



March 2018

Hello . . .

March brings a fresh round of news about BACS people and events, as well as opportunities for artists and crafters around town. Read on, and please regularly check our website for updates: www.bacsma.org

Bedford Cultural Events Flyer: Promoting the Arts in Bedford

The Bedford Arts and Culture Working Group (BACWG), of which **Sylvia Mallory** is a member, has published a



“Bedford Cultural Events” flyer listing cultural activities to enjoy around town in spring 2018. Included is information on new artists’ spaces and rotating exhibits. You can pick up your copy at Town Hall and Town Center, as well as area businesses, or download it at www.bedfordma.gov/economic-development.

BACWG is also piloting a project to create utility box art and is pursuing various initiatives to promote collaboration between Bedford’s artist and crafter

communities and town businesses. Stay tuned for updates!

Renew Membership Dues by May 31

It’s time to renew your membership so that you can continue to enjoy the wonderful



programs and friendships BACS offers. At the March collage workshop (see next page), at any upcoming Wednesday crafting session, or at our April or May artist demo, you can give **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, even if you are just updating your contact info. The form is available under “Forms for download” in the Member Page link of our website, www.bacsma.org. The password you’ll need is “Bedford.”

To continue receiving the newsletter and having your name published in the yearbook, please renew by May 31. Thanks!

Spring Luncheon

Monday, May 21, is the tentative date for our annual luncheon. Mark your calendar! Details will follow in the April newsletter.



Committee Chair News

Maureen Reyling and **Susan Tillman** have joined **Evelyn Rice** as co-chairs for the social committee.

BACS Scholarship



At the March board meeting, a motion was made and approved to raise the BACS student art scholarship in 2018 to \$1,000. Thanks to scholarship chair **Louise**

Banner for suggesting this increase. Louise is in touch with the Bedford High art director to get the ball in motion for identifying this year's worthy recipient.

Art Classes at Bedford Rec

Openings remain for **Valeria Lanza's** "Mixed Media" studio art workshop, which begins March 13. The class runs on Tuesdays, 9:30 am–noon. Other art courses in the spring/summer catalog include an oil pastel workshop, an oil painting class, a new round of **Nan Rumpf's** "Improve Your Watercolor Skills" lessons, and an advanced photography course. Register online or call Bedford Rec to sign up: 781-275-1392.

Workshop: "Collage from the Heart," Tuesday, March 20

Sign up at [crafts @ bacsma.org](http://crafts@bacsma.org) for our upcoming workshop on collage making, led by **Linda Branch Dunn**, Tuesday, March 20, 1:00–3:30 pm, Flint Room, Town Center Building. A \$5 fee will be payable to the instructor.

From Linda's notes: "You will create a collage with personal meaning. You will learn how to develop your composition, build layers, and edit with color and pattern. Demos include the use of stencils, fabric, acrylic textures, and washes. The emphasis is on following where surprise leads you. You will go home with at least two small collages that resonate with your heart."



Please bring:

- Small collection (shoe box or manila envelope's worth) of interesting papers. Possibilities include tissue paper, sewing patterns, magazine/ book pages, sheet music, stamps, and junk envelopes. Look for an assortment of text, color, and pattern. You will cut these up, so make copies of anything you want to preserve or use again.
- Personal imagery. Choose one image, 3-5" on a side, with personal resonance: a photo, a drawing, or words. Make copies beforehand so that you feel free to experiment. Linda recommends three copies, 3-8" on a side. Black and white copies are fine.
- Scissors
- Pencil

Optional supplies:

- Ruler
- Rag(s) or paper towels
- One or two small brushes for acrylics
- Snack and something to drink

Linda will bring adhesives, coloring tools, and surprises.



This program is funded in part by a grant from the Bedford Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Weekly Crafting, Wednesdays, 2–4

Join us weekly at the COA for Wednesday crafting, 2:00–4:00 pm, and share in the fun! Develop a new skill and enjoy the camaraderie.



Coming up:

- March 7: Beading crochet
- March 14: Card in a box
- March 21: Cancelled. Join us at the MILES opening (Middlesex Community College, Bedford campus, 2:00 pm)
- March 28: Decoupage flower pots
- April 4 and April 11: Polymer clay jewelry and crafts (tentative; check website for updates)



For upcoming crafting sessions, we're looking for old and new beads—costume, vintage,

artisan, etc. Please check your craft stash, bureau drawers, and jewelry box for abandoned and unloved gems! The beads can be either strung or unstrung. **Jane Franklin** will pick them up from your home if necessary. You can email her at crafts@bacsma.org.

Bedford Day Crafts Committee

Bedford Day is Saturday, September 22. An ad hoc committee will soon begin brainstorming about what the focus should be for the BACS crafts tables. The group will also consider whether we might offer our crafts for sale at other venues. Contact **Sylvia** or **Jane** if you are interested in volunteering to help. We need your ideas!

Members' Art Exhibits

Artwork by **Maria Green** is on display at the **Short Stop Café**, 54 Loomis Street.



BACS members **Florence Como**, **Maria Green**, **Sylvia Mallory**, **Victoria Roark**, **Ellen Royalty**, **Doris Smith**, and **Laura Wallace** will have work on exhibit in the “Going Green” show at **Grace Chapel**, 59 Worthen Road, Lexington. The exhibit opens March 17 and will run through April 29. It may be viewed on Thursdays 2:00–5:00 pm, on Sundays, during services, and whenever the building is open. The reception will take place on Saturday, March 17, 4:00–6:00 pm. At 5:00 pm, artist Gwen Chasan will demonstrate watercolor painting on Yupo.

Upcoming Exhibit Opportunities: Save the Dates

Bud Koor at Great Road Gallery and Framing

in Bedford
has agreed to host

another BACS art
exhibit from mid-July through Labor Day,
with a reception date to be announced. **Judi
Babcock** will coordinate the procedure for
submitting the art. As we get closer to the
date, look for details from Judi.



The Bedford Council on Aging will host the
fourth annual **Jacob Wren Throckmorton
Memorial Art Show** on April 6 from 8:00 am
to 7:00 pm and April 7 from 11:00 am to
3:00 pm. Contact the COA at 781-275-6825
or COA@bedfordma.gov for details
regarding submitting art and craft work.

A **Summer Walkabout** will be held in
Bedford on July 12 and may be an avenue
for us to display a sampling of BACS crafts
for sale. Details to follow in upcoming
newsletters.

New Artist Support Group

Are you . . .

- working on pieces of art and looking for suggestions from fellow artists about how to give them a little pizzazz or fix an area that isn't working?
- interested in sharing information about local art associations?

- seeking information about how to price your work, where to shop for materials, or get into shows?

One option is to join a new artist support group that **Judi Babcock** is forming. Judi is gathering names of interested people. The timing, structure, and frequency of meetings will be determined by the interests of those who respond. If you think you might benefit from this resource, contact judibabcock@gmail.com or 781-275-1183.



Web Gallery: bacsma.org/gallery/

Our website has a Gallery Page where you can show examples of your artwork and crafts. Contact **Laura Wallace** for details. If you've had certain pieces on view there for a while, it might be time to freshen them!

Member Page: bacsma.org/member-page/

Our website's Member Page is the go-to place for art show entry forms, expense reimbursement forms, the BACS membership form, and more. We recently added two new resources: Areas of Art and Craft Interest, and Areas of Volunteering Interest. Go to bacsma.org/member-page/ and use the password "Bedford" to access the information.

