



March 2020

Hi BACS members,

We're looking forward to an exciting spring at Bedford Arts and Crafts! As you read this newsletter and attend upcoming club events, let us know what you think about BACS. How may we improve? What activities and programs would you like to see more of? Less of? We welcome your suggestions at info@bacsma.org

Remember: You can keep up with current BACS news by visiting www.bacsma.org For more info on the website, see page 4.

Cheers,
Sylvia

Batik Workshop on March 17



▲ Batik by Laura Wallace

On March 17, 12:00–4:30 PM, at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, Laura Wallace will share her batik techniques in a workshop. Students will complete one 9x11-inch batik.

They will learn about materials, project design, transfer of design, choice and placement of colors, and wax application.

A \$5 materials fee will be payable to Laura. In addition, participants are asked to bring a pencil; a hairdryer with a “cool spot” feature; and a paintbrush, preferably a round medium-size watercolor brush, size 8, 10 or 12, for applying the dye.

You can view Laura's work at www.gallerytwist.com/laura-wallace and also at www.twallace.net/art

This workshop (along with the demos described next) is funded in part by a grant from the Bedford Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



Upcoming Artist Demos

Don't miss these two artist demos coming to the Bedford Library in April and May:

- Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 PM: Acrylic Painting Demo with **Kathy DeFlice-Secor**

► *Birds Eye* by Kathy DeFlice-Secor



- Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 PM: Colored Pencil Drawing Demo with **Kathy Clericuzio**



◀ *Colored pencil drawing by Kathy Clericuzio*

Spring Luncheon

Spring is near! You'll want to save the date for our annual spring luncheon, which is tentatively set for Monday, May 18. If you have suggestions for a restaurant or another location that would serve as a great venue, please let **Maureen Reyling** know at mrey5537@aol.com

Wednesday Crafting

Join BACS members for crafting on Wednesday afternoons, 2:00–4:00 PM, at the Bedford COA. Come to participate or just to chat and relax. The schedule for upcoming weeks is:

- March 11: Cardz for Kidz
- March 18: No meeting; MILES opening at Middlesex Community College
- March 25: Open

For questions, e-mail **Jane Franklin** at crafts@bacsma.org. And if you happen to have a stash of sea glass that you might want to contribute for future crafting projects, please let Jane know.

Bedford Day Crafting

Susan Schwartz will be leading an informal initiative aimed at generating fresh ideas for the Bedford Day crafts tables. Participants will share their ideas about which projects our crafters might concentrate on for Bedford Day sales. Several members have offered to pitch in their ideas. Contact Susan if you'd like to join the group to brainstorm: susanberesschwartz@gmail.com

BACS Aprons: Going, Going, . . .

We have only four BACS aprons left in our inventory. Hurry and get one before they disappear! If interested, contact **Dawn Warrington**.

Members' Art Show at Bedford Free Public Library

You won't want to miss the upcoming BACS members' show at the Bedford Public Library at 7 Mudge Way. On display will be both 2-D and 3-D original work by BACS artists and crafters. The show will run until May 13.

A reception will be held on Sunday, March 15, 4:00–5:00 PM. Drop by and support the talented artists and crafters among us!

Current Member Exhibits

Artwork by **Judi Babcock, Florence Como, Sylvia Mallory, Doris Smith, Laura Wallace, Margo Zelermyer, and Mark Zelermyer** has been accepted into Grace Chapel's



▲ *A Little Bird Told Me, pastel by Margo Zelermyer*

new show, "Tweet," which runs from March 14 until April 26. The chapel is at 59 Worthen Road, Lexington. For further info: www.grace.org/artgallery

Opportunities to Show Your Art

If you would like to show some of your 2-D art in a window gallery at Bedford Marketplace, please get in touch with **Laura Wallace** at laura.b.wallace@gmail.com Contact Laura, too, if you'd like to display at the Short Stop Cafe.

Also check out these organizations in nearby Lowell for opportunities to exhibit your artwork.

Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market Street, Lowell



Exhibits are open to the public and listed on the Brush's website. The Brush is supported by the Lowell National Historical Park and

Eastern National Bank. For more info: www.thebrush.org/PDFgallery.htm

**ALL (Arts League of Lowell) Arts Gallery
307 Market St, Lowell**

The Arts League of Lowell (ALL) was founded in autumn 2003. With the help of members and sponsors, ALL fosters creativity and artistic expression in Lowell



and surrounding areas. For ongoing calls for artwork, use this link:

www.artsleagueoflowell.org/gallery/future/

Art and Crafts About Town

Here's a selection of local shows to visit.

Cary Library, 1874 Mass. Avenue, Lexington

This month's Cary exhibits include paintings by **Garima Parakh** and **Ricardo Maldonado**. For info: www.caryllibrary.org/art-cary/current-upcoming-exhibits

Concord Art, 37 Lexington Road, Concord

Members' Juried Show 2 will be on view at Concord Art through March 20. Featured are pieces by member artists working in various media, including collage, printmaking, mixed media, and more. For further info: www.concordart.org

Lexington Arts and Crafts Society, 130 Waltham Street, Lexington

Through March 29 LexArt is running "Time and Place," an exhibit by members of the Painters' Guild. For details: www.lexart.org

Loading Dock Gallery, Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Avenue, Lowell

This month's Loading Dock Gallery show celebrates the theme "Stitched." Visitors



will explore the vision of eight area fiber artists in an exhibit of work that uses of texture, color, line, and quilting to create a wide array of artwork, from

abstract to representational. The show runs through March 29. For details:

www.theloaddockgallery.com

First Saturdays at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Avenue, Lowell

Artists and crafters at Western Avenue Studios open their doors to guests on each first Saturday of the month from noon to 5:00. For info on these open houses, go to westernavenuestudios.com/

Next Artist Support Group Meeting

The next artist support group meeting will take place on Monday, April 6, 10:00 AM–noon, at the home of **Judi Babcock**. If you plan to attend, please send an RSVP to Judi at judibabcock@gmail.com

BACS Website Gallery:

bacsma.org/gallery/

Our website's Gallery Page showcases members' artwork and crafts. Contact **Laura Wallace** if you'd like to display your work:

laura.b.wallace@gmail.com

BACS Member Page:

bacsma.org/member-page

Our website's Member Page is the place for art show entry forms, expense reimbursement forms, and more. Recently added resources are Areas of Art and Craft Interest, and Areas of Volunteering Interest. Go to bacsma.org/member-page and use the password "Bedford" to access the info.

A Thought for March

Color is a power which directly influences the soul.

– Wassily Kandinsky



▲ *Yellow-Red-Blue, 1925, by Wassily Kandinsky*