



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Fall is bringing many new opportunities for SoBA artists. Hampton Hall Art Group wants artists to show and tell about art at their October meeting, signup. We are trying to add a third Satellite Gallery site. We will have The Boathouse, Charter One and Coastal State Real Estate. The Satellite Galleries will be changing shows and starting in September and a signup/submission will be available. Look for details in The Eclectic or by email blast.

Along with this, SoBA's artists have an opportunity to submit photos of their art for consideration to be featured in the October issue of Bluffton Breeze.

Deadline is Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. Send 300 ppi, jpeg image to Randolph@Bluffton.com.

Remember fall brings other changes, too. Be sure to pay your dues before or by the September Change of Show. At that time, exhibiting members will be asked to sign revised guidelines which will include written rules for size, minis, and sitting on Sunday. We have many seasonal changes, too: time, holidays, art walks and temperature. SoBA has had Featured Artist Receptions on Friday evenings for six months, but it is time to change. The Featured Artists for September and October have also requested it. From September through February, SoBA **Featured Artists Receptions will now be on Sundays from 3-5 p.m.** Grab the warm colors of your art medium and join the Plein Air artists in the great outdoors and paint the beautiful Fall Lowcountry now that it will be getting cooler.

Marian Sanders, President

**FEATURED ARTIST - "Southern Skies and Southern Ties" MARGARET CRAWFORD**



SoBA welcomes artist, Margaret Crawford, as she exhibits her lovely collection of paintings, "Southern Skies and Southern Ties." The show runs September 8th through October 4th. Margaret, especially known for her dramatic watercolor florals, has an appreciation for all artistic styles and has expanded her art interest lately from watercolor and oil

to also include acrylic painting and collage. She received her training at the Pittsburgh Art Institute, Carnegie Mellon University and The Art Students League in New York City. Margaret has also taken classes and workshops, studying with many noted artists. She continues her training in ongoing workshops and teaches classes at SoBA and the Hilton Head Art League.

(Pictured Above: "View from the Bridge" Pictured at Right: "Really Unfurled")



**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DEADLINE**



Membership renewal time is upon us. Annual SoBA membership dues run from **September 1, 2015** through August 31, 2016. Membership renewal forms will be available at the September Change of Show. Don't forget to bring your preferred form of payment.

**2015 HISTORIC BLUFFTON ARTS AND SEAFOOD FESTIVAL**

Get your artwork ready for the 11th Annual Historic Bluffton Arts and Seafood Festival **October 10 - 18, 2015**. SoBA will be participating in the outdoor street event with a tent setup on Sunday, October 11th. More details to follow in upcoming e-blasts and newsletter.



Go to [www.blufftonartsandseafoodfestival.com](http://www.blufftonartsandseafoodfestival.com) to view weeklong event schedule.

NEEDED - one or two people to assist on Calhoun Street during the art show at the Arts and Seafood Festival October 16<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon, the 17<sup>th</sup> either morning or afternoon and Sunday noon till 5 pm . If interested please contact Dave Dickson via e-mail ( [d3lowco@hargray.com](mailto:d3lowco@hargray.com)) or phone (843-757-5885).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



We already know SoBA is chock full of talented and skillful people.

Would you consider using some of your talents and skills in helping your organization with two very important and upcoming events? Getting involved and volunteering is the best way to strengthen our Society of Artists, feed your artistic energies, meet other artist members and bolster gallery sales. IT TAKES A VILLAGE.

Currently SoBA is in need of a Holiday Boutique manager and Member Show manager and staff.

**Please contact, Marian Sanders today. (404)-229-6215 or email [MarianatSOBA@gmail.com](mailto:MarianatSOBA@gmail.com).**

## SoBA SHOTS



August 11, 12, 13 Mary Ann Putzier taught Watercolor Basics to nine enthusiastic students in our CCA classroom.

Kristen Wagner was recipient of one of our SoBA scholarships.



## A BRIEF HISTORY

As mentioned in the above, the lovely and talented Kristen was awarded SoBA's scholarship when she graduated from Bluffton High School. With so many new members joining SoBA recently, we thought it a great time to recap what the Naomi McCracken - SoBA Scholarship is all about.

When Naomi McCracken (one of the founders of SoBA) passed away, several thousand dollars were donated to SOBA in her memory. After consulting with her son, Emmett McCracken, it was agreed to establish a scholarship in her name with SoBA.

In 2008, the board of SoBA established a scholarship with the following criteria:

- 1) The name of the scholarship would be the Naomi McCracken - SoBA Scholarship
- 2) The scholarship would be given to a graduating senior at Bluffton High School
- 3) The recipient had to be majoring in the visual arts
- 4) The amount of the award was to be \$3000.00. Fifteen hundred the first year and \$1500 the second year, with award pending receipt of a letter from the student stating they were continuing their education in visual arts. SoBA proudly continues to yearly assist young artists in our community who are embarking on their art education and training.

**MESSAGE FROM THE STAFFING COORDINATOR**

**Gallery Staffing**

You must sign up for your sitting time(s) before hanging each month. A half day is required for each piece hung. If you sign up ahead of time to sit, and then decide not to hang during that time frame, you are still responsible to sit on that date unless you take your name off the calendar before change of show.

Please understand that you have made a commitment to SoBA for that day and time. If you cannot fulfill your obligation, it is your responsibility to find another member to work for you. There is also have a list of people who you can pay \$10 per hour who will sit for you.

The goal is to ensure that there is gallery coverage for every day of the hanging period. Sign up on empty spaces only. Once all days have one staff member per shift you may double up with someone.

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| Cheryl Arnold   | 603-321-7010 |
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| Gayle Miller    | 309-883-1019 |
| Sandra Woodward | 843-384-1386 |
| Cynthia Zeiss   | 843-521-1058 |

**CHANGE OF SHOW**

**September 8 (Tuesday)**

**October 5**

**November 2**

**December 7**

9:00 to 11:00 a.m

**\*PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME\***



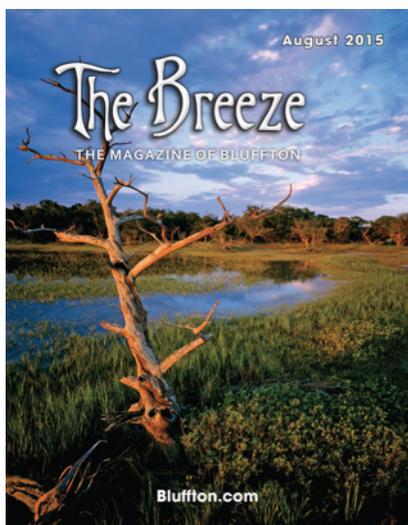
**LARGE ART BIN NOW AVAILABLE**



The gallery is now able to display large pieces of art prints, photos and giclees, thanks to the kind donation of the oversize bin by Peggy Duncan. The bin has plastic sleeves attached so artwork can be conveniently tucked in and easily browsed through by gallery visitors.

Check it out and take advantage by bringing in large pieces that could not be accommodated in the past. Gallery Guidelines apply.

**BLUFFTON BREEZE OPPORTUNITY**



You might remember last year Randolph Stewart of the Bluffton Breeze magazine ran a nice spread of pages featuring art work by local artists in the October issue -- we had quite a few SOBA members' work featured with captions with the title, artist and SOBA mentioned. Randolph has asked to spread the word again for this year's October issue which coincides with Arts and Seafood Festival. It is a nice opportunity to have our artists work featured in print!

He has requested jpg images at 300 ppi along with the title, medium, artist and SOBA member noted.

Send to [randolph@bluffton.com](mailto:randolph@bluffton.com) by Sept 10 please.

**CHARTER ONE SATELLITE GALLERY OPPORTUNITY**

Satellite Gallery, Charter One Realty, located in the Bluffton Promenade will change out every three months as follows:

- 3rd Wed. September – 3rd Wed. December
- 3rd Wed. December – 3rd Wed. March
- 3rd Wed. March – 3rd Wed. June
- 3rd Wed. June – 3rd Wed. September

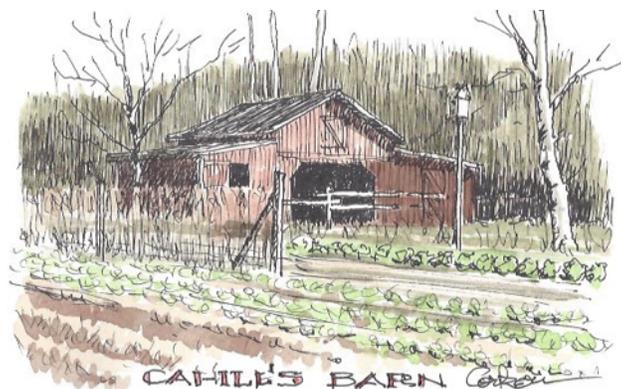


Subject Matter: Lowcountry, shows the spirit of Bluffton, office appropriate  
 Maximum size framed -18 x 24

**Artist must submit digital photo by the first day of the month of artwork you are planning to enter for that period.** Artwork photo may still be a "work in progress" when photo is taken - does not need to be a completed piece. Photo submission is essential to take the guesswork out of piecing together the body of artwork.

Please e-mail image to [normadeal@hargray.com](mailto:normadeal@hargray.com) or [gnarley@hargray.com](mailto:gnarley@hargray.com).

**BLUFFTON PLEIN AIR AND SKETCH WITH DOUG CORKERN**



Meet at Cahill's Market.

**Wednesday 9:00 AM September 2nd.**

Sketch & Paint: chickens, barns, flowers, vegetables, greenhouses, you name it.

We'll gather at 11:00 AM for photos, and you may stay for lunch.

LATITUDE WINE BAR ART



Call for Entries has been extended for Latitude Wine Bar art contest. Cut-off date changed from 8/31 to 9/5 due to summer vacations, etc.

Remember art must be a wine related theme - a \$10 fee paid to Latitude's at time of art drop off.

LET'S MAKE SURE WE HAVE A GOOD SHOWING.

A party is planned for Fri. 10/2 to socialize and announce winners.

Any questions contact [normadeal@hargray.com](mailto:normadeal@hargray.com).

BLUFFTON COMMERCE CONTINUES TO GROW

Businesses are springing to life, post-recession, and downtown Bluffton is quickly becoming the "IT" place to be in Beaufort County. Any passerby can see the ongoing new construction of restaurants and businesses that are making their way toward completion. Growth and change will undoubtedly bring more commerce and visitors to partake in Bluffton's eclectic mix of old and new Southern charm, art galleries, interesting shops and gourmet eateries. Two new, and one relocating business, will anchor the excitement happening on the Promenade, just one block from the SoBA gallery: The Farm, Cocoon and The Roost. The Farm, a two story restaurant, will source its produce from the owners' local five acre Bluffton farm plot as well as other local produce, seafood and meat sources. The Roost, a home decor, gifts and accessories store, will complement Cocoon, relocating from Sherington Park. Cocoon offers fine luxury linens and indulgences for "her."



On the Calhoun side, The Dispensary will also begin expansion with the addition of a fine dining restaurant and raw bar called The Depot. Expect great things to continue happening for the SoBA Gallery and Bluffton as both continue to grow in the coming year!

## UPCOMING CLASS SCHEDULE

**September 15, 16, 17; 10 am-2 pm**

**Mary Segars**

### **Oil Painting**

Taught by recent BEST IN SHOW AWARD winner for her

body of work at Piccolo Spoleto Festival. Learn the process

of oil painting and its key elements, composition, color

mixing and value, etc, through daily demonstrations and

personal instruction. Members \$240, Non-members \$255

**October 7, 8, 9; 10 am-1 pm**

**Dennis Lake**

### **Acrylic Painting**

Taught by the winner of the Peoples' Choice award from the

SOBA judged member show, students will become familiar

with acrylic paints and techniques with an accent on realism.

Experiment and discover the beauty of this medium with

instructor demos, guidance and critique.

Members \$90 , Non-members \$105

**October 13, 14, 15; 9 am-4 pm**

**Chris Groves**

### **Landscape Painting**

Back by popular demand - Charleston landscape artist Chris

Groves returns! Drawing techniques, preliminary charcoal

sketches, value and color studies plus fundamentals of color

mixing. Lectures, slide analysis and individual critiques complement instructor demo, plein air and studio painting.

Members \$450, Non-members \$475 Wait List only.

**October 20, 21, 22; 10 am-5 pm**

**Karen Langley**

### **Day Dreaming**

Vibrant realistic as well as abstract art. Spontaneous, fun class, stress free!

Members \$255, Non-members \$270

**Oct. 16, 23, 30 (3 Fridays) 9:30 am-12:30 pm**

**Anne Hakala**

### **Mixed Media - Layers and Texture**

Learn techniques on how to build up the surface, plus scraping, cutting, sanding and spreading the paint. Fun and

informative!

Members \$90, Non-members \$105

**October 28; 9 am - 12 noon**

**Corky Burt**

### **Understanding Your Digital Camera**

Photographer Corky Burt will share practical knowledge about the operation of digital cameras and how to select the

best setting for the situation that is being photographed.

Cost: \$30 members; \$45 non-members

**November 9; 9 am - 4 pm**

**Jim Lewis**

### **Palette Knife Painting**

Accomplished artist and instructor, Jim Lewis, leads this workshop exploring the freedom and spontaneity of painting with the knife instead of brushes. Oil or acrylic.

Cost: \$60 members; \$75 non-members

**November 10; 9 am - 4 pm**

### **Jim Lewis 7 Keys to Successful Painting**

A workshop led by Jim Lewis that looks at the principles that

make paintings work. Explore and discover your own approach and attitude within these guidelines.

Cost: \$60 members; \$75 non-members

**November 11; 10 am - 1 pm**

### **Jim Lewis Color Theory**

Visit [www.sobagallery.com](http://www.sobagallery.com) for full details.

Questions? Call (843)-247-2868