

April 2019

Here's all the BACS news that's fit to print for April. Note especially the information about membership renewals, the spring luncheon, and the upcoming painting demo on April 16. Happy reading, happy spring! --Sylvia

Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your BACS membership so that you can continue to enjoy the many opportunities BACS offers. At



the April or May evening demos or at any upcoming Wednesday crafting session, you can give our treasurer, **Dawn Warrington**, your renewal check, payable to BACS. Alternatively, you can mail your payment to P.O. Box 604, Bedford, MA, 01730.

Dues are \$30 for an individual; \$35 for a family (two members of an immediate family). Please submit a membership

renewal form with your check, and be sure that your contact information is up-to-date. The form is available under "Forms for download" in the Member Page link of our website, <u>www.bacsma.org</u> The password you'll need is "Bedford."

To continue receiving the newsletter and having your name published in the yearbook, please renew by **May 15.** Thanks!

Spring Luncheon—Monday, May 20

Our annual luncheon will take place on Monday, May 20, at Princeton Station Restaurant, 147 Princeton St, North Chelmsford. Arrive at 12:45 pm to socialize; then enjoy lunch beginning at 1:15.

Menu choices (you select at the luncheon):

- Sirloin Steak Tips served with red bliss mashed potato and the chef's vegetable selection
- Chicken Parmesan served with
 linguine
- Baked Haddock served with red bliss mashed potato and the chef's vegetable selection



We are looking into a vegetarian option as well. All meals will include salad, rolls, coffee or tea, and strawberry shortcake. The cost will be \$25 per person.

Don't miss this annual springtime celebration of our club! **To reserve your**

spot, send an e-mail by Monday, May 13, to <u>luncheon@bacsma.org</u>

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April Demo: Acrylic Painting with Jill Pottle

We hope you will join us for our April evening program—coming next week! The event will take place in the Bedford Library Meeting Room on Tuesday, April 16. After a short business meeting at 6:30 pm, we will be treated to an acrylic painting demo by local fine artist **Jill Pottle.**



Deer Isle, Maine, by Jill Pottle

Jill exhibits her paintings and pastels locally and nationally and has been teaching for over 30 years. Her works have been included in shows at the Three Stones Gallery in West Concord and the East End Gallery in Provincetown. In addition, she had a show at the St. Botolph's Club in Boston and was the artist in residency at the Fruitlands Museum in Harvard, MA. She was invited to and attended Art Week on Great Spruce Head Island in Maine, the summer home of her mentor Fairfield Porter.

This demo is funded in part by a grant from the Bedford



Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Art Opportunity at Bedford Recreation

BACS member **Taline Saatjian** is offering an exciting class, Faux Stained Glass with Acrylics, through Bedford Recreation. There are still openings, so sign up now! For the Recreation Department's class brochure and 24/7 online registration, go to <u>www.bedfordma.gov/recreation</u> To enroll by phone, call 781-275-1392 during business hours.

Wednesday Crafting Update

Here's the calendar for upcoming Wednesday crafting sessions. The group gathers from 2:00 to 4:00 at the COA.

- April 10: Crocheted Beaded Necklaces
- April 17: Spring Greeting Cards
- April 24: Washer Jewelry
- May 1: Mixed Media Brooches

• May 8:



Polymer-Covered Jars (start saving your jars!)

- May 15: Clothespin Creatures (to sell at Bedford Summer Walkabout)
- May 22: UFOs (UnFinished Objects)

Crafts chair **Jane Franklin** welcomes members' ideas for future Wednesday crafting events. She also seeks individuals to lead a Wednesday session now and then. Contact Jane at <u>crafts@bacsma.org</u> if you can help out.

Member Exhibits and News

Anita Feld, Maria Green, and Doris Smith will have work on display in the upcoming



show "Spring Awakening: Birds, Blossoms, and Botanicals" at the Belmont Gallery of Art, Homer Building, 3rd floor, 19 Moore Street, Belmont Center. The show opens April 12 and runs until May 16.

Artwork by **Yvonne Sandell** is now on exhibit at the Short Stop Café, 54 Loomis Street, Bedford. Work by **Taline Saatjian**, and then **Ellen Royalty**, will be on display at that location in the coming months.

Exhibiting Opportunities

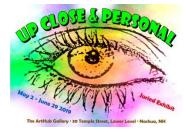
Parish Center for the Arts, 10 Lincoln Street, Westford, MA

The Parish Center facilitates "Artist of the Month" shows in which individuals or groups may display their work. For information: <u>westford.org/pca/art-</u> <u>gallery/artist-faq/</u>

Nashua Area Artists Association (NAAA), ArtHub Gallery, 30 Temple Street, Nashua, NH

NAAA/ArtHub is presenting "Up Close and

Personal," a juried spring exhibit. The show will run at the ArtHub Gallery from May 2



through June 29. The organizers invite prospective artists to capture the essence of a subject's nature or to magnify its intrinsic being—to find beauty in a close-up study, to imagine a cozy personal space, or to explore a moment of deep conversation. The registration deadline is April 15. For more info: <u>www.naaa-arthub.org/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/Up-Close-and-Personal-</u> <u>Prospectus-2019.pdf</u>

Grace Chapel Art Gallery, 59 Worthen Road, Lexington

The next Grace Chapel show features the theme



"Splash." For details, visit www.grace.org/artgallery/

Short Stop Cafe, 54 Loomis St., Bedford

Artists have the opportunity to exhibit at the Short Stop for six weeks. Contact **Judi Babcock** if interested in showing there: <u>judibabcock@gmail.com</u>

Haute Coffee, 12 Walden Street, Concord At Haute Coffee, paintings hang for about six weeks. Interested



artists should reach out to owners **Rob and** Kim Scott at info@myhautecoffee.com

Bedford Free Public Library, 7 Mudge Way The library puts on rotating shows, has a community art wall for emerging artists, and runs a juried biennial community show. For further information: www.bedfordlibrary.net/events/art-

exhibits/

Art and Crafts About Town

Check out these shows when you are out and around town.

Bedford Free Public Library, 7 Mudge Way

The current Bedford library show spotlights "Drive-by Paintings" by **George Herman,** done in oil and mixed mediums. The exhibit is up until May 1. For further info:



www.bedfordlibrary.net/events/artexhibits/

The next library exhibit will feature work by BACS member **Kathy DeFlice-Secor.** Look for it in early May.

Lexington Arts and Crafts Society, 130 Waltham Street, Lexington

LexArt is running an exhibit by the Woodworkers and Weavers Guilds until April 21. Then comes--attention BACS beaders!—"Leaving Flatland," a show by the Polymer and Beading Guild, from April 27 to May 12. Finally, for all you BACS needle artists: Don't miss LexArt's Needle Arts Swap and Giveaway on Saturday, May 4, from 10:00 am to noon.

NEEDLE ARTS Swap & Give Away



Saturday, May 4, 10-Noon Plummer Studio Lexington Arts & Crafts Society 130 Waltham St, Lexington NecelleArtsGuild@Verizon.net Clean out your hobby corner Bring anything that could be used in needle arts: yam, fabric, trim, thread, buttons... Anything can be taken. Stay as long as you want, (bring some hand work & chat). We are looking to get rid of the domaions we receive throughout heyear so it is also a give away. Teachers welcome Please bring only needle arts items. Drop off starting at 10 am Saturday.

On Site Scissors & Knife Sharpening 10 – 4

Bring anything that can be used for needle arts, and take items you can use. For details: <u>www.lacsma.org/</u>

Concord Art, 37 Lexington Road, Concord

Concord Art is currently showing "The Moon: Eternal Pearl." Participating artists explore humans' relationship and



fascination with the moon. The exhibit will continue until May 1.

Concord Art is also calling on member artists to create and donate 5" x 7" original 2D works of art for the "GREAT BIG 'small works' ART EVENT" that will take place on Saturday, May 4, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm in the Main Gallery. Details at www.concordart.org/

New Member

We welcome Lexington resident Loretta Silva to BACS. You can reach Loretta at rettasilva620@gmail.com

Good Cheer



We extend our sincere sympathy to **Sue lozzo** and **Alba Kenney** on the recent passing of their husbands. We wish **Anita Feld** a comfortable and speedy recovery from her

surgery.

<u>Next Artist</u> <u>Support</u> <u>Meeting</u>

The artist support group will next meet on Monday,



May 6, at 10:00 am at **Nancy Asbedian**'s house, 16 Lido Lane, Bedford. If you are interested in attending, please call or e-mail **Judi Babcock** for details and to RSVP: 781-275-1183; <u>judibabcock@gmail.com</u>

Volunteer Opportunity

Are you looking for a volunteer position that involves crafting? If so, you might want to pitch in at Kids' Club, the Bedford Recreation Department's after-school childcare program. Crafting volunteers work



on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons with 3rd-5th grade students who have an interest in crafts. If you would like to attend and demonstrate a craft, e-mail **Judi Babcock** at <u>judibabcock@gmail.com</u> or call her at 781-275-1183.

A Thought for April

"Making your unknown known is the important thing."

– Georgia O'Keeffe



Red Hills, Lake George (1927), by Georgia O'Keeffe