



Bedford Arts and Crafts Society Newsletter October 2022

Hi BACS friends,



We were blessed with warm sunshine, an enormous crowd, and a joyful vibe on Bedford Day (see photos). We sold nine paintings at the art show, silent-auctioned a beautiful painting, and took in robust profits (from the show and the craft tables combined) that will help fund future BACS scholarships. Congratulations and warm thanks to all who made our Bedford Day a huge success. Happy October!

Sylvia



BACS Budget for the New Season: Cast Your Vote on October 18

Members will convene to vote on the FY 2022–2023 BACS budget via a quick Zoom business meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18. **Use this link to access this business meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81678201720?pwd=a28rZ0k5eVZKakxSRTNxQWR1NkRBZz09>

Then join us at 6:45 that evening for the “Watercolor Journey” demo with artist **Susan McFarlane** (see p. 4 of this newsletter for details). **NOTE:** For the watercolor demo, you will need to re-sign into Zoom using a different Zoom link that will be mailed to you the day before.



BACS Holiday Party Planning Under Way!

Social chair **Eileen Larsen** is heading a committee to plan our annual holiday party, to be enjoyed in December. If you can lend a hand and/or your creative ideas, please get in touch with Eileen at egavinlarsen@gmail.com.

Wednesday Crafting, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Weekly

Crafters continue to meet at the Bedford COA on Wednesdays, 2:00–4:00 p.m., in the Flint Room at Town Center (COA building). Here’s an update on recent and coming activities.

BEAUTIFUL BREWS FOR THE FALL:

At the Wednesday get-together on October 5, **Heidi Trockman** led the crafters in stirring up a delicious menu of seasonal scented oils (see photos). Is that Candy Bowl that I’m smelling? Thanks to Heidi for a fun afternoon!



CARDMAKING SERVICE EVENT ON OCTOBER 12—ALL HANDS NEEDED:

On Wednesday, October 12, the group will be creating 200 fall cards (see photo) to be included with Thanksgiving meals delivered to Bedford residents. Many hands will be needed to reach this ambitious (and worthy!) goal, **so please come if you can**: October 12 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Flint Room in the Town Center Building.



SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEKS:



The schedule for the coming weeks follows. Check the weekly BACS e-mail blast for updates.

October 12: Thanksgiving cards for the food pantry with **Sandi Rosenfeld** and **Sally Rubin**

October 19: Basket weaving with **Marita Hartshorn**

October 26: Hat service project with **Barbara Simon-Goldberg**

November 2: String art cards with **Kwi Young Choi**

November 9: Ladybug stones

November 16: Bring your own unfinished project

November 23: No session; COA closes at noon

November 30: Wreath making with **Eileen Larsen**

December 7: Candle crafting with **Laura Wallace**

Contact **Sandi Rosenfeld** at rxsandi@hotmail.com with your suggestions and feedback.

BACS Artist Demos and Workshops

In case you missed it in last month's newsletter, here's a recap of the BACS artist demos and craft workshops for the new season:

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022, 6:45 PM

ZOOM DEMO: A Watercolor Journey with **Susan McFarlane**

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, 6:45 PM

ZOOM DEMO: Making a Dynamic Oil Painting from an Ordinary Photo with **Emily Passman**



Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023, 6:45 PM

ZOOM DEMO: Pysanky: Craft and Tradition of Ukrainian Easter Egg Writing with **Gretjen Helene**

Saturday, March 11, 2023, 1:00 PM

IN-PERSON
WORKSHOP: Making a
Floral Arrangement
Using Techniques and
Principles of Floral
Design with **Cindy
Mattson**



Saturday, April 15, 2023, 1:00 PM

IN-PERSON
WORKSHOP: Needle-Felted Wool Painting of a
Spring Garden with **Elizabeth Stubbs**

Saturday, May 20, 2023, 2:00 PM

IN-PERSON WORKSHOP: Take Great Photos with
Your Smartphone with **Randi Freundlich**

Sign Up Now for Demo on October 18: “A Watercolor Journey”



As noted on the preceding page, our first demo of the new season will take place on October 18. This Zoom presentation, “A Watercolor Journey,” will be given by Reading-based artist **Susan McFarlane**. Susan will share her watercolor process, explaining how creating a final piece involves making multiple layers, lifting and adding, pushing, pulling, and more.

You can watch a short preview of Susan’s demo here: <https://youtu.be/hsQon0F7Q8M>

Thais’ Blossom by Susan McFarlane

This demo is free and open to the public. Share the information with your friends and contacts! To receive the Zoom link the day before the demo, sign-up by **Monday, October 10** at RSVP@bacsma.org.

Fall Classes at Bedford Recreation

A reminder about the great art and craft courses that BACS is co-sponsoring with Bedford Recreation. You can still sign up for:

- Gelli Plate Monoprinting
Instructor: **Taline Saatjian**; Thursdays 9:30am-12:30pm, 10/20 & 10/27
- Art Journaling for Everyone
Instructor: **Suzanne O'Neil**; Mondays, 7:00-9:00pm, 11/7-11/28
- Painting Fall in New England: Oil or Acrylic
Instructor: **Peter Bain**; Tuesdays, 9:30am-12:00pm, 10/11-11/8

You can register at the Recreation Department's website, www.bedfordma.gov/recreation/pages/brochures, or by calling (781) 275-1392.



Students' Gelli Plate Prints



Art Changeover at Town Center, November 15

Heads up, BACS artists! We will be replacing the art currently hanging in the Town Center's Flint Room and the COA Computer Room on Tuesday, November 15. Plan to drop off your new two-dimensional pieces from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. that day. Art must be properly wired for hanging; no sawtooth hangers allowed. Questions? Contact **Judi Babcock** at judibabcock@gmail.com or **Laura Wallace** at laura.b.wallace@gmail.com.

BACS Art Show Coming to First Parish Church in January

The First Parish Church, Unitarian Universalist, in Bedford has graciously invited BACS to hold a members' art show in the church art gallery from January to March 2023. We thank **Maria Green** and her associates on the gallery's art show committee for extending this opportunity. Further details will follow as they become available.



Mat Cutter Up for Grabs

Jean Hammond is offering a Dexter mat cutter to the first interested BACS member who replies. The cutter is old but hardly used. If you can use it, contact Jean at jhmmnd@gmail.com.

BACS Members' Art on View

Congratulations to the following BACS members who have art on exhibit in the current juried show "By the Water" at the Grace Chapel Art Gallery in Lexington:
Florence Como, Maria Green, Sylvia Mallory, Yvonne Sandell, Doris Smith, Laura Wallace, and Margo Zelermyer. The show will run until October 29. To view it online, visit the link below and scroll down. Or drop into the gallery in person. Grace Chapel Art Gallery, 59 Worthen Road, Lexington;
<https://www.grace.org/artgallery/>

Abandoned Waterwheel, Cordoba, Spain, by Maria Green, from "By the Water" show at Grace Chapel



Shore Harvest by Sylvia Mallory from Grace Chapel show



The Beach by Yvonne Sandell from Grace Chapel show

Laura Wallace has batiks on exhibit in Gallery Twist's current show "Flights of Fancy," which runs through October 16. You can see the show online or visit in person. Gallery Twist, 1963 Mass. Ave., Lexington; <https://www.gallerytwist.com/flights-of-fancy-artists-2022>



If Only I Could Fly by Laura Wallace

Art in the Area

23rd Annual Frances N. Roddy Exhibition at Concord Center for the Visual Arts through October 23

The annual Frances N. Roddy Open Competition is one of Concord Art's most exciting and competitive shows. The competition is named for a long-standing friend and artist member of the art association, **Frances Roddy**, whose family and friends endowed a prize to be given annually in her name to the best entry in this all-media show. You can view this year's recognized artists until October 23. Concord Center for the Visual Arts, 37 Lexington Rd., Concord; <https://concordart.org/exhibition/23rd-annual-frances-n-roddy-exhibition/>

"Reaching Across the World Through Heritage Crafts: Refugee Artisans of Worcester" at LexArt through October 30

The Lexington Arts and Crafts Society is offering a sale of craftworks by the Refugee Artisans of Worcester (RAW) through October 30. RAW helps refugees gain self-sufficiency through the sale of their artwork. Reception and artist demos on October 9, 2:00 p.m. Lexington Arts and Crafts Society, 130 Waltham Street, Lexington; www.lexart.org

"Printmaking: From Silly Putty to Silkscreen" at the Arts League of Lowell through October 30



Winter Sun from the ALL printmaking show

This diverse printmaking show continues at the Arts League of Lowell (ALL) for the month of October. See the work of 11 area printmakers in a variety of styles and media. Gallery is open Wednesday to Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. ALL, 307 Market Street, Lowell, MA; <http://www.artsleagueoflowell.org/>

“For the Love of Art” at the Brush Art Gallery through November 6

In this recently opened show, 11 Brush studio artists interpret the theme “For the Love of Art.” The range of media includes painting, jewelry, quilting, ceramics, photography, and more. Brush Art Gallery and Studios, 256 Market Street, Lowell; details at <https://thebrush.org/index.html>.

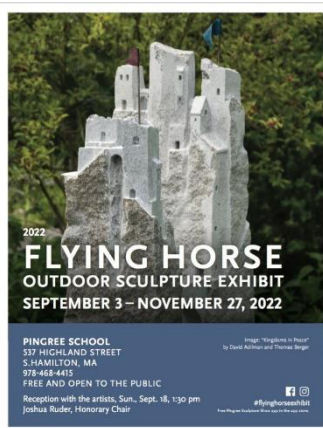


“Natural Wonders” at the Bedford Free Public Library through November 9

The Bedford Library’s current show, “Natural Wonders,” features photography-based works by **Anne Eder** and **Susan Murie**. Bedford Free Public Library, Mudge Way, Bedford; <https://www.bedfordlibrary.net/events/art-exhibits/>

“Compendium: A Regional Exposition” at the George Marshall Store Gallery through November 13

“Compendium: A Regional Exposition” brings together recent works by 73 artists from across New England. Selections include a diverse range of new and traditional media, subjects, and styles. Exhibiting artists span the region from Northampton, Massachusetts to Hope, Maine. All works were created within the past two years. George Marshall Store Gallery, 140 Lindsay Rd., York ME; <https://www.georgemarshallstoregallery.com/compendium>



Flying Horse Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit through November 27 at the Pingree School, South Hamilton

Don’t miss the 13th annual Flying Horse Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit on the campus of Pingree School in South Hamilton, MA. On display are more than 50 works by artists from as nearby as Hamilton and as far away as the state of Washington.

The exhibit is open to the public seven days a week during daylight hours, and a full-color catalog, both printed and online, is available to visitors. Pingree School, 537 Highland St, South Hamilton, MA

01982; <https://www.pingree.org/news-events/flying-horse-outdoor-sculpture-exhibit>

“Rosamond Purcell: Nature Stands Aside” at the Addison Gallery of American Art through December 31

Over some fifty years, **Rosamond Purcell** has collaborated with paleontologists, anthropologists, historians, museum curators, termite experts, and even a scholar-magician to explore the boundaries between art and science. This exhibition reflects the breadth of the artist’s career and includes over 150 of her photographs, assemblages, collages, and more. Addison Gallery, Phillips Academy Andover, 180 Main St., Andover, MA; <https://addison.andover.edu/Exhibitions/Purcell/Pages/default.aspx>

“The Stillness of Things—Photographs from the Lane Collection” at the Museum of Fine Arts through February 27, 2023



This exhibit showcases nearly 60 photographs—all departures from the traditional still life. The works on view span the entire history of photography. Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA; <https://www.mfa.org/exhibition/the-stillness-of-things>

“Stitching Stories: Textiles in Conversation” at Buckman Tavern through September 4, 2023



“Stitching Stories” marks the first time the Lexington (MA) Historical Society is integrating contemporary art into the period rooms of historic Buckman Tavern. The exhibition features a wide range of textiles, including clothing ranging from the mid-18th century to the 1960s, plus selected works from contemporary textile artists. Buckman Tavern, 1 Bedford St., Lexington; [https://www.lexingtonhistory.org/stitching-](https://www.lexingtonhistory.org/stitching-stories-exhibition)

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Calls for Art

“Holidays (Celebrate)” at the Grace Chapel Art Gallery

The seasonal theme of “Holidays (Celebrate)” will be the focus of the next show at the Grace Chapel Art Gallery. Drop-off is on November 3 and November 5. Details at <https://www.grace.org/article/art-gallery-exhibition-schedule-2022-2023/>



"Creative Gifting" at the Arts League of Lowell (ALL)



"Creative Gifting" emphasizes giving art for the holidays. Application deadline is Saturday, October 22. Interested artists can read the prospectus and apply online: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/ALL-Gallery----Call-for-Entry----Creative-Gifting----Members--Holiday-show.html?soid=1134065119322&aid=Gc5aAQO3YEK>

Holiday Art Sale at the Concord Center for the Visual Arts

Sell your art for the holidays courtesy of Concord Art! Accepted media include painting, drawing, mixed media, photography, ceramics, prints, sculpture, wood, jewelry, and fiber. All work must be for sale. Keep in mind this show is tailored to holiday gifting when pricing your work.

For additional information: <https://concordart.org/exhibition2/holiday-art-sale/>

Annual Juried Members' Exhibit at the Brush Art Gallery and Studios

In partnership with the New England Sculpture Association, the Brush will be running its annual members' show from November 12 through December 23. Artists who are up-to-date Brush members are eligible. All media are welcomed. Artists may submit up to three entries. This is the link to apply online: <https://form.jotform.com/222654316689162>

Brush Art Gallery and Studios, 256 Market Street, Lowell; further information forthcoming at <https://www.thebrush.org/exhibits.htm>

In Memory of Jane Franklin: Letters to Maeve

Jane Franklin's friend **Pat Dunlea** is planning to assemble a memory book of letters for Jane Franklin's baby granddaughter **Maeve Marie Franklin**, who was born in August. Pat hopes to include friends' remembrances of Jane's personality, talents, accomplishments, and so on, as well as funny stories. The hope is that this special gift will allow Maeve to know her nana Jane a little better when she is old enough to appreciate it. Please contact Pat if you'd like to take part: pmadunlea@verizon.net.



New and Returning Members

BACS has a new family membership: **Erica Lee** and **Eleanor Chao**. Welcome, friends! Erica and Eleanor can be reached at climberica@gmail.com. We also warmly welcome **Phyllis Maddox** back to Bedford Arts and Crafts. Phyllis's e-mail address is jimphyllismaddox@gmail.com.



Artist Support Group

The next meeting of the BACS artist support group will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 19, at the home of **Judi Babcock**. If you wish to attend via Zoom, please let Judi know a day in advance: judibabcock@gmail.com

Yvonne Sandell and Annemarie Creason at a recent artist support group gathering

If you will be Zooming, you can sign on to the support group with this link:

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

A Thought for October

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting, and autumn a mosaic of them all."

- Stanley Horowitz



Autumn Glow bowl by Barb Purchia