

Dear SoBA Member,  
Please enjoy reading this month's issue and make note of important dates & information.



**January 2016**

## **Message from the President**

HAPPY NEW YEAR! What a year we have had, two new satellite galleries, a successful Holiday Boutique and very nice showing for the Bluffton Toy drive. Thank you members for your diligence and efforts to make SOBA a first class association. I have just put in the request to order plaques for the two awards for 2015 the Society of Bluffton Artists has won (The Hilton Head Monthly Reader's Choice: Favorite Bluffton Gallery and the Island Packet's award: Bluffton's Best Gallery).

For 2016 it is time to freshen up and rejuvenate for this New Year. We are going to improve signage by starting with handicap signs and planning a money making venture to address the improvement of our other general signage. We will need your help. Also our display manager has requested the bins be checked by artists and made fresh and in line with the Gallery guidelines. We hope also by this spring to have the building pressure washed and some new paint.

There is still an opportunity for artists to be the Featured Artists for the months of July, August, and September. Please email me ([marianatsoba@gmail.com](mailto:marianatsoba@gmail.com)) if you are interested and have been a

member for a year.

Again have a HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR!!

**Marian Sanders**  
**President**

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## **This Month's Featured Artist - Gayle Miller**

### **"Les Feminine"**

#### **Watercolor Paintings by Gayle Miller**

The Society of Bluffton Artists Gallery welcomes Gayle Miller as the featured artist from January 5 - 31. Her show "Les Feminine" presents a bountiful selection of beautiful ladies depicted in flowing watercolor. The paintings are varied, colorful and lighthearted. With confident brushstrokes Gayle tickles our imaginations with her fun and unique take on these lovelies. The energy in Gayle's paintings was aptly summed up by one of her art admirers - "Life would be that much more dull for the rest of us without Gayle's art. There's so much joy in watching the playful dance with style, color and emotion."



**Umbrella Girl by Gayle  
Miller**

Gayle received her undergraduate degree in Business Administration and Management from the University of Maryland, but her favorite classes were drawing and graphic arts. As an adult her professional worlds of medicine and insurance took her to Washington DC, Maryland and California where her love of art brought her to Apparel Arts of San Francisco. At AASF, Gayle delved into clothing design and patterning. She found a second creative outlet - watercolor painting. She took watercolor classes in San Mateo, CA and Bloomington, IL, experienced plein air painting with Myna Wacknov in Brugge, Belgium, and worked with many talented teachers in Bloomington where she was involved in two art salons at the Eaton Gallery. She co-founded Inside Out: Accessible Art, a Bloomington co-op gallery.

Since relocating to the Lowcountry, Gayle has been very involved in the art community, joining All About Art in Sun City, as well as SOBA where she is a board member and volunteer. Her work is also shown at Salt Gallery in Beaufort and Studio B Marketplace in Bluffton.



**Steppin Out Trio by Gayle Miller**

**Opening reception with refreshments**  
**Sunday, January 10th from 3-5 pm.**

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**Next Change of Show**

**January 5th**

Drop off 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m

[Change of Show Form](#)

We would like to begin the New Year with fresh Bin Art. Please plan to pick up existing Bin Art at the January 5th changeover and exchange with fresh pieces.



Five pieces are permitted to remain for 4 months with the correct SOBA labels attached to the back of each piece.

These labels are found in the Bin Book or on the SOBA web site.

**FEATURED ARTISTS FOR 2016**

**Jan - Gayle Miller**

**Feb - Mark Larkin**

**Mar - Photographers**

**Apr - MEMBERS SHOW**

**May - Chris Clayton**

**June - Carolann Volling**

July-

Aug-

Sept-

Oct - 12 x 12

Nov - Joan McKeever

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## DVD at the SoBA's Center for Creative Arts



The last portion of the David Dunlop DVD will be shown

on **Thursday, January 28** from 12 to 1 p.m.

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## Upcoming Classes

### Society of Bluffton Artists (SOBA) Workshop Schedule

SOBA's workshops offer the opportunity to learn a variety of art skills

as taught by some of the region's leading artists, and will provide attendees the opportunity to nurture, and foster, their love of art. Each workshop will be held at the SOBA Center for Creative Arts, located next door to the SOBA Gallery at 8 Church Street in Bluffton. All SOBA workshops are led by established artists, and include instruction and hands-on demonstrations.

January 13-15; 10 am - 1 pm

### **Basic Oil Painting Techniques**

**Instructor Dennis Lake**

Students will learn what it takes to accomplish an oil painting and paint a picture of their choice with the techniques learned. Emphasis will be on realism with composition, color theory and paint mixing, balance, proportion and perspective. Subjects for painting should be from photo or personal sketch material. Personal and individualized critiques will enable the student to realize the potential of this beautiful medium.

Cost: \$95 members; \$110 non-members

January 13-15; 6-8 pm

### **Computers**

**Instructor Sarah Leigh Brich**

My goal for the class is for each person there to leave with their own Facebook artist page. For this, I encourage each person to bring their own tablet or computer, and I will have mine with me. I would also encourage each person to have some digital pictures of their own artwork so that we can nicely populate their Facebook pages. I will teach about proper posting etiquette, scheduling posts for the future, reaching out to other pages, and finding their own voice (or brand).

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

January 21-23; 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

### **Rendering Architecture in Landscape**

**Instructor Lind Hollingsworth**



The ability to create the illusion of three dimensions with buildings in landscapes with form and depth becomes critical to creating a successful drawing. Students will learn how to see the principles of linear perspective and apply those principles in drawing buildings. The role of basic spatial concepts and shade and shadow will be covered. Develop drawing skills that build a strong foundation for paintings.

Cost: \$105 members; \$120 non-members

January 28-29; 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

### **Color Me Abstract**

#### **Instructor Vickie Jourdan**

Tap into your creative talent and have fun painting with acrylics. Get started creating abstract paintings: Build up layers with heavy gesso and paint to get depth in your paintings. Beginners and all levels welcome.

Cost: \$100 members; \$115 non-members

February 1-2; 1-4 pm

### **Portraiture in Watercolor**

#### **Instructor James N. Lewis**

Breathe life and energy into your portraits. You can create bold and expressive paintings with watercolor when you understand the basics of control. Keep it simple, and paint fresh and convincing portraits by focusing on the essentials rather than the details. Mid level, in that some drawing skills is required.

Cost: \$70 members; \$85 non-members

February 29 - March 2; 9 am - 4 pm with lunch break

### **Art of Animals**

#### **Instructor Linda St. Clair**

This workshop will focus on creating paintings of animals that exhibit emotion. Working with value, color and brushwork, what to leave out and what is essential. The artist will do a demo each day before students begin painting. Beginners to more advanced students

welcome. Bring photographs for reference.

Cost: \$450 members; \$475 non-members

Reservations must be made in advance for each workshop. For more details or to register, please visit [www.sobagallery.com](http://www.sobagallery.com).

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