

Theme Show Challenges for 2016

Theme shows are open to members and non-members alike. 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**. For a more consistent appearance on the wall, 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**

*See Nov/Dec show for change in specs

Receptions will be held the first Fridays of the month from 4 - 7.

Let It Snow

Drop off Jan. 2

Pick Up Jan. 30

Reception Jan. 8

After last winter, the challenge here is to still find the beauty and excitement in a good old New England snowstorm. For you, does it come from being outside in a winter wonderland of powder and ice crystals, or is it better viewed through a window while being toasty by a blazing fire?

Black and White

Drop Off Jan. 30

Pick Up Feb. 27

Reception Feb. 5

The challenge this month is to turn the bleakness of February into a strong expression of mood, contrast, the suggestion of color, and shadows using only black and white and maybe 50 shades of gray in between.

Wild with Color

Drop Off Feb. 27

Pick Up March 26

Reception March 4

Had enough of winter whites? Take March mud season by the horns and show us your true colors. Wake up those who hibernate with a shout out in colors splashed upon our wall. Don't be shy.

Feathers and Fur

Drop Off April 2

Pick Up April 30

Reception April 9

Who doesn't have a special furry or feathered friend? We challenge you to capture the texture of their coat and the personality coming out from beneath. This is always a favorite show melting hearts of visitors.

The Eye of the Beholder

Drop Off April 30

Pick Up May 28

Reception May 6

Here the challenge is multi-level. It begins with pairing a photographer and a painter. The photographer captures an image. The painter uses this image as reference for a painted interpretation of what the photographer saw. Or, it can begin with a painting, which the photographer then has to try and recreate. Both works will be hung together. This was a powerful show last year and demanded a repeat.

Our Town

Drop Off May 28

Pick Up June 25

Reception June 3

Take this literally and capture the essence of Exeter, or, take it to mean "Our Town, USA". What makes a town a town? Accept this challenge and show us what "town" means to you.

Sky Images

Drop Off June 25

Pick Up July 30

Reception July 1

Eyes to the skies, everyone. They are so telling. Time of day, type of weather, or play the cloud game. However you choose to take on this challenge, the emphasis is that vast space above us. Go ahead; let your head get stuck in the clouds.

Along the Coast

Drop Off July 30

Pick Up August 27

Reception August 5

What's more alluring than the New England coast, especially in the summer? The rugged, rocky coast, rough surf, salty marshes, beach goers and explorers, lobsters and fishermen. So many intriguing subjects the challenge may be narrowing down your subject list for this one.

Out of this World

Drop Off August 27

Pick Up Sept. 24

Reception Sept. 2

This show coincides with the annual UFO Festival in Exeter in honor of "The Incident in Exeter". We challenge you to leave your comfort zone and travel through another dimension, not only of sight and sound, but also of mind. A wondrous journey into the imagination....

Mystery Kits

Drop Off Sept. 24

Pick Up Oct. 29

Reception Oct. 7

2015's introduction to the Mystery Kits was so successful; we are doing it again this year as a themed challenge. Kits and their instructions will be available for purchase beginning in the Spring. The theme will be disclosed with the kits. Don't be afraid, it's really fun!

Small Works for Giving

Drop Off Oct. 29

Pick Up Dec. 27 - 30

Reception Nov. 4

The challenge here is to keep your work small and **priced under \$100**. What could be a better gift than art? It's produced locally, has zero calories, zero fat, zero carbs, is gluten free, and the only nuts involved are perhaps the artists who create it.

Pieces may be of any subject, but must be **11"x14" or smaller, including frame and priced \$100 or less. Three very small works, 5"x7" or less including frame, may be bundled together as one submission.**

Fee for members is \$10.00 per piece **up to two pieces** and non-members \$20.00 per piece **up to two pieces.**

This is for two months and sold items may be replaced at no additional cost.