



SEACOAST ARTIST

The official Newsletter of the Seacoast Artist Association

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THE GALLERY IS OPEN

Weds-Sat: 10 am-5 pm

Sun: 10 am-2 pm

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BODY OF WORK ARTISTS

JAN 2026 SUE HITCHCOX



Ice Pond Road

JAN 2026 TY MEIER



This Too Shall Pass

FEB 2026 SANDY SERINO



Landscape

FEB 2026 CORI CAPUTO



Tea Party

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan. 5, 15, 22, 29 Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26.

5:30-7:30pm - SAA Gallery

Watercolor classes with Doris Rice.

Thursdays, see back page for details.

Jan. 9 - Body of Work & Theme Show

Reception - SAA Gallery

Artists: Ty Meier & Sue Hitchcock

Musician: Betsy Green

Theme Show: "Winterscapes"

Jan. 11 - Sunday Art Demo 2-3:30 -

Molly Meng - SAA Gallery

Feb. 8 - Sunday Art Demo 2-3:30 -

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Musicians: Cheryl & Neal

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Starting Feb. 16 - 12:30-2:30, 8 weeks

SAA Gallery - Learn to Draw in Charcoal

Classes with Revelle Taillon. Mondays,
see back page for details.



50th
Anniversary
Party



MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to all our members! The SAA runs on volunteer support, and we're grateful to everyone who helps make it a welcoming space for artists and art lovers. Renew or join at SeacoastArtist.org. Questions? Email us membership@seacoastartist.org



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Seacoast Artist Association Mission 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

In some countries, a child is considered to be 1 when first born, and turns 2 on his or her first birthday. Interestingly, in Korea, a child born in November or December turns one just weeks later on January first, as does a child born the previous February or March. These are traditional ways, of course, and most societies now recognize the 365 day anniversary from the date of birth as the transition from being newborn to 1, 1 to 2, etc.

Seacoast Artists Association was founded in 1975, meaning we are now in our fiftieth (or fifty-first) year of operation depending on which counting system you care to apply. We are declaring 2026 as our fifty year milestone and kicked off our celebration of this wonderful event at our December Second Friday reception – I hope you got a chance to stop by and help us celebrate. If you didn't make it to the reception/party, fear not. We are planning lots of special activities all year in conjunction with, and in addition to, our regular monthly receptions, theme shows, demonstrations, and yearly Town Hall Gallery member-only shows in May and November.

And, of course, you are always welcome to stop by the gallery and view the wonderful creativity and talent of the vibrant Seacoast Area artist community. Come celebrate with us.

— Dave Turbide, President, SAA

THEME SHOWS 2026:

Theme shows are open to members and non-members alike, but since member entry fees are discounted **THIS IS THE PERFECT TIME TO BECOME A MEMBER! Go to seacoastartist.org and join today!**

All 2026 themes for the year have been announced, so you have time to create and submit every month!

- **Please visit the SAA gallery or seacoastartist.org for a full list of the 2026 Theme Shows and brochure.**
 - **Your submission needs to be emailed no later than the THURSDAY PRIOR to drop off** so that the labels and paperwork can be done ahead of time and in doing so this will help our receiving team.
 - **Members receive monthly emails** with all the rules, but here is some general info:
 - **Please send your information to: themeshowsubmissions@seacoastartist.org**
 - **What we need:** TITLE, MEDIUM, PRICE, ARTIST NAME, PHONE NUMBER.
- Also, if you have a good jpeg of your entry, please include, as we may use for publication.
- **We do not need you to email a copy of the entry form.**
We will acknowledge all submissions, so if you don't get an email back you must resubmit this information.
 - **Bring your work** along with completed entry form available at the gallery and at www.seacoastartist.org to the gallery on the specified drop-off day, 10-2. (See below)

Entry fees: 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 16"x20" or smaller. More about hanging requirements at seacoastartist.org

Receptions are held the Second Fridays of the month from 5–7 pm.

We appreciate food/beverage donations from participants

January: Winterscapes Black and White

"Black and white is not a lesser color image - it is, in many ways, more powerful. It gets to the core of what is important in an image, leaving behind the distractions of color." - David Präkel. This theme uses black and white photography or artwork to evoke the cold, serene beauty of winter images. Feel free to use your own definition of "winter". Your submission needs to be emailed no later than January 1st which is the THURSDAY PRIOR to drop off so that the labels and paperwork can be done ahead of time and in doing so this will help our receiving team. Please send your information to: themeshowsubmissions@seacoastartist.org

Drop Off: January 3rd, 10-2pm Pick up: January 31 Reception: Friday January, 9th, 5-7pm

February: Beyond the Surface

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. See entry rules above.

Drop Off: January 31, 10-2pm Pick up: February 28 Reception: February 13, 5-7pm

- **Awards:** Many theme shows offer Best in Show and People's Choice Awards.

The Best in Show winner, chosen by committee, will be awarded a free entry in the next Theme Show of the winner's choosing! The People's Choice Award is voted on by attendees of our Second Friday reception.

2026 THEME SHOW SCHEDULE

Theme	Drop Off	Pick Up
January: Winterscapes	January 3	January 31
February: Beyond the Surface	January 31	February 28
March: Whispers of Color	February 28	March 28
April: I Can Haiku, Can You?	March 28	April 25
May: In Plein Air	April 25	May 30
June: In Bloom	May 30	June 27
July: Coastal Canvas	June 27	July 25
August: Beyond the Postcard	July 25	August 29
September: Nocturne	August 29	September 26
October: Faces & Figures	September 26	October 31
Nov/Dec: Small Art, Big Ideas	October 31	January 2

Pick up a full description of the themes at the gallery or online at seacoastartist.org

BODY OF WORK SHOW JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026:



"Fish Beach,"
Watercolor by Sue Hitchcox



"Happy Fox,"
Pen & ink / Acrylic by Ty Meier



"Seascape,"
Acrylic by Sandy Serino



"February Thaw,"
Watercolor by Cori Caputo

SUE HITCHCOX - JANUARY: "WINTER ON MONHEGAN"

My work in watercolor is rooted in 6 years of living year-round on Monhegan, where I learned to paint. When I arrived as a newcomer, the island artists welcomed me and Paul Neimeic, the first person I met on the island, who became and remains my strongest mentor.

These paintings reflect the Monhegan I came to know in the "white" season, sometimes quiet but often harsh with windswept vistas few ever see. The stillness, desolation, the relentless wind, and the stark beauty shaped my days and artistic voice.

This show offers a glimpse of a season most never experience. I want to share that hidden season when the island becomes an ice covered rock. My aim is to reveal the solitude and beauty of "Winter on Monhegan", offering viewers a glimpse into the landscape that taught me how to see.

TY MEIER - JANUARY: "BEAUTIFUL CREATURES"

Refocus on the much larger themes of life. The improbable phenomenon of our existence and the epiphanies of experience. We are beautiful creatures surrounded by darkness. Practice awe. Never stagnate. Peace · prosperity · happiness.

Ty's art projects a positive philosophy offset by darkness. It's about finding beauty in the world despite the difficult times. It's uplifting and dark, expressing love and struggle via humble critters and a lot of scrollwork.

Ty grew up in Willits, CA, a tiny town in the redwoods, spent a tour in the Army in Germany driving tanks and then spent 20 years in the San Francisco Bay Area. He enjoyed semesters abroad in Florence, Italy and Paris, France. Ty spent two years in Russia in St. Petersburg but eventually landed in Hopkinton, New Hampshire, to raise his daughter who has turned out wonderful. He now lives and works in Concord, NH.

SANDY SERINO - FEBRUARY: "LANDSCAPES"

Every painting I've created as an artist is one I have marveled at and treasured for the world to appreciate its own unique style. The colors, lines and shapes I use enhance my art. I appreciate capturing the warmth they bring to my heart. I hope you enjoy that feeling as well. I paint in oils, pastels, acrylics and watercolor, and have instructed adults in painting.

CORI CAPUTO- FEBRUARY: "PUT THE KETTLE ON"

Cori Caputo loves to create narrative pictures that transport the viewer into a smile or a memory. She works primarily with watercolor because she enjoys its spontaneous nature and glowing colors. Cori also enjoys oils, pen & ink and is currently exploring acrylics. Using these materials she creates environments that tell stories about her experiences and those around her.

Fond of painting old houses with pointed roofs and leaning walls, mysterious fish and wise cats often show up in unexpected places, often coming in for a cup of tea. Zooming by on lovely evenings, dogs on flying carpets can be spotted high overhead. And there's an ongoing series of saucy mermaids dealing with difficult relationships.

Cori is currently selling her greeting cards at Just Us Chickens in Kittery Maine and Eldridge Lumber in York Maine. Her award winning work has been published in calendars and licensed as puzzles. Her work has also been featured in galleries from Maine to Virginia.

You can find updates about her work on Facebook. "Cori Caputo Studio."

You may also see her work at <https://fineartamerica.com/profiles/cori-caputo> and <https://seacoastartist.org/gallery/cori-caputo-gallery/>

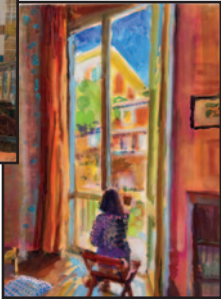
2026 Body of Work: shows are now full through 2026. To be added to the waiting list or the 2027 Calendar, leave your name and contact info at the gallery or email Marlene at mmzychowski@gmail.com. We do ask that you participate in 2-3 theme shows so we see your work. Members receive a discounted rate, so now is a good time to join/renew!

Second SUNDAY Demos:

"Exhibition
Ready, Set, Go!"
Discussion by
Molly Meng
January
Second Sunday



Grant Drumheller
February
Second Sunday
Demo,
"Artist Talk"



2nd FRIDAY Music:



Betsy Green



Neal & Cheryl



Doris Rice watercolor class



"Tiger"
Charcoal Drawing
by Revella Taillon

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 on 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. Just visit our website www.seacoastartist.org for more information. Questions? Give us a call or email membership@seacoastartist.org. Thank you!

SAA Scholarship Committee communicates with schools and raises money. We send Scholarship application forms to 13 Area High Schools: Exeter H.S., Dover H.S., Raymond H.S., Portsmouth H.S., Spaulding H.S., Oyster River H.S., Somersworth H.S., Sanborn H.S., Winnacunnet H.S., Epping H.S., Newmarket H.S., Timberlane H.S. and York H.S. We work on ways to help fund the scholarships in December.

The 50th Anniversary celebration organizers held a raffle to raise money for scholarships. We also ran an ornament sale at the gallery. Thank you to those who have contributed money or made or purchased an ornament.

Starting January 2nd, the Panel by Panel Fundraiser will have 80+, 5" by 7" birch wood panel cradle boards available for you to pick up at the gallery for free. Use your panel to create a piece of art work to donate. Panels will be available through March as long as they last. Choose your medium, make your art vertical or horizontal and please sign your artwork! Bring your finished panel art as a donation to SAA on or before **March 21, 2026**. Your panel art will be photographed and featured in a video on the SAA Website, Facebook and Instagram. **April 1-10th** your panel will be hung in the gallery where it can be admired. On **Saturday, April 11th** all panels will be available for sale for \$50 each! Funds raised from this event will help provide scholarships to 13 area High School students. Eligible students need to be pursuing art in a 2 or 4 year Visual Arts program in a college or university. Have fun making a little panel during the cold winter months to help the next generation of artists. Come back in April to see and purchase some wonderful art.

Second Sunday Art Demo 2-3:30pm

JANUARY 11, 2:00 -3:30 – Molly Meng "Exhibition Ready, Set, Go!" Molly will discuss opportunities to show and/or sell artwork in your community and beyond. She will focus on her current exhibition installed at The Players' Ring theatre in Portsmouth, NH. The exhibition is titled Strangely Fantastic."

FEBRUARY 8, 2:00 -3:30 – Grant Drumheller - "Artist Talk." Grant will share his personal art journey, as well as his thoughts and concerns as an artist. His use of color is a must-see; please join us for a fascinating afternoon.

SAA Second Friday Music at the Gallery Series: 5-7pm

Enjoy some of the NH's finest musicians and light refreshments. Admission is free; donations appreciated!

JANUARY 9th Betsy Green has been playing music in the Seacoast area for the past ten years; she'll serenade you with fiddle tunes and old-timey songs. Betsy is also a Seacoast Artist Association member and her work can be found at betsygreenart.com. Come on out and tap your feet!

FEBRUARY 13 Neal & Cheryl began working as a duo around 2011. Neal plays acoustic guitar while Cheryl carries the vocals and adds the bass-violin for some songs. Neal and Cheryl specialize in cover songs composed by a wide variety of artists, including John Denver, Irving Berlin, The Beatles, Clinton Price, Alison Krauss, Vince Gill, Burt Bacharach, Willy Nelson, Carol King, Irving Gordon, and many others. Members of their audiences enjoy knowing the songs and singing along. Both musicians are SAA Members! Neal is well known around New England for his improvisational lead guitar style and accent electric and acoustic guitar. He performs regularly, augmenting a number of singer-songwriters. Neal has been a performing and recording artist for over 30 years and appears on numerous CD's. Cheryl has been part of the NH folk and singer-songwriter scene for over 30 years. Singing remains her first love, but you will hear her play bass, guitar, and penny whistle. You can hear her original songs on several CDs.

ART CLASSES AT THE GALLERY

Doris Rice Watercolor Classes Thursday Evenings 5:30-7:30+ \$30 per class or \$160 prepaid 6-class card. Our students range from complete beginners to seasoned artists who sell their work. In a relaxed and non-judgmental setting, we come together to share the joy of painting. Each week we explore a new subject designed to teach a technique, color or light awareness, composition, shape, brush execution, and technical data. In April watch for "Spring Blossoms" week! When blossoms appear, we will explore their color and shape. All levels welcome! Registration is required. Bring your watercolor supplies. See list and more at dorisrice.com. Email Doris at dorisrice@comcast.net or call 603-724-7779.

Revelle Taillon Drawing Classes at SAA Gallery

Learn to Draw in Charcoal Class -- Mondays starting February 16, 2026, 12:30-2:30, 8 weeks, \$190, no refunds. You must have some drawing experience. Home schooled students accepted with teacher approval. Minimum 3 students, maximum 8 students. To hold your spot please mail a check directly to: Revella Taillon, 26 West Pine Street, Plaistow, NH 03865. For more information, and to see if there is room left in this class, call 603-548-6694 or email rtailon@comcast.net. Revella's blog has samples of her artwork and techniques and details on this class and past classes. <http://revellaimagemaker.blogspot.com>