



June 2016

BACS 60th Anniversary Celebration



The 60th anniversary dinner was a big success and a whole lot of fun. We were delighted to have John Dodge as our guest of honor and to have several past

presidents attending. Thanks to the hardworking committee that organized the event: Chair Evelyn Rice, along with Dawn Warrington, Ellen Hurley, Laura Wallace, and Sylvia Mallory.

More on the 60th: Discussions are under way with the Bedford Garden Club (also marking its 60th anniversary this year) for a *possible* co-sponsored open gardens/plein air event this summer for members of each group. Plans are tentative; we will provide further information via e-mail as to whether this event is a go and, if so, what the particulars are.

Officers for 2016-2017

The following slate of executive officers was approved at the BACS evening program on May 17:

President: Sylvia Mallory
Vice President: Jeanne Reidy
Secretary: Laura Wallace
Treasurer: Dawn Warrington

Committee Changes

- Mary Pierce is now co-chairing Memberships with Lucy McGovern.
- Louise Banner will assume the responsibilities of the Scholarship chair.
- Evelyn Rice will step in to cover some Historian duties but is looking for a co-chair.
- Kati Oates is collaborating on Exhibits.
- Nancy Asbedian has agreed to serve as Adviser.
- Sylvia Mallory will co-chair Classes with Stewart Leshin.



Thank You! to outgoing chairs Anne Ciak (Adviser), Betty Slechta (Historian), and Mary Jane St. Amour (Scholarship) for their inspiration and conscientious efforts during their many years of service.

New Honorary Members

We are pleased to announce two new honorary memberships, respectively for

Jeanne Reidy and Betty Slechta. We congratulate Jeanne and Betty and send them our heartfelt thanks for their years of dedicated service to BACS.



Membership Renewal

Speaking of membership, it's time to renew your BACS membership if you

have not yet done so. Sending in your payment now will ensure that your contact info and interests are published in the Yearbook for 2016-2017, which is in progress.

Membership is just \$30 for individuals and \$35 for families. Mail your check, along with an updated application form (available on our website—www.bacsmma.org), to BACS, P.O. Box 604, Bedford, MA 01730. Thank you.

2016 BACS Scholarship



Outgoing Scholarship chair Mary Jane St. Amour presented the 2016 Bedford Arts and Crafts Society

scholarship to Bedford High School graduate Kendall Hiltz at the Citizens Scholarship Foundation awards ceremony on May 25. Kendall will be attending the Savannah College of Art and Design, where she plans to major in animation. We look forward to showcasing examples of Kendall's impressive work at the BACS Regional Art Show on Bedford Day, September 17. To see two of Kendall's beautiful portrait works, visit the BACS website: www.bacsmma.org

Craft Workshops for Bedford Day

Our sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the recent workshop for crafting salable items for Bedford Day. We have scheduled additional crafting workshops as follows:

Dates: June 13, 20, and 27

Time: 2:00-4:00 P.M.

Place: Council on Aging, Town Center Building, main area near Reception

For information, call Anita Feld. Come and burnish your crafting skills!

Bedford Day Raffles and Silent Auctions

We are thrilled to have some wonderful items for our upcoming raffles and silent auctions. Among them are a one-of-a-kind "vintage" dollhouse handcrafted by BACS members; original artworks by Sue Funk, Merry Gerber, and Denise Rainis; handcrafted decorative boxes; and weaving instruction courtesy of Marietta Ellis. Watch this space (and our website and the local press) for further details.

BACS Art Exhibits at COA

Check out the newly refreshed members' exhibits in the Flint Room and the COA Computer Room in the Town Center Building. Thanks to Kati Oates, Jeanne Reidy, and Laura Wallace for setting up the new displays.

Art Classes for Fall

We had outstanding attendance for the two art classes we've co-sponsored with the Bedford Recreation Department—the mixed media workshop with Valeria Lanza and the watercolor techniques class with Nan Rumpf. Both classes will continue in the fall; look for info in the Bedford Rec catalog in August-September. Contact Stewart Leshin with any questions about Valeria's class, and Sylvia Mallory with questions about Nan's course.

Welcome to New Members!

Give a warm shout-out to the following new BACS members when you see them:

**Anita Harding
Barbara Herlihy
Debra Parkhurst
Patty and Steve Dahlgren**



**Have a happy summer!
Publication of the newsletter will
resume in August.**