



Bedford Arts and Crafts Society Newsletter November 2020

Hello BACS members,

Wishing you warmth, comfort, and good cheer this Thanksgiving and for the rest of the holiday season. I hope you can join in on some of the upcoming BACS events described in this newsletter. As we navigate the difficult times ahead, let's stay connected, stay strong, and keep the faith.

--Sylvia



Vote for BACS Budget and Executive Officers, November 17, 6:45 p.m.

Members will vote for the 2020–2021 BACS operating budget and executive officers at 6:45 p.m. on November 17 via Zoom. **Dawn Warrington** has e-mailed the budget to you. The officer candidates are:

- **President: Sylvia Mallory**
- **Vice President: Heidi Trockman**
- **Secretary: Susan Schwartz**
- **Treasurer: Dawn Warrington**

Your voice is important, and we need to hear from you. The voting will take only five minutes. Here's the link to use, and we will re-send it on the day before the meeting.

TO VOTE:

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

Meeting ID: 816 7820 1720

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We hope you will then join us at 7:00 p.m. via another Zoom link for Kathy DeFlice-Secor's demo. Read on!

Abstract Painting Demo, November 17, 7:00 p.m.

Kathy DeFlice-Secor's abstract painting demo will be given via Zoom on Tuesday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m. Note that in order to receive the link to attend, you must sign up THIS WEEK by e-mailing us at RSVP@bacsma.org. The link for this demo will be provided on the preceding day. Don't miss this truly special event! To see examples of Kathy's work, you can visit her website, <https://defliceseacor.com/>

Demos and Workshops in the New Year

Here's another look at next year's demos and workshops. Note the planned addition of a metal clay jewelry workshop in March, to be led by Kim Rumberger. Official announcements will be published before each event. We anticipate that these events will take place via Zoom, and therefore sign-ups will be required so that we may send a Zoom link to those who wish to attend.

- January 19, 2021, 7:00 p.m.: Oil painting demo with **Peter Bain**
- February 16, 2021, 7:00 p.m.: Watercolor painting demo with **Nan Rumpf**
- March 2021, dates and times to come: Metal clay jewelry workshop with **Kim Rumberger**
- April 6, 2021, 1:15–3:30 p.m.: Workshop on “Dash: A Mindful Painting Pattern” with **Amy Maricle**
- May 18, 2021, 1:00–3:00 p.m.: Collage workshop with **Nancy Gruskin**



Collage by Nancy Gruskin

Please watch for updates in subsequent newsletters.



HOLIDAY PARTY Coming December 5!

Save the date! We hope to “see” you on Saturday, December 5, at 10:00 a.m. for our **annual holiday party**. A festive and fun time is in store! Featured this year will be revelry, remembrances, and recipes, along with some surprises! Party co-chairs **Heidi Trockman** and **Susan Schwartz** will be providing further info soon via an e-mail blast. And they will send a Zoom

invitation a day or two before we gather for the party. Meanwhile, enjoy the run-up to the holiday season!

BACS Crafting Wednesdays

Need something to keep your hands busy over the cold winter months? BACS is beginning a new community service project that will continue throughout 2021. We will be knitting hats and scarves to be given out by the Bedford Food Bank. We will supply the yarn; you knit when you can. Not a knitter, you say?



No problem. We have purchased several Darice Round Knitting Looms that require no knitting experience and are easy to use. Sign up for Wednesday Crafting, 2:00–4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, November 18, to learn how to use the looms. Just RSVP to **Jane Franklin**'s weekly crafting e-mail at the end of this week for instructions on how to pick up the loom and/or yarn and how to log into the Zoom group. Meanwhile, for anyone whose curiosity we've piqued and who loves YouTube, there are lots of videos on using the looms. Questions? E-mail Jane at crafts@bacsma.org.



And keep in mind that the BACS website has a dedicated Crafts page: www.bacsma.org/crafts/

BACS Artists Featured in Holiday Show at Gallery Twist, Lexington

Gallery Twist's holiday show, "Illumination," will feature paintings by **Sylvia Mallory** and batiks by **Laura Wallace**. The show will include 250 works by 50+ artists and will run from December 1 through January 3. A virtual tour will be available, and there will be daily in-person visiting too. You can find preliminary information at this link:

<https://www.gallerytwist.com/upcoming-exhibition>



2020-2021 Yearbook

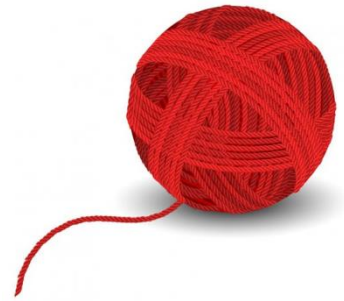
The new BACS yearbook is published! Watch for your copy in the mail. Huge thanks to **Barb Purchia** for producing the yearbook and to **Taline Saatjian** for mailing the books.

Use Your Art and Craft Skills to Support the Town



Artist and crafters take note! Art/craft groups and individuals might consider the Bedford Food Bank and the town's social workers as a distribution channel for items like mittens, scarves, and blankets if those goods are intended as gifts for the Bedford community. Details are available from **Carla Olson**, healthy communities coordinator, at colson@bedfordma.gov.

Interested artists and crafters may also apply for a Bedford Cultural Council grant to decorate the "parklet" in front of Ken's Deli. To learn more about art for the parklet, contact Carla at colson@bedfordma.gov.



And anyone interested in creating or donating pop-up art that could be displayed at or in front of businesses should contact **Alyssa Sandoval**, Bedford's economic development director, at asandoval@bedfordma.gov.

Bedford Cultural Council grants are available to fund community-helping-community endeavors. Groups and individuals may apply for a Cultural Council grant for supplies used in creating such helping-the-community projects. For details on the grant process, visit https://mass-culture.org/lcc_public.aspx.

The application period for the next round of BCC grants ends on December 14. Further information and the application form may be found at <https://www.mass-culture.org/bedford>.

If you have a general idea or a suggestion for public art or a community project that you would like to pursue, or questions about the grant process, contact **Barb Purchia** at bsrpurchia@aol.com.





Telephone Chair

Heidi Trockman is assuming responsibilities as Telephone chair. Heidi will take charge of contacting members when fast communication is needed, as in the case of a cancellation due to a storm, and also will offer support to our Membership chairs. We're grateful to Heidi for stepping up.

A Much-Overdue Thank-You

Sincere thanks are due to **Ellen Hurley** for pitching in with drafting the contracts for the artists and crafters who will be presenting our upcoming demos and workshops.



Artist Support Group

The artist support group meets every two weeks via Zoom. Come and show us what you're working on, and give us your feedback on our work. It's the same link as is used for all regularly occurring BACS Zoom sessions:

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The group's next get-together will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 18. For questions, contact **Judi Babcock** at judibabcock@gmail.com.



A Thought for November

“It is not a matter of painting life. It's a matter of giving life to a painting.”

–Richard Diebenkorn



Coffee, 1959, by Richard Diebenkorn (1922–1993). Oil on canvas, San Francisco Museum of Art.

We can all relate to the subject matter of this painting, right? The artist, Richard Diebenkorn, is known for his abstract landscapes, though here a java-sipping human figure is the focal point. Whatever the content, Diebenkorn is celebrated for capturing the essence of his subjects without representing them literally.

