



Bedford Arts and Crafts Society Newsletter May 2020

Dear friends,

It's reassuring to have received Governor Baker's news on May 18 that we have reached phase 1 of the state's reopening plans. Let's hope that all goes well and we can make safe and steady progress to and through the other phases.

For now BACS will need to continue to postpone our face-to-face programs and other actual gatherings. However, we are looking into various virtual options for moving ahead with our demos and workshops—so do stay tuned!

Meanwhile, our intrepid members continue to bring smiles to the community. To the right, take another look at this photo submitted by **Jane Franklin**. This happy health care worker is holding one of the cards that BACS crafters made for Cardz for Kidz during a pre-Covid Crafting Wednesday. Way to go, friends!



Happy Memorial Day, and be safe and well,

Sylvia

Membership Renewals Due June 30



If you haven't done so already, we hope you will renew your BACS membership without delay. Now more than ever, your support of our mission, programs, annual scholarship, and community service is crucially important.

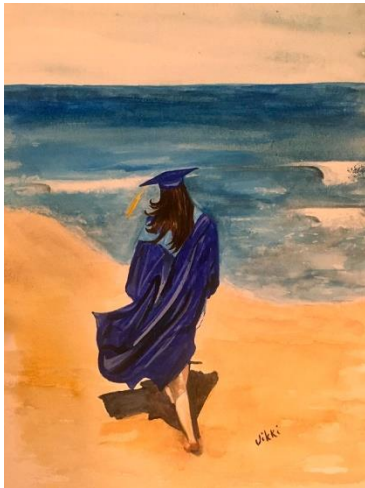
You can mail your check and renewal application, made out to BACS, to Membership chair Taline Saatjian at 16 Bertha Circle, Billerica, MA 01821. You can alternatively mail the payment to P.O. Box 604,

Bedford, MA 01730. Dues are \$30 for an individual, and \$35 for a family (two members of an immediate family).

Please do submit a membership renewal form with your check; one is attached to the e-mail by which this newsletter was sent. The form is also available under “Forms for download” in the Member Page link of our website, www.bacsmma.org The password you’ll need for the latter is “Bedford.” On the form, be sure that your contact information and your artistic and volunteer interests are up-to-date.

To continue enjoying our programs, receiving the newsletter, and having your name published in the yearbook, please renew by **June 30**. Thank you!

BACS Scholarship



The board recently approved a \$1000 scholarship for this year’s student recipient. The 2020 CSF of Bedford Dollars for Scholars Awards Ceremony, previously scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, has been cancelled this year in consideration of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. Nevertheless, the awards, including our scholarship, will be presented at the end of May. Look for details about our deserving and talented recipient in the June newsletter.

Thanks to Scholarship chair **Maureen Reyling** for her steady work in arranging for this year’s scholarship.

BACS Art Exhibit at Bedford Free Public Library

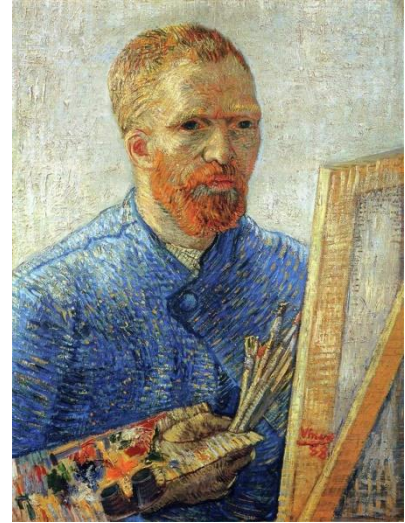
We are delighted to learn that the Bedford Public Library plans to extend the BACS members’ art and craft exhibit, “Local Talent: A Juried Show of Work by Members of the Bedford Arts and Crafts Society,” through the summer. Currently the library remains closed due to the pandemic, but we are optimistic that it will reopen soon and we will all be able to enjoy the exhibit in person.

Congratulations to the BACS members who have work in the show: **Judi Babcock, Linda Cargiuolo, Florence Como, Stephanie Davidson, Kathy DeFlice-Secor, Anita Feld, Dee Larsen, Jim Larsen, Sylvia Mallory, Kati Oates, Maureen Oates, Victoria Roark, Taline Saatjian, Yvonne Sandell, Doris Smith, Mary Jane St. Amour, Laura Wallace, Christine Wojnar, and Margo Zelermyer.**

We thank **Judi Babcock** for working so diligently to bring this show to fruition, and **Jean Hammond**, Library Art Steering Committee and BACS member, for the many things she did as well, including creating the gallery book.

The BACS Artist Support Group Is Zooming . . .

The artist support group is continuing to meet through Zoom. The group’s next get-together will begin at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 22. If you are interested in attending, contact **Judi Babcock** at judibabcock@gmail.com



Budget Matters

If you have any FY 2019 –2020 BACS expenses for which you need reimbursement, please submit them to **Dawn Warrington** by May 31.

Looking ahead to next year’s budget, please send Dawn your projected budgetary needs as soon as possible—optimally by May 31 as well.

Crafter of the Month

Member **Cindy Wells** has been knitting and crocheting a storm of gorgeous items. She says, “All done during this quarantine! So much free time!” Check out some of her inspiring handiwork here.



A Thought for May

“Art is the highest form of hope.”

--Gerhard Richter



Abstraktes Bild (Abstract Painting), 1999, oil, by Gerhard Richter