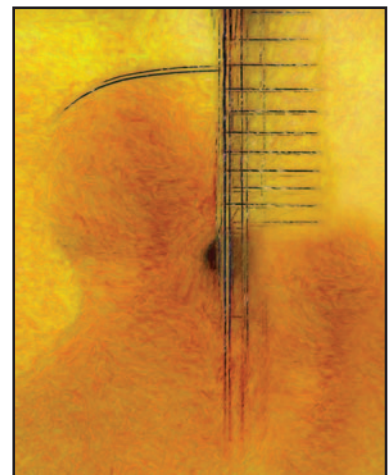
Opens on December 28. Please join us for a reception on Wednesday, January 5, 4-6. Artists this season include Barbara Adams, Valerie Allen, David Blomquist, Bill Childs, Jane Copp, Anita Freeman, Danielle Genovese, Sue Hennigan, Sarah Oppenheimer, Doris Rice, Martha Rives, Chery Sager, Sarah Tambling, Phyllis Tracy, and Debra Woodward. The show runs through April 5. Open to the public. Tell your friends to visit SAA Exeter Inn Art Exhibit.



"Hike,"
oil by Traci
at Exeter Inn Winter Show
through April 5, 2022



"Chickens in My Forsythia,"
oil by Debra Woodward



"Folk Guitar," digital art,
by David Blomquist



Holiday Theme " Best in Show" Award

The SAA received a record-breaking 130 pieces of artwork submitted to their popular annual holiday theme show "Big Gifts Come in Small Packages."

SAA member Lucretia Gordon of Exeter won Best in Show out of the many entries with her joyful oil painting "Exeter Sunflower."



People's Choice Award winner:
"Spring at the Bridge,"
oil by Grace Daly

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@seacoartist.org

SAA NEWS:

Membership News Thank you to all our members for being part of the SAA! 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 become a new member in 2022. **Renewals are due the first of the year, but you can join as a new member anytime.** Just visit our website seacoartist.org for more information. Questions? Give us a call or email membership@seacoartist.org. Thank you!

Annick Bouvron-Gromek Retires as SAA Gallery Manager

A special thanks to Annick for her years of service to SAA, and to all of the membership for making Annick's retirement party so perfect. Everyone really showed that this is a Community.

And thanks to Annick for making our lives so much easier the last few years. It was SO easy to throw a party for you! That really says something about respect and love, and we hope you felt that. Happily, you aren't going away. You finally have time to create and we look forward to that.

There are a few more photos on Facebook. If you have a Facebook account please make a habit of following the SAA page and like and share, and post a comment!

— Debra Woodward, SAA Publicity

Annick's
Retirement
Party



MEMBER NEWS & WORKSHOPS

Doris Rice 2022 Watercolor Workshops and Plein Air Adventures

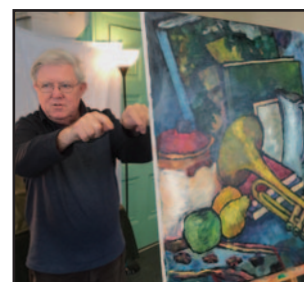
Watercolor painter and teacher Doris Rice offers ongoing weekly classes at the SAA gallery on Thursday evenings 5:30-8. Save on a series of 6 classes. She also offers ZOOM class on Wednesdays 1:30-3:30. Students range from complete beginners to seasoned artists who sell their work. Doris is already planning plein air travels to many amazing places in 2022, including Santa Fe/Taos, Cape Cod, Monhegan Island, Vermont, Star Island, Tuscany and possibly England and France! Trips fill up so reserve your spot soon! Check the website dorisrice.com for details or email her at dorisrice@comcast.net



"Mohegan Kitchen"
watercolor by Doris Rice

Bob Richardson Winter Oil Painting Classes

Bob is teaching Beginning Oil Painting for Seniors at the Exeter Parks and Recreation Center, 32 Court St. in Exeter. Classes are ongoing. Bring a friend! Many supplies provided. Lots of space for physical distancing. Masks required. More info at externh.gov 603-773-6151. You can also reach Bob at 978-792-5734(h) or 267-614-6333(c) or email him at bbr4@comcast.net for info on this and other classes. Monhegan Island workshop will be 7/11-7/15 next year so reserve your space soon!



Bob Richardson class