



August 2018

Hi all!

Unbelievably, Bedford Day is just weeks away. It falls on September 22 this year, the first day of autumn. We're seeking—and will gratefully accept—everyone's help with preparing crafts for the outside booth, as well as staffing the craft tables and the art show. See the details below and please lend a hand in any way you can. Meanwhile, enjoy the fast-waning summer!

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BACS Scholarship Winner for 2018

Congratulations to **Sophia Wilson**, the winner of the 2018 BACS scholarship. Sophia works in pencil, charcoal, and, more recently, pastel, and she especially loves drawing the human face.



Portrait by Sophia Wilson

Sophia will attend UMass, Amherst, where she plans a double major in animal science and fine art. "I see myself merging my interests in animals and art to create my career. It will probably be something like documentary work," she says.

Some of Sophia's stunning artwork will be on display at the Bedford Day Regional Art Show, September 21–22. Stop by for a look!

Demos & Workshops for 2018–2019

We're excited to announce details of the line-up of demos and workshops for the new season. Here's what's coming:



Weave a basket on Feb. 19!

- October 16, 2018, Library Meeting Room, 6:30 pm – Demo: Portrait Painting in Oil with **Daphne Confar**
- January 15, 2019, Library Meeting Room, 1 pm – Workshop: Photography for Artists with **Charles Mazel**
- February 19, 2019, First Church of Christ, 10 am - Workshop: Basket Weaving with **Deborah Rolfe**
- March 19, 2019, Flint Room, Town Center, 1 pm - Workshop: Oil Paint-Along with **Kathy Cooper**
- April 16, 2019, Library Meeting Room, 6:30 pm - Demo: Acrylic Painting with **Jill Pottle**

Fall Classes at Bedford Rec.

Are you interested in taking an art class or a craft workshop with Bedford Recreation? The fall brochure will be posted online on (or a little before) August 20; plan to check it out at www.bedfordma.gov/recreation. Adult registration will be open by August 22. You will be able to enroll online, or you can call the office at 781-275-1392 to sign up. The hard copy of the fall catalog will arrive in Bedford residents' mailboxes a bit later, probably around the week of August 27.

The usual classes will run this fall—i.e., **Valeria Lanza's** Mixed Media studio course and **Nan Rumpf's** watercolor class. In addition, there will be Chinese Brush Painting with **Son-Mey Chiu** (four weeks) and Alcohol-Based Ink Tile Painting with **Gwen Chasan** (two weeks).

Weekly Crafting @ the COA – Help Wanted for Bedford Day!

The weekly crafting group is meeting from 10:00 am to noon until September, when the normal afternoon schedule resumes.

With Bedford Day less than two months away, **Jane Franklin** and Company are turning full attention toward making the craft tables a big success again this year. Last year the tables hauled in a profit of over \$700, with the funding covering much



of this year's annual BACS scholarship. Here are some ways you can help:

- Work with the Wednesday crafting group to produce saleable items
- Donate your well-made crafts
- Contribute your artwork to the art bin
- Donate a raffle item
- Volunteer time to work the craft tables on Saturday, September 22 (e-mail **Dawn Warrington**)

Upcoming Wednesday crafting sessions:

- Aug. 8: Silk scarf painting
- Aug. 15: Alcohol tile painting
- Aug. 22: Polymer bead stringing
- Aug. 29: Magnets/Bedford Day inventory
- Sept. 5: Crocheted beaded jewelry
- Sept. 12: Iris fold card making
- Sept. 19: Bring your own project
- Sept. 26: Herbal crafts



BACS Regional Art Show, September 21–22

As usual, we're going to need members' help with making the upcoming BACS Regional Art Show run as smoothly as possible. If you can assist with checking artists in, hanging the art, staffing the exhibit, taking down the art, and/or signing out the artwork at the show's end, kindly contact **Laura Wallace** or **Judi Babcock** or send an e-mail to artshow@bacsma.org.

New Exhibit Categories for the Art Show



The Art Show committee has fine-tuned the exhibit categories for this year's show. If you're thinking about submitting some work, you should know that the new categories are:

- Watercolor/Pastel
- Oil/Acrylic
- Drawing
- Printmaking
- 3-Dimensional (see details on form)
- Photography
- Other Media (Fiber Arts, Collage, Batik, Mixed Media)

We have sent you the updated entry form as an attachment to the e-mail containing this newsletter. The form is also available on the BACS website in the Bedford Day link: www.bacsma.org/bedford-day/

Silent Auction

We're thrilled to have two striking paintings to offer in this year's BACS silent auction. The proceeds will help to support the 2019 student scholarship.

Up for bid are an acrylic painting of a Lowell scene by **Tom Gill** and a watercolor of a wood duck by **Valerie Borgal**. Both artists created their paintings from scratch during

two wonderful BACS demos this past spring. We thank **Joan Gicca**, who originally won Tom's painting in a contest and then generously donated it to BACS in support of our scholarship fund. Way to go, Joan!

The paintings will be on display at the Bedford Council on Aging beginning in mid-August. The auction bidding will open at the same time and will run to 2:30 pm on Bedford Day, September 22. Check out these beautiful paintings in person or on our website, and think about how *gorgeous* either (or both!) would look on your wall. If you have questions about the silent auction, don't hesitate to contact **Laura Wallace** or **Sylvia Mallory**.



Valerie Borgal at work

Frames Needed

We're in need of one frame, in good condition, in *each* of the following sizes:

- 18 x 15
- 11 x 14

If you have a suitable frame to donate, please contact **Sylvia Mallory** at smal@hotmail.com.

2018 –2019 Yearbook

Barb Purchia is putting the finishing touches on the new BACS yearbook and will

be going to press with it soon. You can pick up your copy on Bedford Day. Membership chairs **Lucy McGovern** and **Mary Pierce** are managing the distribution.

New and Honorary Members

We welcome the newest BACS members:

- **KwiYoung Choi:**
choilee99@hotmail.com
- **Phyllis Maddux:** pvmaddox@rcn.com

In addition, the board has granted an honorary membership to two longtime, dedicated BACS members, **Joan Gicca** and **Alyce McLaughlin**. Warm congrats to both!

Current Member Exhibits

Work by several members is on view at the **Great Road Gallery** until August 24. In addition, many BACS members have artwork in the summer show, "Untitled," at the **Grace Chapel Art Gallery**. The exhibit runs until September 3.



Exhibit Opportunities

Haute Coffee in Concord Center has display space for artists' work. The café can accommodate large-scale pieces. If interested in showing your work, contact the owners at info@myhautecoffee.com.



Arlington, Bedford, and Lexington are teaming up to celebrate their shared bike path, the **Minuteman Bikeway**, on

September 29. The **Munroe Center for the Arts** in Lexington will host a gallery show of related paintings, drawings, and photos. Submissions are due by August 20. For details: www.MunroeCenter.org/BikeArt

Gleason Public Library in Carlisle will host a BACS art show next year. The exhibition will run from January through March 16, 2019. For more information, you can contact **Judi Babcock** at judibabcock@gmail.com or 781-275-1183.

Artist Support Group

If you're interested in joining an artist support group, contact **Judi Babcock** at judibabcock@gmail.com or 781-275-1183. The group plans to meet again in September.



Thought for August . . .

"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have."

— Maya Angelou