



Bedford Arts and Crafts Society Newsletter July 2021



Hi BACS members,

Here's a quick look at upcoming BACS events, as well as other opportunities that you might want to add to your summer calendar. With galleries, museums, classes, theaters, beaches, and restaurants reopening, it's a gift to be able to get out, explore, and enjoy.

Have a summer filled with delights!

Sylvia

Plein Air Event on Friday, July 9

Join a group of BACS members on Friday, July 9, 2:00-4:00 p.m., for an afternoon of informal painting or drawing en plein air. Meet at the Bedford Common at 2:00 and find a shady spot to set up. There are a variety of plantings, trees, and, of course, the church and other buildings. In the event of rain, this activity will be rescheduled. For information, contact **Doris Smith:** dorsmith@mac.com.



Claude Monet, In the Woods at Giverny: Blanche Hoschedé at Her Easel with Suzanne Hoschedé Reading, 1887

Wednesday Crafting

Wednesday crafting has shifted to the outdoor tent at the COA. The events are free to BACS members; others pay \$5 per meet-up. The sessions run from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Led by **Mary Jane St. Amour**, the crafters recently had a fun time crocheting ladder ribbon into beautiful necklaces. See photo.



At the upcoming crafting session on Wednesday, July 7,

Phyllis Maddox and **Harriet Silverman** will lead the group in bow making using an ingenious device that magically turns ordinary ribbon into magnificent bows suitable for decorative objects and presents. If you have wire-edged ribbon, please bring it. Also, if you took part in the wreath making two weeks ago, bring your wreath if you would like to attach a bow. Sign up at crafts@bacsma.org.

The schedule for the July and August get-togethers is:



July 14: Basketmaking

July 21: Basketmaking

July 28: Collage

August 5: Accordion Books

August 11: TBD

August 18: Decoupage

August 25: Cards for Kids

Please send **Marita Hartshorn** your ideas for future Wednesday sessions, as well as your suggestions for saleable crafts for Bedford Day:

crafts@bacsma.org.

BACS Regional Art Show on Bedford Day

Happily, our annual regional art show will go on this year! The exhibition will take place on Bedford Day, which will be celebrated on Saturday, September 18.

This year, to keep the event stress-free, we will be having just a show and sale—that is, we will forgo the judging. BACS members are invited to submit up to three pieces of art or craftwork in a variety of categories at no charge; nonmembers will pay a small entry fee. The exhibit categories are (1) watercolor; (2) oil/acrylic; (3) drawing/pastel; (4) 3-dimensional; (5) photography; (6) other media (collage, batik, mixed media, printmaking). Look for the entry form with next month's BACS newsletter.



Art Change-Over at the COA, Town Center Building, August 10

We will be putting BACS members' art back up in the Flint Room and changing it in the COA computer room in the morning of Tuesday, August 10, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. If you have 1-3 pieces of 2D art you'd like to display, it's time to get it ready! The artwork must be properly and securely wired and ready for hanging; we are unable to work with sawtooth hangers. We will put up as many pieces as possible. Let **Judi Babcock** know if you have questions or are available to help: judibabcock@gmail.com.

Art Making with Sue Funk



Annisquam Lighthouse, Gloucester

Beginning on Thursday, July 8, at 10:00 a.m. and continuing for subsequent Thursdays, **Sue Funk** will lead students in rendering scenes from Sue's new hometown of Gloucester. Veteran artists, as well as newly minted students, are welcome, and the medium—pencil, ink, watercolor, pastel, oil, acrylic—is each student's choice. The class is sponsored by the Bedford COA and will be presented via Zoom. If you would like to take part, you can receive the Zoom link by e-mailing or calling the COA: coa@bedfordma.gov; 781-275-6825.

BACS Art Show at the Bedford Public Library

A reminder that "Local Talent," the BACS art and craft show at the Bedford library, has reopened and will stay up until September 8. Here is **Florence Como's** lovely painting from the exhibit.

Reflections by Florence Como



Local and Online Exhibits to See

"Pastel Scapes" at the Brush Art Gallery

The Brush Art Gallery's "Pastel Scapes" exhibition showcases seven artists' work exploring subjects such as the ocean, nature, city greenspaces, rivers, and trees. The show runs through July 31. The gallery is located in the Lowell National Historical Park across from the Visitor Center at 256 Market Street, Lowell, MA. For additional information:

<https://www.thebrush.org/>

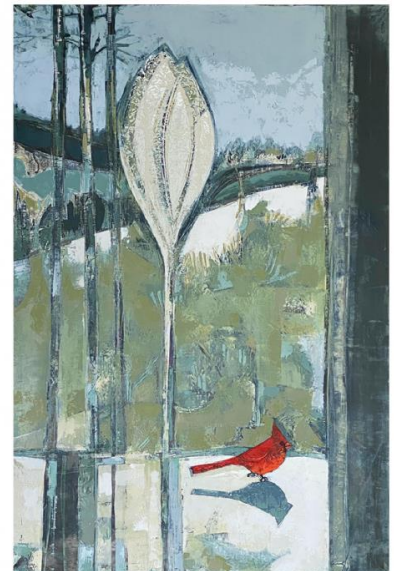
Two Shows at the Concord Center for the Visual Arts

Concord Art is presenting "(un)seen," an array of drawings, paintings, photos, and video and sound installations by four different artists, through August 15. Meanwhile, in the members' gallery, the "Nature Redux" exhibit features the work of **Marcia Crumley** and **Jane Henry Parsons** (see images at right) celebrating these artists' common love of nature. The gallery is located at 37 Lexington Rd., Concord, MA. For additional information, you can visit

<https://concordart.org/current-exhibitions/>



Marcia Crumley, "Lazy Summer Days"



Jane Henry Parsons, "First Snow"

“Martha’s Vineyard Summer” and “Our Connection with Nature—Earth Day 2021” at Gallery Sitka

Gallery Sitka in Shirley, MA (open by appointment), is featuring the above two shows, both of which you can view online. “Martha’s Vineyard Summer” runs through July 31, and “Our Connection with Nature” continues through June 1, 2022. You can tour these shows via this link: <https://www.artsy.net/gallery-sitka>

New Chairpersons

Heidi Trockman and **Kathy Morse** are our new co-chairs for Classes, while **Sylvia Mallory** and **Laura Wallace** are now serving as co-chairs for Programs (workshops and artist demos).

The chair for Historian remains open. Interested members may get in touch with **Judi Babcock** or **Taline Saatjian**: judibabcock@gmail.com; talineks70@gmail.com.

New Member

Paula Gilarde has recently joined BACS. A warm welcome to Paula! You may reach her at paula.gilarde@gmail.com.

Artist Support Group

The BACS artist support group is holding hybrid meetings every other Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Come in person or attend via Zoom. The next meeting is July 14, with the location to be announced. Those interested should contact **Judi Babcock** for additional details: judibabcock@gmail.com.

Rembrandt, *The Artist in His Studio*, 1626-1628

For those attending via Zoom, the link is:



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

