



Bedford Arts and Crafts Society Newsletter November 2021

Hi BACS members,

November can be a dark month as the days get colder and we lose so much daylight. I hope the opportunities and events described in this newsletter will inspire you to find beauty as the year winds down and winter looms. Take a look, grab your calendar, and schedule some adventures . . . and some fun.

And, of course, have a healthy and joyful Thanksgiving!

Sylvia



Holiday Zoom on December 4: Save the Date

Given lingering uncertainties about Covid, we will again be doing our annual holiday party virtually, via Zoom. We hope you will join us on **Saturday, December 4, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.** for some sweet seasonal fun. Caffeine is mandatory (LOL); holiday attire is optional though highly desirable! Bring your favorite holiday memories and give us a glimpse of your plans and wishes for 2022.



The Zoom link is the same as we use for Wednesday crafting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81678201720?pwd=a28rZ0k5eVZKakxSRTNxQWR1NkRBZz09>

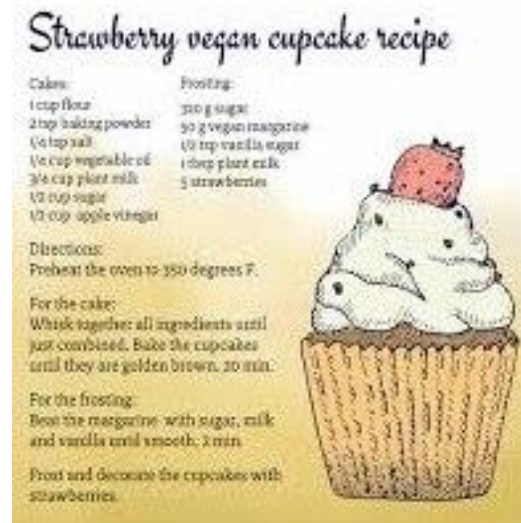
Meeting ID: 816 7820 1720
Passcode: 571744

We will re-send the link the day before the get-together. Hope to see you on the 4th!

P.S. You may be interested to know that the board voted to donate the funds allocated for an in-person holiday party to the town of Bedford's holiday gift card program.

Members' Recipe Swap, 2021 Edition

As an adjunct to our holiday celebration, and by wild popular demand, we are once again doing a holiday-season recipe swap this year! We ask members to submit a favorite recipe—old or new, sweet or savory, holiday or otherwise—by Monday, November 29, using this e-mail address: recipes@bacsma.org. **Laura Wallace** will compile all the submitted recipes into a handy cookbook like the one we assembled last year. We hope to have the recipe collection ready for e-mailing by the holiday party.



Members' Card Swap for the New Year—Sign Up, Make a Card, and Spread the Love!

All right, arty, crafty friends . . . It's time to tap into your creativity and join with fellow BACS members to ring in a bright, happy new year. This year we'll be trying something new for members: a January card swap with the theme "Welcome to a New Year!" Interested



participants will create an original greeting card and, by Monday, January 10, will mail it to a designated BACS member as a gesture of friendship and goodwill. Participation is optional, but we hope to have a whole slew of members join the fun.

If you would like to sign up to make and mail a card, e-mail **Kathy Morse** at damorses@verizon.net by November 22, and she will send you the name of your

card recipient. You may reveal yourself to your recipient as you extend your New Year's wishes, or you may choose to remain anonymous.

Happy card making!

Plan Ahead: Encaustic Painting Demo on January 18 via Zoom

On Tuesday, January 18, at 6:45 p.m., artist **Tracy Spadafora** will be our guest presenter for a Zoom demo featuring her approach to encaustic painting. *Encaustic* (from the Greek word meaning "to burn in") is a term used for both the medium of hot wax and the process of painting with it. Tracy has been teaching studio art classes in encaustic painting techniques, as well as drawing and design, for the past twenty years. A stimulating evening is in store.



Tracy Spadafora



While it's on your mind, why don't you sign up now to ensure that you will receive the Zoom link the day before the demo? Send your request to RSVP@bacsma.org.

◀ **Artwork by Tracy Spadafora**

Wednesday Crafting, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Bedford COA

BACS members continue to gather weekly for crafting under the big tent at the COA, weather permitting; otherwise, we move inside. Masks are required indoors. Each event is free to BACS members; others pay \$5 per meet-up. Membership for an individual is \$30/year. The sessions run from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. every Wednesday.



The project schedule for the coming weeks will be:

November 10: Tin Punching
November 17: Quilling
November 24: No Meeting
December 1: Fleece Scarfs (Service Project)
December 8: Knitted Hats (Service Project)

Please RSVP to crafts@bacσμα.org for any sessions you wish to attend.

If you can lead an upcoming session, **Marita Hartshorn** would love to hear from you.

Please contact her with your ideas at

crafts@bacσμα.org. **Marita also needs yarn for upcoming service projects.** If you have some yarn you would like to donate, contact her at that same address.



Members' Work on Exhibit



Anita Feld has her mixed media work *Autumn Gourds* on exhibit in the current show, "Nourish," at the Belmont Gallery of Art at 19 Moore St., Belmont. The show will run through the end of November. For additional information, visit the gallery's website, <https://www.belmontgallery.org/>

◀ *Autumn Gourds*, mixed media
by Anita Feld

Sylvia Mallory's photograph *Growing Things* has been juried into Fusion Art's 7th annual "Leaves and Petals" art exposition. For further info: <https://www.fusionartps.com/>

***Growing Things*, photograph
by Sylvia Mallory ▶**



Linda Cargiuolo and Taline Saatjian have artwork on exhibit in the current Grey Cube Gallery online show, "Forests and Meadows." Visit the following link to see the show:

<https://greycubegallery.com/current-show/index.html>



◀ ***High Meadow Pond*, acrylic by Linda Cargiuolo**

***Dancing Trees*,
mixed media by
Taline Saatjian ▶**



Linda Cargiuolo will have two paintings on exhibit in the Brush Gallery's upcoming members' exhibition, which will open to the public on November 13. An artists' reception will take place on Saturday, December 4, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The show will close on December 23. For details go to <https://www.thebrush.org/>

Calls for Entries: Opportunities to Exhibit Art

“Night” at the Arts League of Lowell (ALL)



Night has been the muse of artists for centuries. From Van Gogh’s *Starry Night* to Hopper’s *Nighthawks*, the darkness, the shadows, the gloom, the mystery, and the dreams of night have inspired many great works of art. The forthcoming show “Night,” sponsored by the Arts League of Lowell (ALL), challenges artists to interpret what the night says to them.

Entry is open to all artists working in any medium, including ALL nonmembers. Artists may enter up to three works in any 2D or 3D medium.

The exhibit will run from January 7 to February 27. The online application site for this show is available now. The application deadline is December 25. For the prospectus, application, and additional information, go to the following link:

http://www.artsleagueoflowell.org/gallerydocs/2022/Prospectus_Night2022.pdf

“Inside Out” at the Grace Chapel Art Gallery

The first show of 2022 at Lexington’s Grace Chapel will have the theme “Inside Out.” Drop-off is on January 12 and 15. The exhibit will run from January 22 through February 25. For further information, visit www.grace.org/artgallery.

Upcoming Show at the Bedford Free Public Library

The next show at the Bedford public library will feature photography by the members of the BCA Photo Group. The organization comprises individuals who enjoy learning about the technical and artistic aspects of photography. The exhibit opens on November 10 and will run through January 12. For additional information, visit the library’s website:

<https://www.bedfordlibrary.net/>



Featured Exhibit: “Love Stories from the National Portrait Gallery, London” at the Worcester Art Museum

The Worcester Art Museum’s upcoming exhibit “Love Stories from the National Portrait Gallery” explores love’s role in the creation of some of the greatest masterpieces of Western

art. Featured artists include Sir Joshua Reynolds, Angelica Kauffmann, David Hockney, Lee Miller, and Sam Taylor-Johnson, among many others.

At the heart of the exhibition is a series of real-life love stories captured through the likenesses of sitters, from 16th century lovers to more recent storied couples like David and Victoria Beckham, Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh, and John Lennon and Yoko Ono.

“Love Stories” will run from November 13, 2021, to March 13, 2022. The museum is a relatively quick trip from Bedford—about 45-50 minutes. For additional information, visit <https://www.worcesterart.org/exhibitions/love-stories/#programs>.

Artist Support Group

The BACS artist support group holds hybrid meetings every other Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Come in person or attend via Zoom. The next meeting is November 17 and will be held at **Sylvia Mallory’s** home. Contact **Judi Babcock** for details: judibabcock@gmail.com. Please let Judi know a day ahead if you will be Zooming in.



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Season of Harvest and Thanks



The Wheatfield (1929), oil on canvas, by Raoul Dufy (1877-1953)

In this harvest scene the fields are golden with wheat; the sky is intensely blue. Dufy's use of bright color and energetic brushstrokes recall Van Gogh's paintings. Happy Thanksgiving!