

# Seacoast Artist Association 2025 Theme Shows

Theme Show	Drop Off	Pick Up
January: Winter Wonderment	January 4th	January 25th
February: All Heart	January 25th	February 22nd
March: Hello Spring	February 22nd	March 29th
April: Flowers	March 29th	April 26th
May: In "Plein" Sight	April 26th	May 24th
June: For the Love of Animals	May 24th	June 28th
July: New England Summer	June 28th	July 26th
August: On the Water	July 26th	August 23rd
September: Fall is in the Air	August 23rd	September 27th
October: Mystery Kits	September 27th	October 25th
Nov/Dec: Big Gifts Come in Small Packages	October 25th	January 3rd

## How to Participate

**Submission:** Email your submission by Thursday prior to the drop off date to [themeshowsubmissions@seacoartist.org](mailto:themeshowsubmissions@seacoartist.org). Please Include: TITLE, MEDIUM, PRICE, ARTIST NAME, and PHONE NUMBER.

**Drop off and Pick up:** Bring your work to the gallery before 2 pm on the drop off date for each exhibit. Please include your completed entry form (forms are located at the gallery and on our website [seacoartist.com](http://seacoartist.com)). All work must be picked up on the pick up date for the exhibit. *Theme Shows are open to members and non-members alike.*

**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 over-size and one 16"x20" or smaller. **Please note:** For the Nov/Dec show, 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. *SAA receives 25% commission on all sales.*



## Presentation and Framing

We ask that work fits the theme for the month. It 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.



## Seacoast Artist Association

### SAA Receptions

Join us on the second Friday of each month as the SAA hosts opening receptions from 5-7pm. They are open to the public so all are welcome! It's the perfect time to meet many of the artists on exhibit and refreshments are always served.

### Theme Show Awards

Many of our monthly theme shows offer **Best in Show** and **People's Choice Awards!** Different factors are considered when awarding Best in Show such as originality, expertise in a specific medium, presentation, subject matter, design, relevance to the stated theme and whether the piece is an original work 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. *The Best in Show winner will be awarded a free entry in the next Theme Show of the winner's choosing!*

*Theme Shows are subject to change. For the most up to date information, please visit our website [seacoartist.com](http://seacoartist.com) or visit us on Facebook.*

# 2025 Theme Shows at the Seacoast Artist Association



Join us for a different theme show each month at the SAA Gallery!

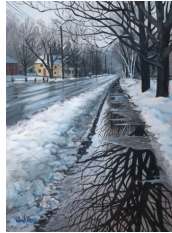
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*The SAA is a community-active group interested in fostering the arts in our area. We welcome both members and non-members to participate in our Theme Shows.*



# Seacoast Artist Association 2025 Theme Show Descriptions

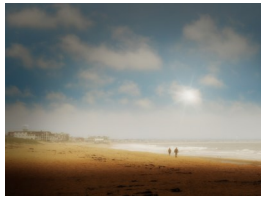
## January: Winter Wonderment



"No snowflake ever falls in the wrong place." - Zen proverb. Snowflakes are carried by the wind to the earth. They have no say in where they land. So, show us what the wonder of winter means to you.

## February: All Heart

"And now here is my secret, a very simple secret: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye." - Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, *The Little Prince*. For Valentine's Day and beyond.



## March: Hello Spring

"In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours." - Mark Twain. We know this is so true in New England! What are you looking forward to seeing and feeling as we depart from winter?

## April: Flowers



As the last bit of snow turns to rain and temperatures climb, this sparks the beginning of flowers and plants to really start blooming. Flowers are always a favorite to paint but even more perfect getting ready for Mother's Day gifts! Mother's Day is May 11th.

## May: In "Plein" Sight

"Just try going outside and painting things on the spot! All sorts of things happen then." - Vincent Van Gogh. Bring us what you have been working on as the weather warms, or even something you created last year!

## June: For the Love of Animals

"You cannot share your life in a meaningful way with any animals such as a dog, cat, rabbit, bird, rat, pig, horse and so many more and not know that we are not the only sentient and sapient beings on the planet." - Jane Goodall. You know what to do!



## July: New England Summer

"This was one of those perfect New England days in late summer where the spirit of autumn takes a first stealing flight, like a spy, through the ripening countryside, and, with feigned sympathy for those who droop with August heat, puts her cool cloak of bracing air about leaf and flower and human shoulders." - Sarah Orne Jewett. Give the tourists and our local friends a souvenir of our home in summer.



## August: On the Water

"Smell the sea and feel the sky. Let your soul and spirit fly." - Van Morrison. Also, rivers, lakes, ponds. Still or fast-moving!



## September: Fall is in the Air

"If I were a bird, I would fly about the Earth seeking the successive autumns." - George Eliot. September 22 is the fall equinox. Celebrate this favorite season as days shorten and the colors explode.

## October: Mystery Kits

It's time for our Annual Mystery Kits Exhibit! Kits are assembled by members of the SAA and sold at the gallery a few months before the exhibit. Each kit contains the same supplies. You may use as many of these supplies including the packaging it comes in as your creation demands. The Mystery Kit Project is a key fundraiser for the SAA Scholarship program. Each year area high school seniors, planning to further their education in the arts, may apply to be awarded a scholarship. All proceeds from this project go directly into the scholarship fund.



## November/December:

### Big Gifts Come in Small Packages

"Sometimes," said Pooh, "the smallest things take up the most room in your heart." - A.A. Milne. The holidays are on the way, and we want to offer the gift of affordable original art to anyone looking for that perfect personal gift to tell someone they love them.

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