

**Seacoast Artist Association**  
**2022 Monthly Theme Show Descriptions**

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**January: Winter Frost**

Winter brings a special beauty with her fragile filigree of frost sketched on our bedroom windows each morning. Winter's art is everywhere in New England; on oak leaves, the skating pond, every windshield. We are encased in a fleeting beauty that lasts until the sun or the heater spreads its warmth and this brief magic melts away. Share with us your winter wonder images of frost or fantasy, all fleeting and beautiful.

**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.

**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.

**April: Eye of the Beholder**

"I paint what cannot be photographed, that which comes from the imagination or from dreams, or from an unconscious drive. I photograph the things that I do not wish to paint, the things which already have an existence." --Man Ray

Let's try to do both! And to do this, we ask that two artists pair up together.

It's a little different from past years. In the past, Eye of the Beholder was a match between a painter and a photographer, but this year we're opening it up to any pair of artists, regardless of the medium. Just find another 2D or 3D artist and paint, photograph or create the same subject in your own way. Both artists' work will be displayed together for the exhibit.

**May: Peace and Quiet**

The flowers open their May petals without fanfare and the grasses stretch toward the sun without comment. Spring is a time of peaceful renewal and a quiet opening of new life. In the silence of our lives is the beauty we've been waiting for. Find that quiet space to capture a moment of peace and beauty to share with us. No pressure, just peace and quiet and your lovely art.

### **June: Call of the Wild**

Have you ever listened on a starlit June night to the back and forth calls of coyotes, echoing off the mountains? Or heard the ancient hoots of the Barred Owl through an open bedroom window? We are surrounded by the untamed; all those native creatures that live among us. From the haunting calls of our beloved loons to the scuffles of mice along the eaves, we are not alone. What is your favorite call of the wild? Perhaps it's the crack of thunder following a summer downpour or the winds whipping through the apple trees. This Call of the Wild is the perfect challenge to stretch and share a vision of untamed life in NH.

### **July: New England Summer**

Our New England summers may be short but oh man, they're glorious! Whether you spent your childhood here or are new to the area, we know New England in July has captivated you. Share the beauty of our summer through your lens, canvas, paper, sculpture, any expression at all. We can't wait to see!

### **August: By the Sea**

Whether your art "By the Sea" is of Hampton beach filled with striped umbrellas and little kids in bathing suits or a boat ride through dark and white capped seas we want to see your vision of our wonderful seaside. The joy and energy that lives by the sea never fails to thrill. As artists we can do nothing better than share a bit of this beauty from our very special front seat view of the sea.

### **September: Autumn Splendor**

As Robert Frost penned in his 1923 poem about the fleeting brilliance of fall in NH, "Nothing Gold Can Stay". Ah, how true and yet we never stop trying. Robert Frost loved New Hampshire. Like our art, he laid down the words that transport the reader to a season filled with sights and senses we never forget. While our golden autumn can't stay we can through a bit of our art; give it a try.

### **October: Mystery Kit**

It's time for our Annual Mystery Kits! Kits are assembled by members of the SAA and sold at the gallery a few months before the October exhibit. Each kit contains the same supplies. You may use as many of these supplies, including the box and packaging, as your creation demands. The Mystery Kit Project started as a 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.

### **Nov/Dec: Big Gifts Come in Small Packages**

In the spirit of giving we challenge our artists to create beautiful yet affordable works no more than \$100, that can become the perfect holiday gift for art lovers. Your 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. Thank you and Happy Holidays to all!