



## Bedford Arts and Crafts Society Newsletter June 2021

Dear BACS members,

With June comes the start of a new year for BACS, along with a fresh slate of executive officers. My sincere congratulations go to **Judi Babcock, Taline Saatjian, Heidi Trockman, Dawn Warrington, and Susan Schwartz**, who have been unanimously endorsed by our membership. I look forward to working with this great team, and I thank them for their support during the past challenging year.

I also extend my gratitude to our members at large for their enthusiasm, inspiration, and companionship during my years as president. It has been an honor, and I am much richer for the experience.

Warm thanks,

*Sylvia*



### **Renew Your BACS Membership!**

This is a reminder to renew your BACS membership **today** if you have not done so already. Please mail your check (made out to BACS) and your renewal application to Membership chair **Taline Saatjian** at BACS, P.O. Box 604, Bedford, MA 01730. Dues are \$30 for an individual; \$35 for a family (two members of an immediate family).

Remember to submit a membership renewal form with your check; one is attached to the e-mail delivering this newsletter. The form is also available under "Forms for download" in the Member Page link of our website, [bacsma.org/member-page/](https://bacsma.org/member-page/). The password you'll need for the latter is "Bedford." On the form, be sure that your contact information and your artistic and volunteer interests are up-to-date.

So, to continue enjoying your BACS activities and friendships, receiving the newsletter, and having your name published in the yearbook, please renew today. Thank you!

**BACS Spring Luncheon: A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood**

On June 5, under the shade of a big old tree, we enjoyed a BYO picnic to mark another year of BACS. It was surprisingly comfortable given the heat of the day, with a welcome breeze keeping us cool. We give our heartfelt thanks to **Taline Saatjian** for opening up her shady yard and lovely home to us and for baking us a scrummy chocolate cake. How delightful it was to see everyone’s smiling, mask-free face! Here are a few photos to mark the event. Enjoy!





## Wednesday Crafting

On June 1, **Sylvia Mallory** led crafters in setting their imagination free and creating a self-portrait collage. Glue and paper were everywhere as the participants came up with clever and creative interpretations, as these examples show. Don't you love the hairstyles? We challenge you to guess the artists.





On Wednesday, June 9, the crafters will explore Zentangle as it relates to quilting. The session leader will be **Phyllis Maddox**, who is a master of free motion quilting. No kits are necessary, just paper and a pencil. Sign into Zoom at 2:00 on the 9<sup>th</sup>!

This will be the group's last meeting on Zoom, as our gatherings will shift to an outdoor tent at the COA starting on June 16. Info to come in the weekend blast.



*Quilt by Phyllis Maddox*

And please remember to send **Marita Hartshorn** your ideas for future Wednesday sessions: [crafts@bacsma.org](mailto:crafts@bacsma.org).

## **Bedford Day Is On!**

Hurray! The town recently announced that Bedford Day 2021 is a go. After its sad cancellation last year due to Covid worries, our annual town celebration will take place on Saturday, September 18, and will feature the usual parade and other festivities. The art show is a question mark at this time, but additional information will follow in the July BACS newsletter. Meanwhile, BACS artists and crafters are brainstorming about what information and saleable items we will bring to the event this year to promote who we are and what we do.

## **2021 BACS Scholarship Awardee**



*YiChen and Maureen*

We congratulate this year's BACS scholarship recipient, **YiChen Li**, a 2021 graduate of Bedford High School. **Maureen Reyling**, scholarship chair, presented the award to YiChen during a recent visit.

YiChen specializes in oil painting and darkroom photography and will attend the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence. Best of luck and a happy future to YiChen.

## **BACS Art Show at the Bedford Public Library**

Good news! "Local Talent," the BACS art and craft show at the Bedford library, will resume as of the end of this week. The exhibit will stay up until September 8. If you had a piece in this juried show and have removed it, you may bring it back to the library for rehangng this Thursday, June 10. Since the show was juried, please resubmit the original work unless it is no longer available. In the latter case, you may replace the unavailable piece with one of a similar size.

Plan to leave your artwork in the library office on the second floor. Note, however, that the office closes at 8:00 p.m. If the office is closed when you arrive, go to the circulation desk. Be sure to include your name and the title of the work when you drop off your piece.

Meanwhile, please e-mail the medium, price, and title of your work to Jean Hammond at [ihmmnd@icloud.com](mailto:ihmmnd@icloud.com) ASAP so that she may have a label made. Thank you!

## New Member

We welcome **Dana Holley** to BACS. Dana, an accomplished artist working mostly in acrylic, looks forward to taking part in our activities. You can reach her at [danaholley@aol.com](mailto:danaholley@aol.com).

## A Thank-You from the Historical Society

We have received a gracious letter from **Kristine Moore**, executive director of the Bedford Historical Society, thanking us for our donation of the handcrafted wooden easel. Ms. Moore writes: "We appreciate your commitment to Bedford's history. This easel will have a great home with the Society and will be a great tool for our displays and programs. The fact that it comes from the Bedford Arts and Crafts Society makes it even more special and helps to further connect various organization within Bedford to each other." I think we can all agree that we found a fitting home for our second antique easel!

## Updated Call for Artists: The Bedford Peace Poles Project

**Chris Wojnar** has announced the following extensions to the deadlines for her peace poles project. Given busy summer schedules, these extensions will give artists more time to develop their proposal and more time to work on the actual artwork. The submission deadline for the artist proposals is now June 28. And the deadline for the completion of the project is August 30. Submit your proposal to [chris@christinewojnar.com](mailto:chris@christinewojnar.com) and feel free to get in touch with Chris with questions: 781-275-0698.

## Members' Artwork on Exhibit

A photograph and a painting by **Sylvia Mallory** are featured in Fusion Art's juried online art show for June, "Lines, Shapes, and Objects." Another of Sylvia's paintings has been juried into the Rockport Art Association's upcoming "Grassroots" show, which will run from July 1 to August 1.

To see the Fusion Art show, visit <https://www.fusionartps.com/3rd-annual-lines-shapes-objects-art-exhibition-june-2021/>



*West by Southwest, acrylic by Sylvia Mallory  
from the Fusion Art show*



Paintings by **Linda Cargiuolo** are included in the opening show at a new gallery in Portsmouth, New Hampshire: A Pleasant Shoppe on 79 Congress Street in the downtown. The shop is named after its sister shop on Pleasant Street in Newburyport. The grand opening is on Saturday, June 12.

Batiks by **Laura Wallace** will be on display in Gallery Twist's upcoming show "Looking Up," which will run from June 11 to July 4. The exhibit showcases original artwork by a diverse group of New England artists. There will be a 3D 360° tour, and the show will be viewable in the gallery and online at [www.gallerytwist.com](http://www.gallerytwist.com)

Gallery Twist is located at 1963 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, and is open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Sycamore Scamper, batik by Laura Wallace from the Gallery Twist show*

## **Sell Your Artwork and Crafts 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 [bacsmma.org/gallery/](http://bacsmma.org/gallery/) to take a tour. **NOTE:** For members who are interested in selling their work, we are adding the price of each piece, and we plan to advertise the page to the larger community. Contact **Laura Wallace** at [laura.b.wallace@gmail.com](mailto:laura.b.wallace@gmail.com) if you would like to showcase your work on our site. For paintings sold via the website, members will pay the usual 20% commission to BACS.

Also keep in mind that 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!



*Cards by KwiYoung Choi as shown in the online BACS Gallery*

## Canvas, Anyone?

**Alyce McLaughlin** has two rolls of canvas fabric that is suitable for table runners, tote bags, and the like. Many home sewing machines should be able to handle the material, which is relatively lightweight. If you are interested in taking some of the canvas for your projects, contact Alyce at [alycemcl@aol.com](mailto:alycemcl@aol.com).



## Artist Support Group



The BACS artist support group meets every other Wednesday, and the participants are now getting together in person again (y-a-a-a-ay!). For questions, contact **Judi Babcock** at [judibabcock@gmail.com](mailto:judibabcock@gmail.com).

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 16, 10:00 a.m., at **Sylvia Mallory's** home, 532 Springs Rd., Bedford. All BACS members are welcome. Please let Judi or Sylvia ([slmal@hotmail.com](mailto:slmal@hotmail.com)) know if you plan to attend.

**Have a Great Summer!**

