



Bedford Arts and Crafts Society Newsletter April 2021

Dear BACS members,



It's easy to feel that March is just a tease and that April brings the true arrival of spring. Hope you have plans to get outside, connect with nature, sweep the final winter cobwebs from your mind, and begin a new adventure. Maybe that means dusting off your sketchbook, roaming with your camera, or simply relaxing on a sunny bench (after applying sunscreen). Wishing you good health and merry diversions as the season unfolds.

Sylvia

Zoom Workshop for May: Finding Shape & Color: Collage with Nancy Gruskin

We hope you will join us on Tuesday, May 18, 1:00-3:00 p.m., for a colorful and creative journey into the world of paper collage. Artist **Nancy Gruskin** will lead us in using simple materials and basic shapes to build fanciful objects and scenes. Participants will provide their own materials, which are scissors, glue, materials to collage with (the sky's the limit), and a substrate (backing material) onto which to glue the pieces. The workshop is free to all—members and nonmembers alike—and will be presented via Zoom.

To receive the Zoom link for the workshop, you will need to RSVP by Monday, May 10, to workshop@bacsm.org. Tell your friends, and let's gather a big group and have a paper party!



Eel Grass by Nancy Gruskin



BACS Saturday Socials

Our next Saturday Social/Tea will take place on April 10, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. **Anita Feld** will be our host. Looking ahead to next month, we'll gather on May 8, and **Heidi Trockman** will lead our chat. Please come and share your news.

Class Opportunity from Bedford Recreation

Bedford Recreation will run a workshop on “Crinkled Paper Technique for Watercolorists.” In this virtual (Zoom) program, join **Nan Rumpf** in exploring the use of watercolors on a special Asian paper with sizing. Nan will demonstrate the steps for preparing the paper and the best way to use your brushes to obtain the crinkled paper look. This technique is excellent for painting rocks, trees, shrubs, flowers, landscapes, and more.



Full Bloom by Nan Rumpf

Handouts and the materials list will be provided via e-mail. You will be e-mailed the Zoom link 24 hours before the class. This workshop will take place on Thursday, May 13, 12:30-4:30 p.m., and is co-sponsored by the Bedford Arts and Crafts Society. The cost is \$65. To sign up, you can phone 781-275-1392 or go to bedfordrecreation.org.

Other Resources for Classes

If you're interested in checking out some other sources for art and/or craft classes, here are some good places to consider.

- Munroe Center for the Arts: <https://www.munroecenter.org/>
- Concord Art: <https://www.concordart.org/>
- Rockport Art Association: <https://www.rockportartassn.org/>
- Lexington Arts and Crafts Society: <https://www.lexart.org/>
- Winslow Art (based in Bainbridge Island, Washington): <https://winslowartcenter.com/>
- Arts Wayland at Gallery W: <https://artswayland.com/>

- Weston Art and Innovation Center: <https://westonaic.org/>
- New Art Center: <https://newartcenter.org/>

BACS Crafting

Service Project Update

Jean Hammond has written an informative article documenting the fabulous effort by BACS crafters and others to produce a boatload of knitted and loomed good and greeting cards for the wider community. BACS crafters knitted, crocheted, and



loomed more than 350 hats of all sizes, along with many scarves, headbands, and mittens . . . and even a doll's hat.



Card makers created dozens of imaginative designs.

The group sent 76 cards sent with Food Bank packages, and 14 cards to residents at the VA on Valentine's Day. Look for Jean's article soon in the *Bedford Citizen*. Heartfelt thanks to all who participated in this project.

Zoom Crafting Wednesdays

The crafting group continues to meet weekly on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. Log on to unleash your creativity . . . or just grab a cup of tea and come for a social visit. You will still need to RSVP to the weekly e-mail to receive the Zoom link.

Remember, if you have questions or suggestions regarding BACS crafting, please send an e-mail to crafts@bacsma.org.

Photos from the Precious Metal Clay Workshop

Thanks to **Dawn Warrington** for organizing the precious metal clay jewelry-making workshop led by **Kim Rumberger** via Zoom. Participants came from as far away as Washington State—the elimination of geographical barriers being one of the benefits of Zoom! Appreciation is also due to **Cindy Wells** for cheerfully firing students' pieces in her kiln in the critical final stages of the project.

Look at some of the dazzling creations that came out of the class. Thanks to Dawn for the pix.



Students' work from the precious metal clay workshop

Easel #2 Finds a New Home

The second of our two antique easels will be given to the Bedford Historical Society, which is receiving it with great appreciation. We thank **Laura Wallace** for orchestrating the donation and **Barb Purchia** for facilitating it.

Local Exhibit Opportunities

Nashua Area Artists Association (NAAA)

The Nashua Area Artists Association (NAAA) has opened registration for the group's third annual spring juried exhibit at the ArtHub Gallery, 107 West Pearl Street, Nashua, NH. The theme is "Portals." Think windows and doors, but also think outside the box about ways in and ways out, how we can get from here to there. How about the portals that open in our mind when we delve into our imagination and tap into new ways of seeing and expressing ourselves?



The application and prospectus for the show are available online at <http://www.nashuaarts.org/display/>. The exhibit will run from May 1 to June 19. The juror is Monadnock-area artist **Sue Callihan**. For questions, contact **Maddy LaRose** at mplarose@comcast.net.

Arts League of Lowell (ALL)

The Arts League of Lowell (ALL) is sponsoring an exhibit on the theme of “Collage for All.” The show will run from April 30

through June 27. Unique 2D or 3D collage or assemblage is eligible. Artists may use photographs and/or “found” photographic images; however, all media are welcome. Work may be entirely pasted paper pieces or even totally photographic images, as long as the individual parts result in a unique “whole.”



Henri Matisse, *The Sorrows of the King*, collage, 1952

Entry is open to ALL members and the general public. Artists may enter up to three works in any 2D or 3D medium. Applications will be online only, and the application deadline is April 17. For the prospectus:

http://www.artsleagueoflowell.org/gallerydocs/2021/Prospectus_Collage.pdf

Demo to View Online

Join the Nashua Area Artists Association on Wednesday, April 7, at 6:30 via Zoom as artist **Lisa Salerno** demonstrates her artistic process and shares insights into her art.

Lisa is a mixed media artist, content creator, art instructor, and creative coach. Her eclectic works are inspired by lyrical abstraction, graffiti art, and spiritual iconography, as well as her own personal experiences and connections with others.



Art by Lisa Salerno

Here is the Zoom link to watch the presentation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3490961716?pwd=eDNrRUhYWXM5ZUpsQkxUYlVaNmhTdz09>

Meeting ID: 349 096 1716

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Sell Your Art and Craft Work on the BACS Website

The BACS website's Gallery page is the go-to place to display examples of your artwork and/or crafts. Visit the site at bacsma.org/gallery/ to take a tour. **NOTE:** For members who are interested in selling their work, we plan to add the price of each piece and to advertise the page to the Bedford community and beyond. Contact **Laura Wallace** at laura.b.wallace@gmail.com if you would like to showcase your work on our site. And if you have had the same pieces on view on the Gallery page for a while, it might be time to freshen them with new work.



Artist Support Group

The artist support group meets via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. on every other Wednesday. For questions, contact **Judi Babcock** at judibabcock@gmail.com.



Sign on via the same link as is used for all regularly occurring BACS Zoom sessions:

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

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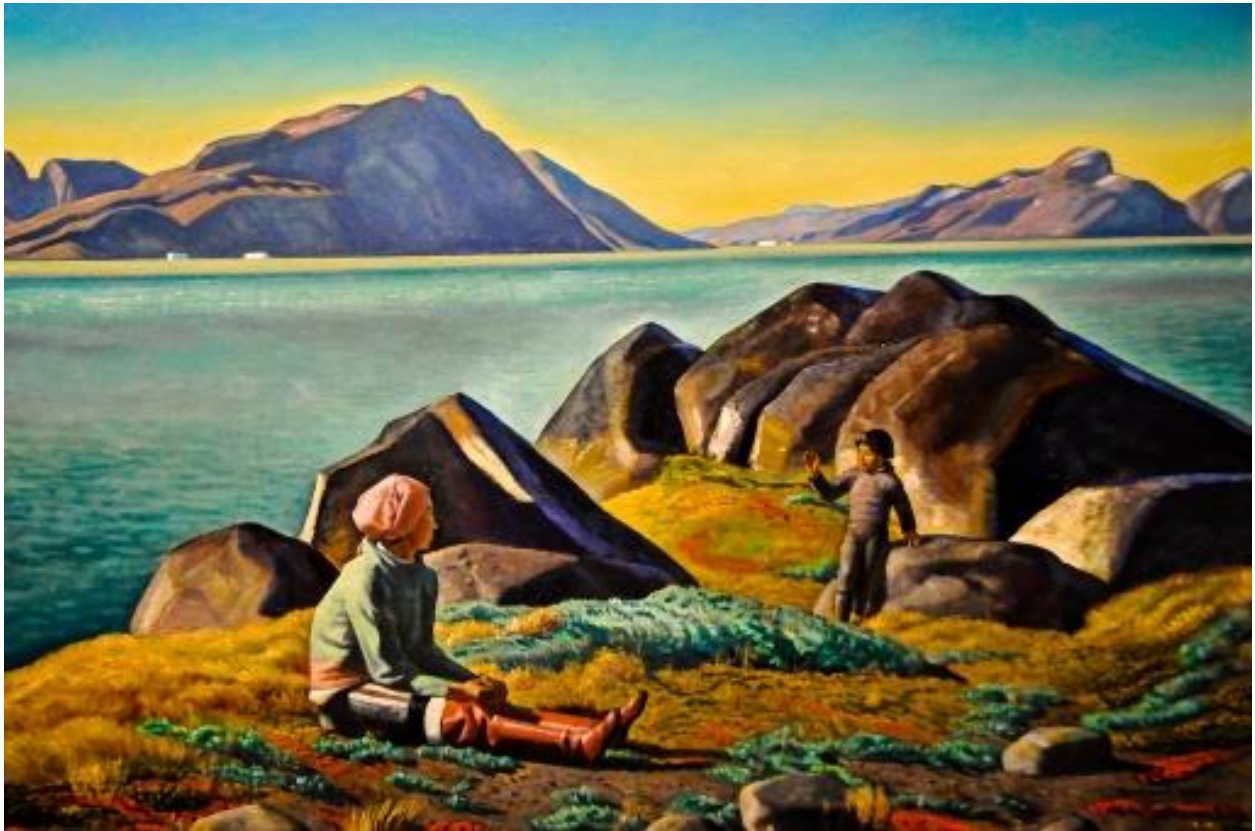
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Everyone is welcome.

A Thought for April

“In quietness the soul expands.”

--Rockwell Kent



Rockwell Kent (1882-1971), *Greenland Summer*, 1932, oil on canvas