



Bedford Arts and Crafts Society Newsletter October 2023

Dear BACS friends,

Happy Fall! Now that Bedford Day is past, we focus on the calendar for October--which is jam-packed. This week brings the first in our new season's series of workshops and demos (see pp. 2-3) offering techniques on taking photos with your smartphone. Then, each Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., you can take part in a crafting activity at the COA. **Sandi Rosenfeld** and the crafts team have put together a great program for the month, including a restart of their community service knitting program (see p. 3). At galleries and museums in the area, many stunning shows are running. And there's so much more going on; read below for the details!

Sylvia

Bedford Day

Bedford Day was a success for BACS both inside at the art show and outside at our craft tables. Mercifully, the rain held off until the very end! We sold about \$540 worth of beautiful wares at the craft booth, and we took in \$285 in art show proceeds, comprising artist entry fees, commissions on sales, and silent auction bids on three paintings donated by the family of **Evelyn Rice**. The joy was palpable for all in the Bedford community who turned out to visit our craft tables and art show. Thanks to the many BACS members who contributed to the success of the day.

Eileen and Marita talk Bedford Day strategy.





BACS offered a diverse collection of crafts and artwork for sale and enjoyment on Bedford Day.

BACS Workshop on October 14: Smartphone Photography



Next Saturday, October 14, **Randi Freundlich** will lead participants in part 2 of her popular spring workshop on taking photos using a smartphone. She will go beyond the basics to unlock the secrets of making the most of the amazing tools built into the phone camera—whether an iPhone or an android.

Randi's workshop will take place this Saturday, the 14th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Upper Fellowship Hall at the First Church of Christ,

Congregational, 25 Great Road, Bedford. The workshop is free for BACS members. A few openings remain, so if you're interested in attending, sign up quickly at RSVP@bacsm.org.
A postscript: Attendees will be voting on the new budget at this meeting.

Save the Date: BACS Holiday Celebration on December 9!



Draw a big red circle around December 9 on your calendar so that you will reserve the day for the annual BACS holiday celebration. Details will follow in the November newsletter. If you would like to help plan the party, contact social chair Eileen Larsen at egavinlarsen@gmail.com.

Wednesday Crafting, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Weekly

Here's the Wednesday crafting schedule through October and into the first half of November. Crafters will be busy!

- October 11: Continuing work on knitted caps for the Food Pantry clients
- October 18: Polymer clay holiday ornaments with **Eileen Larsen**
- October 25: Fall seasonal cards with **Sandi Rosenfeld**
- November 1: Thanksgiving cards to be distributed to Food Pantry clients, with **Sally Rubin**. Please come and help the group make 240 cards to give a little extra cheer for Turkey Day.
- November 15: Floral vase making with **Marita Hartshorn**



Watch for updates in **Gail Terrell's** weekly e-mail blasts. Kindly remember to reserve your place at crafts@bacsm.org for every crafting session you plan to attend.

Whether you are a longtime BACS member or a newbie, keep in mind that our crafts chair **Sandi Rosenfeld** welcomes volunteers who can lead a Wednesday session that runs for two hours (though it's possible for the sessions to extend to a second Wednesday). Please send your ideas to Sandi at crafts@bacsm.org. With the holidays coming, there is an infinite supply of possible projects to dig into.

Bedford Cultural District News

The Bedford Cultural District Partnership will hold a holiday artisans' fair on Saturday, December 2, at First Parish on the Common. BACS will be selling craft items and mini-paintings at two tables. In addition, individuals may reserve up to two tables at \$25 per table. For the registration form, see the file attached with this newsletter.

Along with the Gallery@First Parish, the Cultural District Partnership recently co-sponsored a vibrant show, "Affirmation of Life," featuring artwork by contemporary Ukrainian artists. The show was a fundraiser for humanitarian and artistic causes. Kudos to BACS members **Chris Wojnar** and **Doris Smith** who worked tirelessly to make every aspect of this beautiful and challenging project happen.

Classes with Bedford Recreation

Registration is ongoing for fall Bedford Recreation Department courses. Two craft workshops are being led by BACS members. You can sign up for the following offerings that are co-sponsored with BACS:

- Leather Earring Workshop with **Sarah Scoville** (*right*)
- Birthday Blends: A New Technique for Essential Oils with **Heidi Trockman** (BACS member)
- Polymer Clay: The Basics with **Eileen Larsen** (BACS member)



Of course, beyond the co-sponsored opportunities, many other options are available for learning something new or revisiting an old favorite.

Sign up at https://issuu.com/bedfordrecreation/docs/fall_adult_brochure_2023_final or by calling (781) 275-1392 Monday through Friday during business hours. If you register for any of the co-sponsored classes or workshops, BACS will receive a portion of the enrollment fee.

Other Opportunities

Lexington's ArtWalk 2023 through November 27

Enjoy the nice fall weather by walking through Lexington Center and taking in over 50 different artists' work at this year's ArtWalk. A diverse collection of works will be shown in retailers' windows during this popular annual event sponsored by the



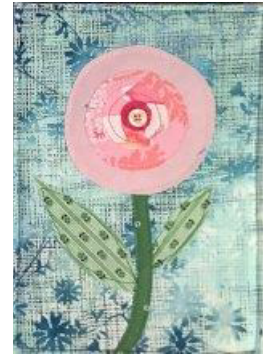
Munroe Center for the Arts. Friday, October 13, will bring these special opportunities:

- 4:00-6:00 p.m.: Painting session with Pinot's Palette; free but spaces are limited and registration is required
- 6:00 p.m.: Artist-led tour of the artwork along Mass. Avenue
- 6:00-8:00 p.m.: Band performance in Emery Park by the group Three Dollar Shirt

Find more information at <https://www.facebook.com/LexArtWalk/>

Rising Star Quilters Guild Show on October 14 and 15

Rising Star Quilters' 34th Quilt Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15. The show will take place in Arlington Town Hall, 730 Mass. Ave., Arlington, and the hours are 10-5 on Saturday and 10-4 on Sunday. In addition to beautifully crafted quilts, the show will feature scavenger hunts, a raffle, small fiber works, a boutique, a café, and more. Admission is \$8, and children 12 and under may attend for free. More information at <https://www.risingstarquilters.org/show.html>



Claire Gagnon Free Painting Demonstration on October 15

On Sunday October 15, from 2:00-3:00 p.m., Claire Gagnon will conduct a painting demo at Lowell's Brush Art Gallery. Claire will explain simple concepts in composition and will use just three tones to keep the colors harmonious. Brush Art Gallery & Studios, 256 Market St, Lowell, MA; <https://www.chezclaireartschool.com/event/193986/free-demonstration-sunday-10-15>

Artist Demos at Concord Art



Concord Art members and nonmembers are welcome to attend one or more of a series of artist demos on select Wednesday mornings this fall. The demos include "Woodprints on the Waterfront," "Imagining My Gardens," "Process, Practice, and Non-Silver Photographic Thinking," and more. Members attend at no charge; nonmembers pay a small fee. For further information, check out the offerings tagged "Artist Demos" here: <https://concordart.org/events/>

Art by Tony Andrade, presenter for "Imagining My Gardens"

BACS Members' Art and Crafts on Exhibit

Lisa Himelman Jewelry

Jewelry by **Lisa Himelman** (*right*) will be offered for sale at some upcoming markets, including the following:



Jewelry by Lisa

Salvage Angel Market

Sunday, October 22,
5:00 p.m.

Castle Island Brewing (10 Old Colony Ave, Boston)

12:00-

Boston Women's Holiday Market

Friday, December 8 (12:00-6:00 p.m.) and Saturday,
December 9 and Sunday, December 10 (11:00 a.m.-
5:00 p.m.)

Inside the West Wing of Quincy Market Building (4 S
Market St, Boston)

What a great opportunity to buy gorgeous jewelry pieces for holiday or special-occasion giving—or for yourself!! Contact Lisa for details:

lisa.himelman@gmail.com

Four BACS Artists' Exhibition of Painting, Collage, and Batik

Paintings, collages, and batiks are the focus of a current group show comprising work by **Dana Holley**, **Sylvia Mallory**, **Laura Wallace**, and **Margo Zelermyer**. The exhibition continues through October 29 at Westford's Parish Center for the Arts. The galleries are open on Sunday afternoons from noon to 2:00 p.m. and during performances at the center. Parish Center for the Arts, 10 Lincoln Street, Westford, MA; <https://pcawestford.blogspot.com/2023/09/group-exhibition-of-bedford-artists.html>

(Right) Paintings by Dana Holley are part of the Parish Center show

Laura Wallace in "Pairings" Show at Gallery Twist

Batiks by BACS member **Laura Wallace** are included in Gallery Twist's current exhibit and sale, "Pairings," which continues through October 15. Gallery Twist, 1963 Mass. Avenue, Lexington;

<https://www.gallerytwist.com/>



Kathy DeFlice-Secor Recognized in Roddy Show at Concord Art

A painting by **Kathy DeFlice-Secor** was accepted into Concord Art's very competitive annual Roddy Show, running through October 18. See further details below. Concord Center for the Visual Arts, 37 Lexington Rd., Concord, MA; <https://concordart.org/exhibition/24th-annual-frances-n-roddy-exhibition/>

Sylvia Mallory and Margo Zelermyer in "Along the Way (A Journey)" Show at the Grace Chapel Art Gallery

A collage and photo by **Sylvia Mallory** and a painting by **Margo Zelermyer** are hanging in the Grace Chapel Art Gallery's current show, "Along the Way (A Journey)." The show runs until October 28. To see the exhibit in person (during church hours on Sundays and at other occasional times), visit the Grace Chapel Art Gallery, 59 Worthen Road, Lexington. The show is also available for viewing on the gallery's website, the link for which is <https://www.grace.org/artgallery/>.

Great Meadows Swan Song by Margo Zelermyer from the Grace Chapel Show



Current & Upcoming Exhibits to See

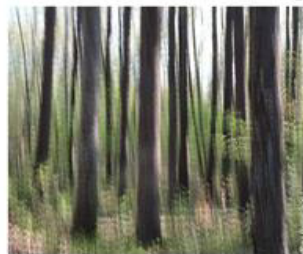
24th Annual Roddy Exhibition at Concord Art continuing through October 22

The Frances N. Roddy Open Competition is an annual exhibition and is one of Concord Art's most exciting and competitive shows. This year's Roddy is on view at Concord Art until October 22. Concord Center for the Visual Arts, 37 Lexington Rd., Concord, MA; <https://concordart.org/exhibition/24th-annual-frances-n-roddy-exhibition/>

"Art: A Moving Experience" at the Brush Art Gallery through November 4

Through November 4, Lowell's Brush Art Gallery is running "Art: A Moving Experience," its 41st annual Studio Artist Exhibit. An artist talk will take place on Sunday, October 22, from 1:00 to 3:00

Art: a Moving Experience



STUDIO ARTIST EXHIBIT:
SEPT. 23 - NOV. 4, 2023

RECEPTION:
SEPT. 28, 2023, 5 PM - 7 PM

ARTIST TALK:
OCT. 22, 2023, 1 PM - 3 PM

p.m. The artists will discuss their approach and their processes to create the artwork for this exhibit. Brush Art Gallery & Studios, 256 Market St, Lowell; <https://www.thebrush.org/>

“Dialogue with Nature” at the Bedford Free Public Library through November 8

Works by Lexington-based artist **Sirarpi Heghinian Walzer** are the focus of the Bedford library’s exciting current exhibit. Walzer’s abstract works spring from meditations on nature and from memories that are distilled into single dramatic moments. Her artwork has been exhibited in galleries throughout Europe and the United States. “Dialogue with Nature” will run through November 8. Bedford Free Public Library, Mudge Way, Bedford; details are available at <https://www.bedfordlibrary.net/events/art-exhibits/>



Dialogue with Nature 6 by Sirarpi Walzer from the Bedford library show

New BACS Members

We’re positively thrilled to announce FIVE new members to Bedford Arts and Crafts! A warm welcome to:

- Holly Carton: holly.carton@yahoo.com
- Lori Eggert: lori.eggert@verizon.net
- Sharon Gallina: sharongallina52@gmail.com
- Ying Ling Hsieh: nabying@gmail.com
- Laurae Richards: lauraeann@verizon.net

Looking forward to getting together with these new members soon!

In Memoriam



We were saddened to hear of the passing of former BACS member **Ali (Lee) Sadeghpour**. Lee was a highly talented artist who offered kindly informal critiques on members’ work through the years. The Gallery@First Parish hosted a magnificent show of Lee’s work in recent years. We will continue to remember him fondly.

BACS Facebook Page

Our Facebook page provides a forum for showcasing members' work and highlighting opportunities of all kinds. Above all, the objective is to foster a sense of community as we encourage and support one another in our artistic and crafting projects. Check out our page (Bedford Arts and Crafts Society) here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/5120028704785100>



Artist Support Group



The artist support group is an informal meeting of BACS members. We show our artwork-in-progress, ask for suggestions, and share information about resources, materials, and opportunities. And sometimes we do art together in real time!

The group's next meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 18, at the home of **Laura Wallace**. All are welcome. For questions, e-mail **Judi Babcock** at judibabcock@gmail.com.

Taline Saatjian shows her work at a recent artist support group get-together.

Happy Halloween!

The Wyeth family of artists is known for their love of Halloween and their paintings of pumpkins and other autumn imagery. This beautiful work is by Henriette Wyeth, the sister of Andrew Wyeth.

Henriette Wyeth, *Jamie's Pumpkins*, 1968, oil on canvas, 30 1:2 x 24 1:2 inches, Museum of Texas Tech University

