



September 2019

Dear BACS members,

Sincere thanks to all who have helped to plan and prepare for our Bedford Day art show and craft sale. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the show on the 20th-21st and at the craft tables on the 21st.

Read below for ways that you can help. We need all hands on deck to make the day a success. Remember: Our profits go toward a scholarship for a graduating high school student who is planning a career in an art-related field.

Cheers,
Sylvia

BEDFORD DAY 2019

Drop-off of Saleable Items

Members can drop off their artwork (for the art bin) and their crafts at the Bedford COA, 12 Mudge Way, prior to Bedford Day.



Craft Booth

We're looking for help with craft booth coverage from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm on the 21st. Contact **Tanya Lee** if you can help for part or all of the time: tanyalee001@gmail.com

Regional Art Show

Assistance is also needed for this year's Regional Art Show. If you can help with



Watercolor by Patricia MacQueen

checking artists in, hanging the art, staffing the exhibit, taking down the art, and/or signing out the artwork at the show's end, or if you have questions about the event, send an e-mail to artshow@bacsma.org

To Enter the Art Show . . .

If you are interested in putting some of your work in the art show, here's a reminder that this year's judging categories are:

- WATERCOLOR
- OIL/ACRYLIC
- DRAWING/PASTEL: Includes Charcoal, Pen and Ink, Pencil, Pastel Painting
- THREE-DIMENSIONAL: Includes Fiber Art, Sculpture, Ceramics, Stained Glass, Woodwork, Metal, Jewelry, Basketry

- PHOTOGRAPHY: Includes Film and Digital
- OTHER MEDIA: Includes Collage, Batik, Mixed Media, and Printmaking such as Monotype, Intaglio, Lithography, Woodcut

Look for the entry form in the accompanying attachment to this e-mail or find it on the BACS website in the Bedford Day link at



www.bacsm.org/bedford-day/

Storage Space Needed

We continue need space for the storage of our Bedford Day booth items (tents, two craft bins, table coverings for our tables) and art show display materials (screens and feet; all-purpose storage bin). Do you have clean, dry space you can dedicate for this purpose? Compensation will be considered. If interested, contact **Tanya Lee** at tanyalee001@gmail.com

OTHER NEWS

BACS Demo Next Month

On Tuesday, October 8, at 6:30 pm at the Bedford Public Library, we will launch our new season with a pastel painting demo by

Robin Thornhill. Best known for her landscapes, Robin also experiments with abstraction in her work. She is a Signature Member of the Pastel Society of America; a juried member of Oil Painters of America and The National Association of Women Artists; a member of the Newburyport Art Association and the Experimental



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Art Group of Rockport; and a core member of the Band of Brushes, a plein air group based out of Newburyport. For information on our 2019-2020 programs, see the yearbook and visit our website, www.bacsm.org

Pick up Your Yearbook and Buy a BACS Apron on Bedford Day

The 2019–2020 BACS yearbook is published. Plan to pick up your copy at the craft booth on Bedford Day. Many thanks to **Barb Purchia** for her fine work on the updated edition.

Very cool aprons sporting the BACS logo will also be for sale. If you have reserved an apron or would like to buy one, see **Taline Saatjian** at the booth on Bedford Day.

Thanks to **Laura Wallace** for proposing the aprons and for shepherding them through design and manufacturing.

[New Membership Brochure](#)

Kudos and thanks to **Jean Hammond** for designing and producing a beautiful new membership brochure. Look for it soon.

[Wednesday Crafting Update](#)

Crafting is back on the regular Wednesday afternoon schedule, 2:00–4:00 pm, at the COA. Come to participate or just to chat and have a cup of coffee!

The schedule for the Wednesday crafters is:

- September 11: Polymer Clay Decorated Jars
- September 18: Bring Your Own Project
- September 25: Cork Crafts
- October 2: Beaded Necklaces
- October 9: Bring Your Own Project
- October 16: Zen Doodling
- October 23: Silk Scarves
- October 30: Cupcake and Cookie Decoration



For questions, e-mail **Jane Franklin** at crafts@bacsma.org

[Fall Bedford Recreation Classes](#)

Registration for the fall Bedford Recreation Department classes is open. You can find the online brochure here:



https://www.bedfordma.gov/sites/bedfordma/files/uploads/fall_2019_brochure_0.pdf

The Rec Department is offering several art and craft classes, including some that BACS is co-sponsoring: Painting Beautiful Tiles with Alcohol Ink (**Gwen Chasan**), Mixed Media Art (**Valeria Lanza**), Improve Your Watercolor Skills (**Nan Rumpf**), and Chinese Traditional Brush Painting I and II (**Son-Mey Chiu**). To register:

<https://www.bedfordma.gov/recreation>

[Grant Opportunity](#)

Bedford Cultural Council (and BACS) member **Jane Franklin** reminds us that the BCC provides grants to individuals and nonprofits. These grants support artistic and cultural projects and activities in Bedford, including concerts, theater productions, festivals, workshops, lectures, exhibits, field trips, and more.

The Bedford Cultural Council has begun accepting online applications for grants for the 2019–2020 grant cycle commencing September 1, 2019. Applications will be accepted through October 15. Info and

online applications are available at www.mass-culture.org/Bedford or on the Council's website, www.bedfordma.gov/cultural-council. Detailed information on the grant process can be found at https://www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.aspx

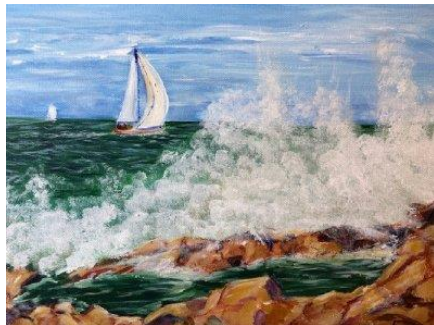
If you have questions, e-mail the Council at BedfordMACulturalCouncil@gmail.com

Member Exhibits and News

Martha Brill and **Ellen Royalty** have had their work selected for the annual Frances Roddy Open Competition at Concord Art. The show runs from September 12 through October 18. A reception will take place on Thursday, September 12, 6–8 pm. Drop in to see what promises to be a great show.

Anita Feld, Maria Green, and Doris Smith have been printing together for several years. The Bedford Public Library is showcasing a selection of their art in the upcoming show “Three Printmakers, Three Friends: A Journey in Art and Friendship.” The works can be viewed from September 12 to November 15. There will be an artists’ reception on Sunday, October 20, 5–6 pm. Stop by to show your support!

Linda Cargiuolo has paintings on view at Great Road Gallery and Framing,



Painting by Linda Cargiuolo

363 Great Road, Bedford, through September. Drop by to congratulate Linda at an artist’s reception on Thursday, September 19, 5:00–7:00 pm.

Ellen Hurley is now being represented by the newly reopened Handworks Gallery of American Crafts, 161 Great Road (Route 2A), Acton. On Saturday, September 21, there is a grand opening event with a reception beginning at 6 pm. BACS members are cordially invited. In addition to fine art, the gallery offers craft items, including pottery, knitted goods, and jewelry. You can find details at <http://www.handworksgallery.net>

Artwork by **Alyce McLaughlin** is on exhibit at the Short Stop Café, 54 Loomis Street, Bedford. Paintings by **Victoria Roark** will be featured next. If you have questions, e-mail **Judi Babcock** at judibabcock@gmail.com

Bedford Working Art and Culture Group News

Bedford’s newest public art uses a standard utility box located on South Road near Railroad Avenue in the Depot area as a “canvas” for a community art



project. This work was supported in part by a grant from the Bedford Cultural Council.

Bedford High School art students **Lily Barsam-Thompson** and **Maxwell Goldman**, along with **Katie Sussman** (staff member of the Art Department) and high school art director **Sean Hagan**, carried out the project. The work evolved with input from the Bedford Arts and Culture Working Group, of which **Sylvia Mallory** and **Barb Purchia** are members. Drive by and take a look if you haven't already done so!

[Biennial Community Art Show Coming to Bedford Library](#)

The Bedford Free Public Library has announced the 2019-2020 Biennial Community Art Show, to be held from November 2019 to January 2020. **Note that this is a different show from the BACS show planned for next spring.**



The Biennial is a juried exhibit of art by people who live and/or work in the Bedford area. Submission of entries is tentatively scheduled for November 15 and 16. Art and craft in all media are eligible. Work must be original, created in the last three years, and not previously shown in the library. 2-D work must be framed and ready for hanging with wire. Entries are limited to two (or series) per person. There is no entry

fee. Applications will be available this month in the Events and Exhibits section of the library website: www.bedfordlibrary.net

[Call for Artists: ArtWalk 2019](#)

With a September 16 deadline, there's one week left to submit art to Lexington's ArtWalk. This year the exhibit runs from October 8 to 18. You can submit up to three pieces (2D or 3D) online. For more information visit lexartwalk@gmail.com

[Art and Crafts About Town](#)

Here's a selection of local shows to visit.

Bedford Free Public Library, 7 Mudge Way, Bedford

For the upcoming Bedford Library show, see "Member Exhibits and News," above.

Concord Art, 37 Lexington Road, Concord

For the upcoming Roddy show, see "Member Exhibits and News" or visit www.concordart.org

Rising Star Quilt Show, Saint Brigid Church, 1995 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington

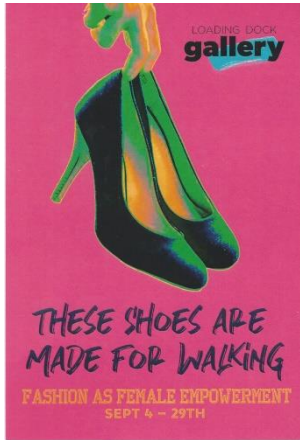
The 32nd annual Rising Star Quilters' Guild quilt show will be held on Friday, October 4, and Saturday, October 5, at



Saint Brigid Church in Lexington. This is a must-see event for both practitioners and appreciators of quilting! In addition to gasping over the fantastic quilts, you can participate in a scavenger hunt, take a chance on a raffle, and more. Details at www.risingstarquilters.org/show.html

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

The Loading Dock Gallery is featuring “These Shoes Are Made for Walking: Fashion as Female Empowerment,” through September 29. The exhibit explores the



closeted meanings of contemporary woman’s footwear. Whether you think that high heels are modern forms of foot binding or feminine weapons, the participating artists challenge

assumptions with new ways of looking at fashion. For additional info:

www.theloadingdockgallery.com

Welcome, New Members!

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

- **David Ewing and Jaya Joshi,**
xkrdavex@yahoo.com
- **Susan Schwartz,**
susanberesschwartz@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing them at upcoming BACS events.

Next Artist Support Meeting

The next meeting of the artist support group will take place on Monday,



September 16, at the home of **Taline Saatjian**, 16 Bertha Circle, Billerica. Please let Taline know if you plan to attend:

talineks70@gmail.com; 781-354-8020.

Taline plans to show the group some techniques that day. If you have questions about the group, contact **Judi Babcock** at 781-275-1183; judibabcock@gmail.com

A Thought for September

“In quietness the soul expands.”

--Rockwell Kent



The Trapper (1921) by Rockwell Kent