



Bedford Arts and Crafts Society Newsletter September 2021

Hi BACS members,

Wishing you well as we speed ahead into autumn. Here's the latest BACS news that's fit to print. I hope you find some info and activities of interest. Remember to check out Bedford Recreation's class offerings and sign up for one or two. It's back to school time, after all!

Happy September,

Sylvia

Volunteers Needed for Bedford Day, Saturday, September 18

Can you spare an hour or so to help with our Bedford Day activities? The hours for the fair and the art show are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 18.



Contact **Judi Babcock** for art show-related volunteering at judibabcock@gmail.com or **Taline Saatjian** for craft table service at talineks70@gmail.com. We will be very grateful!

Sporting their cool BACS aprons, Anita and Doris cheerfully assisted with the artwork take-in at a recent BACS art show.

BACS Regional Art Show on Bedford Day

This year's BACS art show will be an unjuried exhibition and sale. There will be no judging and no prizes—just a wonderful chance to display and sell your work. BACS members may submit up to three pieces of artwork or craftwork in a variety of categories at no charge; nonmembers will pay a small entry fee. The exhibit categories are (1) watercolor painting; (2) oil/acrylic painting; (3) drawing and pastel painting; (4) three-dimensional; (5) photography; and (6) other media (collage, batik, mixed media, printmaking).



Judi on the case!



Look for the entry form that we have e-mailed to you along with this newsletter. It is also available on the BACS website at this link: <http://www.bacsm.org/bedford-day/>

Paint a Mini-Canvas for Bedford Day



We still have a small number of mini-canvases available for members to paint. The finished paintings will be one of our key saleable items on Bedford Day. They come with adorable little stands, and we will price the finished artwork at \$15 apiece.

The 4" x 4" canvases are suitable for painting in acrylic or oil or for collage. If you're feeling creative and would like to adopt a mini to help the cause, contact **Sylvia Mallory** at [smaal@hotmail.com](mailto:smal@hotmail.com).

Wednesday Crafting

Members continue to gather weekly under the big tent at the COA. Each event is free to BACS members; others pay \$5 per meet-up. The sessions run from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

The crafting schedule for the weeks ahead is:



September 8: Bring Your Own Project

September 15: Bedford Day Preparation

September 22: Polymer Clay

September 29: Cards for Homebound Folks

October 6: Tea Bag Folding

October 13, 20, 27: Open



If you can lead one of the open October sessions, **Marita Hartshorn** will dance in the streets! Please contact her with your ideas at crafts@bacsma.org. **Marita also needs yarn for upcoming service projects.** If you have some you would like to donate, contact her at that same address.

Programs—Our Upcoming Artist Demos and Workshops

Plans are set for our artist demos and craft workshops for our new season. Here's the exciting line-up.

Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021, 6:45-8:15 PM; ZOOM

DEMO:

Ella Delyanis will demo a landscape painting in pastel.

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, 6:45-8:15 PM; ZOOM

DEMO:

Tracy Spadafora will demo the process and materials for creating an encaustic painting.

Cornfield Sunset by Ella Delyanis



Week of Feb. 13, 2022, 6:45-8:15 PM (specific date TBA), ZOOM DEMO:

Lisa Daria Kennedy will demonstrate an acrylic still life painting and give insight into her daily painting practice.

Saturday, Mar. 12, 2022, 9 AM-12 PM; IN-PERSON WORKSHOP:

Taline Saatjian will instruct participants in gelli plate printing and collage.

Location: First Church, Congregational, Bedford, Vestry Room



Pink Ladies by Lisa Daria Kennedy

Saturday, Apr. 23, 2022, 1:00-4:00 PM: IN-PERSON WORKSHOP:

Barb Purchia and her associates will present an intro to stained glass and will lead participants in creating their own piece.

Location: Glass Cooperative Studio, 80 Loomis St., Suite 3, Bedford

Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 1:00-4:00 PM: IN-PERSON WORKSHOP:

Elizabeth Stubbs will inform and delight participants as they create a felted animal figure.

Location: First Church, Congregational, Bedford, Vestry Room

Sign-up details will be provided in advance of each program. The workshops may entail a modest materials fee. The demos are free to members and nonmembers alike.

We hope you will participate in as many of these programs as you can! For questions, contact **Sylvia Mallory** at smal@hotmail.com or **Laura Wallace** at laura.b.wallace@gmail.com.

Classes with Bedford Recreation: Sign Up Now!



Try your hand at creating a mosaic!

BACS is co-sponsoring a number of fresh, exciting classes and workshops with Bedford Recreation. The topics are **acrylic drip resist with watercolor, introduction to modern block printing, mosaic taster workshop, and punch needle rug making.** Bedford residents may check their hard copy of the Recreation Department brochure for the particulars. Everyone can visit the Recreation Department's website at www.bedfordma.gov/recreation/pages/brochures to sign up and for details. You can also call (781) 275-1392 for information and registration. You do not need to be a

Bedford resident to take a class! So, go for it, everyone, and uncork your creative juices.

BACS receives a small percentage of the income from the co-sponsored classes, so, if you enroll, you will support BACS as you learn a new skill. Questions? Contact **Heidi Trockman**, hmtrockman@gmail.com, or **Kathy Morse**, damorses@verizon.net.

Sign up to make a punch needle rug!



BACS Members' Work on Display

Summer has been busy for BACS artists who exhibit their artwork and crafts. Here's the buzz. . .

Gallery Twist recently accepted two batiks by **Laura Wallace** for the upcoming show "Cool, Calm and Collected."



Ellen Hurley reports that one of her floral still life paintings was juried into Fusion Art's 2nd Annual Still Life Exhibition, and **Linda Cargiuolo** has a painting in Fusion Art's 5th Annual Skies Art Exhibition and some pieces at A Pleasant Shoppe in Portsmouth, NH.

Heavy Weather by Linda Cargiuolo

Taline Saatjian received an honorable mention for her painting *Let's Meet Again*, which was accepted by the Grey Cube Gallery.

Anita Feld, Sylvia Mallory, Doris Smith, and Laura Wallace had work on exhibit in Concord Art's student show. **Sylvia's** paintings could also be seen in the Chelmsford Art Society's members' summer show and the Rockport Art Association's "Grassroots" exhibition.

Of course, many BACS artists and crafters also had work on display in the "Local Talent" show at the Bedford public library, which is now closed.

Congratulations to all!

Artist Exhibiting Opportunities

Roddy Juried Exhibition at Concord Center for the Visual Arts

Concord Art has announced the 22nd Annual Roddy Juried Exhibition. The online submission dates continue through September 12. For details and the prospectus, visit <https://concordart.org/exhibition2/22nd-annual-roddy-juried-exhibition/>

Concord Center for the Visual Arts 2022 Centennial Calendar

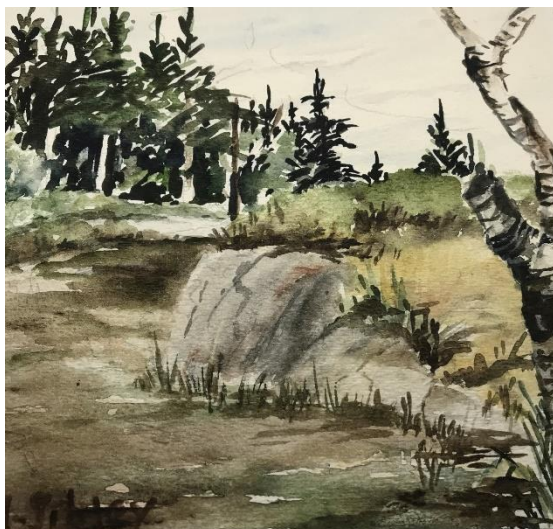
All Concord Art members are welcome to submit an image to the annual calendar contest for jurying; no fees are required. This year's theme is "Figure/s in the Landscape." The submission deadline is September 30. For more info visit <https://concordart.org/>.



Man and Lavender Sky by Elmer Bischoff, 1957-1958

"Community" Show at the Grace Chapel Art Gallery

The Grace Chapel Art Gallery in Lexington will soon be reopening. The first exhibit will take place in the early fall, and the theme is "Community." The drop-off will be Wednesday, September 22, and Saturday, September 25. For details and a submission form, visit <https://www.grace.org/artgallery/>.



Happy Discovery

While recently vacationing in Maine, **Margo** and **Mark Zelermyer** dropped in at a library book sale. Margo happened upon a book of interest, and when she opened it, lo and behold she found a lovely watercolor study inside the cover. It's by a known artist, **John Sibley**. When checking out, Margo told the librarian about her discovery and offered to donate the piece to the library. The librarian would have nothing of it and replied, "Enjoy your painting!"

Margo's cool find!

Worth a Visit: Quilt Show and Open Air Gallery



Marita Hartshorn and **Phyllis Maddox** invite BACS members to Rising Star Quilters' annual quilt show on October 1 and 2 at St. Brigid's Church, Lexington. For details: <http://www.risingstarquilters.org/>

Jean Hammond suggests checking out the current AIGA Open Air Gallery in Boston's Seaport district. For information on this public art walk, visit https://boston.aiga.org/event/open-air-gallery-seaport-fort-point/?mc_cid=bc38faa572&mc_eid=053076152f.

< The Rising Star Quilters are selling a variety of stunning quilts and other fabric creations at their upcoming show.

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 September 8, 10:00 a.m., and will be held at the home of **Taline Saatjian**. Those interested should contact **Judi Babcock** for details: judibabcock@gmail.com. For members interested in attending via Zoom, the link is:

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

Meeting ID: 816 7820 1720; passcode: 571744

An Artist's Tip for September

"Try to make things with your hands because it will help your heart and relax your mind. Do not hope to make finished work; finished work comes from getting so into the process of working that you end up stumbling over it. Do lots of sketches and drawings as a way to warm up. Be exquisitely kind to yourself and when you sit down to work bring a cup of tea or water with lemon. Stay conscious of your body, your breath, and your feet."

-- Alexandra Sheldon, collage artist



Small Blue Vase by Alexandra Sheldon