

March 2019

Happy Daylight Saving, and may the countdown to the first day of spring begin! As we shed winter's icy coat, take a look at the latest news for all things BACS.



Group Show at the Gleason Library

With the BACS art show at the Gleason library ending this week, you have just a few days to see it if you haven't already. We thank **Judi Babcock** for acting as our liaison with the art show committee, and we acknowledge with high praise the BACS artists and crafters who submitted work. A great job all around!

Congrats to three BACS artists who sold work in the show: Judi Babcock, Ellen Hurley, and Tanya Lee.

Artists and crafters who exhibited at Gleason may pick up their work between March 15 and March 18. Note that the library is closed on Wednesdays.

Spring Luncheon: Save the Date

Our annual luncheon is planned for Monday, May 20, with an anticipated arrival time of 12:45 pm and lunch served at about 1:15. Mark your calendar! We'll provide additional details as they become available.

We need a few members to help plan and coordinate this annual springtime celebration of our club. If interested, contact **Maureen Reyling**, <u>mrey5537@aol.com</u>, or **Ellen Hurley**, <u>ellenhurley@comcast.net</u>

March Workshop: Oil Paint-Along with Kathy Cooper

For those who have signed up for our March workshop featuring a still-life oil painting lesson led by **Kathy Cooper**, please note that you should bring paper towels and a bag for cleanup. Optional items to take with you are rubber gloves and an apron. All other materials will be provided with the \$10 members' fee to participate.



We thank **Ellen Hurley** for proposing and organizing this exciting event. The workshop will run on Tuesday, March 19, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Note this change in venue: The paint-along will take place on the third floor of the Old Town Hall, 16 South Road, Bedford. Limited parking is available behind the building; you can also park on South Road and Elm Street around the common.

This workshop is funded in part by a grant from the



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

Classes at Bedford Recreation

Registration for spring/summer Bedford Rec courses is open. The several options that BACS is co-sponsoring and/or that involve BACS members are Improve Your Watercolor Skills (**Nan Rumpf**), Handmade Travel Art Journal (**Gwen Chasan**), Mixed



Media Studio Art Class (Valeria Lanza), Faux Stained Glass with Acrylics (Taline Saatjian), and Chinese Traditional Brush Painting II (**Son-Mey Chiu**). Other offerings that may be of interest include fused glass crafting, calligraphy, needlepoint, and bracelet making. For the 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. As usual, we'll gather from 2:00 to 4:00 at the COA.



- March 13: Decoupage
- March 20: Accordion Books
- March 27: No meeting
- April 3: Painted Rocks
- April 10: Crocheted Beaded Necklaces
- April 17: Spring Greeting Cards
- April 24: Washer Jewelry
- May 1: Mixed Media Brooches

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.

Current Member Exhibits

Members Judi Babcock, Martha Brill, Florence Como, Stephanie Davidson, Anita Feld, Sylvia Mallory, Victoria Roark, Doris Smith, and Laura Wallace have artwork in



Capricorn by Martha Brill

the upcoming show "Poetry in Motion" at the Grace Chapel Art Gallery, 59 Worthen Road, Lexington. The exhibit opens on March 16 and continues until April 28. You may visit the gallery on Sundays during services and the various other times when the building is open.

Kathy DeFlice-Secor, Anita Feld, and Doris Smith have artwork in the MJ2



Star Island by Doris Smith

(Members' Juried 2) show at Concord Art. The show features collage, crafts, drawing, graphics, mixed media, photography, and printmaking and can be viewed at 37 Lexington Rd, Concord, MA, through March 21. For hours, visit <u>www.concordart.org</u>

Paintings by **Ellen Hurley** are now on exhibit at the Short Stop Café, 54 Loomis Street, Bedford. Work by **Yvonne Sandell** will be on display next at that location.

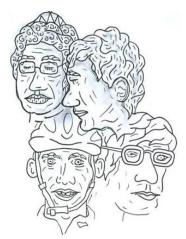
Exhibiting Opportunities

Jacob Wren Throckmorton Art Show at the Bedford COA

This year's art show in memory of Jacob

Wren Throckmorton

will run on Friday, April 5, 8:00 am– 7:00 pm, and Saturday April 6, 10:00 am–2:00 pm. If you would like to help with hanging the art on Thursday,



Art by Jacob Throckmorton

April 4, please contact **Sylvia Mallory** at <u>slmal@hotmail.com</u> or **Laura Wallace** at <u>laura.b.wallace@gmail.com</u>

Further details, including art intake times, are available in the March COA newsletter: <u>www.bedfordma.gov/council-on-</u> <u>aging/pages/newsletters-calendar</u>

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

The Parish Center is sponsoring the Westford Area Regional Art Event 2019 to showcase emerging and established artists from Westford, MA, and surrounding communities. This year's show will run from March 30 through April 7. Registration continues until March 24. For details: www.westford.org/art/2019%20WRAE%20 Brochure.pdf

The Parish Center also 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-fag/</u>

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

NAAA/ArtHub is presenting "Up Close and Personal," its second annual spring juried 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 of an intimate portrait, introduce a cozy personal space, or 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 Grace Chapel runs six or so juried shows each year. The next show features the theme "Splash." For details, visit www.grace.org/ artgallery/



Fern's Country Store, 8 Lowell St., Carlisle

Fern's has room to display 5–10 paintings depending on size. For more information, you can contact the owner, Matthew Herweck by e-mail: <u>matt@fernscountrystore.com</u>

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. Judi is looking for a member to display work at the Short Stop beginning in late April: <u>judibabcock@gmail.com</u>

Haute Coffee, 12 Walden Street, Concord

At Concord's Haute Coffee, paintings hang for about six weeks. Interested artists should reach out to owners Rob and Kim Scott at <u>info@myhautecoffee.com</u>

Bedford Free Public Library, 7 Mudge Way

The library puts on rotating shows through the year, has a community art wall for emerging artists, and runs a juried biennial community show. For further information: www.bedfordlibrary.net/events/artexhibits/

Art and Crafts About Town

Check out these current shows when you are out and around town!

Bedford Free Public Library, 7 Mudge Way

The upcoming Bedford library show spotlights "Drive-by Paintings" by George Herman, done in oil and mixed mediums. The exhibit is up



Bluff by George Herman

from March 14 to May 1. For further info: <u>www.bedfordlibrary.net/events/art-</u> <u>exhibits/</u>

Multi-District High School Art Show, Bedford Town Hall

The Bedford K-12 Art Department is sponsoring the Multi-District High School

Art Show, a celebration of high school student art. Selected student works from Bedford, Burlington, Lexington, Weston, and Winchester are on display in the Bedford Town Hall. The exhibit will be up until March 14 and may be viewed from 8 am to 4 pm Monday–Thursday and 8 am to 1 pm Friday.

Lexington Arts and Crafts Society, 130 Waltham Street, Lexington

You can check out work by LexArt's Needle Arts Guild in an upcoming show that will run from March 16 through March 31. For details: www.lacsma.org/



Umbrella Community Arts Center, 40 Stow Street, Concord, MA

"Passage" is the theme of this year's group exhibition by Umbrella studio artists. The show examines motifs of transition and change and includes contemporary works of



painting, photography, illustration, ceramics, glass, and woodworking. The exhibit is open until April 7. Details at

theumbrellaarts.org/arts-gallery/passage

Concord Art, 37 Lexington Road, Concord

Concord Art is featuring Members' Juried Show (MJ2), showcasing works in collage, crafts, drawing, graphics, mixed media, photography, and printmaking. MJ2 continues until March 21.

The gallery is also showing "Figures in Place," featuring paintings by **Marsha Gleason** and **Susan Richards**, through March 17. Details at <u>www.concordart.org/</u>



From "Figures in Place" at Concord Art

New Member

We welcome **Teresa Kvietkauskas** to BACS. Teresa lives in Carlisle and may be reached at <u>teresa212@comcast.net</u>

Good Cheer

Greetings and good wishes were sent to Mary Pierce and Dee Russell.

New Membership Co-Chairs

Taline Saatjian and Mary Jane St. Amour are our new membership co-chairs. We thank Lucy McGovern and Mary Pierce for their expert handling of the membership duties over the past few years.

Next Artist Support Meeting

The next meeting of the artist support group will be at **Judi Babcock**'s home, 16 Sweeney Ridge Road, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 1. Please let Judi know if you plan to attend: 781-275-1183; judibabcock@gmail.com

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. It can be just a onetime commitment—or longer if you wish.

A Thought for March

"There is no art without contemplation." – *Robert Henri*



Viv by Robert Henri