



Bedford Arts and Crafts Society Newsletter January 2021

Hello BACS members,

Happy New Year! Wow: 2021. Best of luck and much happiness in the year ahead.

We don't always produce a newsletter in January, but since we have so much going on this month, we thought we would send an update. Take a look!

Best,

Sylvia

Next BACS Saturday Social on January 9

Join us for the next Saturday Zoom social from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on January 9. Watch for the Zoom link as the day gets closer. We hope you will join us, tell us about how you have been keeping busy, and share your plans and project ideas for the new year. Let's catch up!

Upcoming Zoom Demo: Oil Painting with Peter Bain on January 19



Join us from the comfort of your home for an oil painting demo by Lexington-based artist **Peter Bain** on Tuesday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m. Peter's planned focus will be a figure painting. Sign up for the demo at RSVP@bacsma.org. To become familiar with Peter and his work, visit his website, <https://www.pbainart.com/>.

Girl Talk by Peter Bain

Zoom meeting,
audio only



Zoom meeting
with video



BACS Crafting Wednesdays

Update on the current service project

The Wednesday crafters are looking for donations of yarn for BACS's fabulous ongoing service project. Participants are knitting hats, scarves, and mittens to be distributed through the Bedford Community Food Bank. Please let **Jane Franklin** or **Dawn Warrington** know if you have yarn to donate so that arrangements can be made for pickup. Thank you!



To date, the group has made:

- 81 small hats
- 73 large hats
- 1 doll hat
- 2 headbands
- 9 scarves

The BACS knitters have been joined in their efforts by members of the Bedford community at large. Friends and family of BACS members have donated time knitting. Note that you never have to be a “regular crafter” to participate. Every BACS member is welcome.

Yarn has come from many sources, members and nonmembers alike. In fact, a Facebook post requesting yarn yielded donations from many nonmembers. One nonmember, **Jenny Stewart**, volunteered to collect and deliver donated yarn. As a thank-you, Jenny was gifted a complimentary BACS membership for 2020–2021. See the next page for her contact info.

A survey for service project participants

Jane Franklin asks that participants in the service project respond to the following survey (if they have not done so already) and e-mail their input to her at crafts@bacsmma.org. She wants to ensure that every participant is recognized.

1. Are you ready to return your loom, hook, needle, and/or any unfinished projects or extra yarn?
2. Do you intend to continue knitting hats?
3. Do you need more yarn?
4. Do you have yarn scraps that can be incorporated as stripes into a hat or scarf?
5. Have you made at least one hat, scarf, pair of mittens, or headband for this service project?
6. Have you donated any yarn? (We want to make sure our count of participants is accurate!)

Watch for ongoing information about this community-helping-community project in Jane's weekly crafting e-mail blast. And if you have questions, e-mail her at crafts@bacsma.org.

New Member

We warmly welcome **Jenny Stewart** to BACS, and we thank her for her initiative in helping out with the current community service project (see the preceding page). You can reach Jenny at jcoopstew@gmail.com.

Class Opportunities

The Bedford COA will be sponsoring an art class on "Flowers in Different 'Isms.'" The class will run on Thursdays, January 7 through March 11, 10:00–11:30 a.m. Join the instructor, **Sue Funk**, via Zoom to explore flowers through various "isms" by viewing how diverse artists have captured the beauty and uniqueness of flora. Each week, Sue will showcase a different artist's work, and participants can then try their hand at interpreting this work in their choice of medium. Go to coa@bedfordma.gov to get the link to join the class.



< *The White Flower* by Georgia O'Keeffe

Kathy DeFlice-Secor is offering a Zoom class on "The Unique Image" through Concord Art. The class focuses on drawing and painting with acrylics on paper. The class dates are January 21–February 25. For details: <http://www.concordart.org/school/classes#8952>

Artist Support Group

The artist support group meets via Zoom. Come and show us what you are working on and give us feedback on our work. Sign on via the same link as is used for all regularly occurring BACS Zoom sessions:



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

Meeting ID: 816 7820 1720

Passcode: 571744

The group's next get-together will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 13. For questions, contact **Judi Babcock** at judibabcock@gmail.com.

A Thought for the New Year

“In everything, there is a bit of ART. . . . You just have to discover how to see it. It is often hidden, fragmented, disorganized, and unassuming. The challenge is to discover it, compose it, and order it. We should observe things from a different point of view. Looking at the world upside-down can offer many creative ideas and awaken [one] from a kind of “sleep of vision.”

– *Federico Babina*



Let It Be by Federico Babina

Federico Babina (b. 1969) is an Italian architect and graphic designer who lives and works in Barcelona.