

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



March 2016

Message from the President

I hope all members have started working on their masterpiece for the Annual Spring Members Show in April. It will be here before we know it. I have talked to the judge, Christina Chastain. She is excited to be our judge and to be coming to Bluffton. She has agreed to teach a workshop for SoBA and one in Sun City. Take advantage of this opportunity too.

Because we will be painting the walls in the Gallery, it will affect the March show featuring SoBA's talented Photographers. An early take down is necessary for the painting and the drying process as you know. The March show will end after Gallery hours Friday, April 1st. The Gallery will be cleared out so the painting crew can start early SATURDAY morning. The SOBA Gallery will be closed for business and to all April 2nd and 3rd. If you cannot pick up your March show ART Friday April 1, then please do so April 2 or 3rd.

Paintings will be in the Center for Creative Art's next door. Also --- ABSOLUTELY NO EARLY DROP OFF OF PAINTINGS AND CHECKS FOR THE APRIL MEMBER'S SHOW. MEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT ON THE DAY OF REGISTRATION WITH THEIR ART.

I am proud to say your Vice President, Hugh O'Connor, organized this month's Featured Photographers Show. I know we all will be impressed from what I have seen, because SoBA has world class, award winning photographers. Thank you all for working so well together to put on this show, and especially also for putting on fun and informative workshops on photography for our guests and community during the month of March.

I am also proud to thank Pat Diemand, Pat Gardiner, and Marianne Stilwagon for agreeing to judge 100 middle school art projects, and Jeanne McKenna for coordinating it. The middle school art will be delivered March 5th and the judging will be completed by March 12th and art returned before the Photographers' reception on March 13th.

While I am at it, I want to thank the SoBA Board members for voting to give four summer art

workshop classes as prizes for the coloring contest for elementary and middle school in honor of the 175th Anniversary of the Heyward House. It is always a plus for the Society of Bluffton Artists to help our community and fellow artists. It is a great day to be in Bluffton and be a member of SOBA.

Marian Sanders, president

Society of Bluffton Artists

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Change of Show Monday March 7

Drop off 9 am to 11 am [Change of Show Form](#)

FEATURED ARTIST CALENDAR FOR 2016

March 7 - April 1 (*note early take down date)	The Photographers Focus on the Lowcountry Reception 3-5 pm, Sunday March 13
April 1 - 3	gallery painting and spruce up
April 4 - May 1	Member Show *Reception 5-7 pm, Friday April 8 (*daylight savings change)
May 2 - June 5	Chris Clayton Reception 5-7 pm, Friday May 6
June 6 - July 3	Carolann Volling Reception 5-7 pm, Friday June 10
July 5 (tues) - July 31	Lauren Terret Reception 5-7 pm, Friday July 8
August 1 - Sept 4	Sandy Rhodes Reception 5-7 pm Friday August 5
Sept 6 (tues) - Oct 2	Past Presidents Show & Fundraiser for Bluffton Police Dept

Bluntton Police Dept
Reception 5-7 pm, Friday Sept 9

Oct 3 - Nov 6

12 x 12 SOBA Fundraiser
*Reception 3-5 pm, Sunday Oct 9
(*daylight savings change)

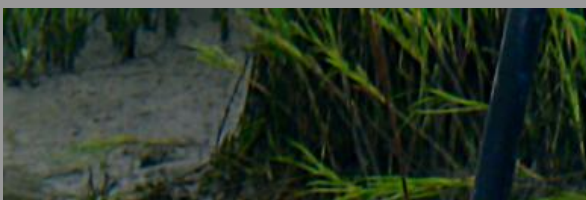
November 7 - December 4

Joan McKeever
Reception 3-5 pm, Sunday Nov 13

December 5 - December 31

Small Art Show - Details will follow
Reception 3-5 pm, Sunday Dec 11

"FOCUS on the LOWCOUNTRY"





"Four Girls" by Hugh O'Connor





"The Fairest of Them All" by Edith Wood



"Okatie Dock" by Margaret Palmer

March at the SoBA Gallery

Focus on the Lowcountry

Photographers of SoBA Show

The Society of Bluffton Artists Gallery exhibit in March will be a real treat - the featured artists are "The Photographers," a group of 17 member photographers with their latest work, "Focus on the Lowcountry." This collection is the SOBA photographers' interpretation of our beautiful Lowcountry - from Darien, Georgia to Charleston, South Carolina - with all the gorgeous landscapes, historic cityscapes and magnificent wildlife in between.

The SOBA photographers include both shutterbugs and professionals alike and are some of the best in the region. They are visual journalists, recording the beauty, as well as the sometimes unexpected, found in our surroundings and within. They use their skills to show us new ways of seeing the world and create lasting impressions through their cameras.

The exhibit will be featured in the SOBA Gallery from March 8 through April 3 with a wine and cheese reception on Sunday March 13 from 3 - 5 pm. Please join us to meet these talented photographers, and enjoy the work of over 100 other member artists.

Opening reception with refreshments Sunday, March 13, 3-5 pm

An added event - the photographers will be on hand Thursday evenings from 5 - 7 pm (3/10 to 3/24) to talk with Gallery visitors about photography, share insightful tips about composition, elements, getting great shots and reveal all that goes in to making a good photograph.

Upcoming Members Show Next Month

It's SoBA's 22nd Annual Judged Show!

[Click here](#) to download the prospectus, print, fill out, and bring along with your entry fee when dropping off your art entry, the morning of Monday, April 4th between the hours of 9:30 and 11:30 am at the Gallery.



See class schedule in this newsletter for more info on judge, Christina Chastain's workshop at SoBA's CCA on April 5 and 6.

Bluffton Receives State Cultural Destination Designation

OLD TOWN BLUFFTON IS NOW A SC RECOGNIZED ARTS AND CULTURAL DISTRICT

The SC Arts Commission voted unanimously to grant the designation, which serves as a seal of approval from the state, and informs visitors that the districts are worthy places to browse for art, take in a show or grab a bite to eat. The new cultural district stretches from roughly Bluffton Village, south to the May River, and from Cahill's Market east to Burnt Church Road. Bluffton is the sixth municipality in the state to receive the recognition.

Maureen Baumann, co-chair of the local committee, shared the following in an email to Marian Sanders, SoBA president - who also attended the planning committee meetings in representation of the SoBA Membership and Gallery:

"The seven Board members of the SC Arts Commission unanimously approved our application during their quarterly meeting. I was honored to present our Power Point visual presentation to the members and staff in their Columbia offices. All congratulated us on the 'thorough and substantive' application and Board Commissioner Budd Farillo expressed his compliments by saying it was the best application he has read in 13 years! Budd also related a story about his experience riding on a firetruck in a Bluffton parade in 1977 with Harriet Keyserling, then first woman SC Representative and her son Billy (now Mayor of Beaufort) and the truck broke down and they all had to push it. He said we have come a long way and should be very proud of what Bluffton has accomplished. So Congratulations to ALL OF YOU on this nice accomplishment!"

Thank you Marian, and all of the Bluffton Cultural District committee members who worked hard to bring this to fruition. Great things lie in store for Bluffton and for our Gallery.

Giving Back: SOBA's After School Program





AFTER SCHOOL KIDS ART PROGRAM

We are into the 2nd 5 week session of our annual (14th year) winter art program for kids, grades 4 and 5, from area schools and the Boys and Girls Club. Those of us who are involved in this program as teachers or helpers, derive so much happy satisfaction dealing with these eager young people. Due to scheduling conflicts in our CCA building, the 1st Baptist Church, directly across the street, has graciously opened one of their classrooms for our use. The arrangement is working well. We are very grateful for good neighbors.

Mary Ann Putzier, Coordinator

SUMMER CAMPS for KIDS

Hurray! Coming again this summer! Pamela Brown will help make it happen again during the weeks of June 20-23 and July 25-29. More details to follow.

About Gallery Staffing

SoBA has certain staffing procedures that need to be followed so that our gallery functions in a professional manner. From time to time everyone needs to be reminded of things that help the gallery run smoothly.

1. Once the calendar is finalized at 11am on change of show day, only the scheduling coordinator can make changes, no matter what the circumstances might be. If there is a problem or question, SoBA's scheduling coordinator needs to be contacted.
2. Each member who hangs in any specific show must be responsible to work their own shift. Husbands and wives, best friends, etc. who are both hanging can not sign up for just one shift and share it. The only exception is on Thursdays when our schedule is expanded during daylight savings time when the Farmers Market is operating. On those Thursdays, 2 people are needed for each shift.
3. Starting with the April show, Thursdays will have an extended day and two people per shift to cover the traffic. Thursday hours are 10 to 1:30, 1:30 to 5 and 5 to 7.

For questions and changes to the calendar, please contact scheduling coordinator Pat Gardiner at robpat@hargray.com or 843-379-5666.

SoBA Approved List Of Individuals Who Will Sit For \$40 for 3 1/2 hour schedule:

*Please notify Pat if you are employing a substitute. Payment to sub is member responsibility.

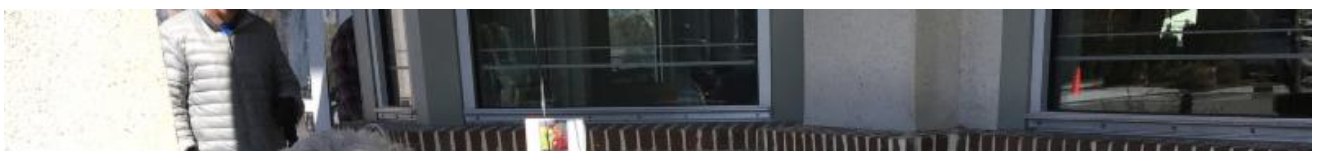
Cheryl Arnold	603-321-7010
Paula Chesney	843-757-8636
Pat Gardiner	843-379-5666
Sandra Woodward	843-384-1386
Cynthia Zeiss	843-521-1058

SOBA Member paints for PianoPalooza

SOBA's Vickie Jourdan along with 4 other artists and two high school art classes have volunteered to paint pianos in a design of their choice for outdoor display during the month of February. This fun event is a prelude to the Hilton Head International Piano Competition (HHIPC) scheduled for March 7 through 14.

Here Vickie poses with her art. For more information about the event please visit

<http://www.hhipc.org/pianopalooza-comes-to-hilton-head/>





Bin Art Information

When you submit bin art, please make sure it has the date listed on the form that you attach to the back. We will start, during the next changeover, implementing a color coding system which will make it easier to check each piece that has been submitted. Make sure you list your pieces in the Bin Art Notebook located in the credenza. The forms are also in the notebook. Bin Art will be removed from the bins after a four month period. PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE DATES ON EXISTING PIECES.

Thank you,
Jeanne McKenna
Display Chair

Upcoming Classes

March is going to be busy with Linda St. Clair's class and Vickie Jourdan's class - both classes are full. We still have an OPEN CLASS with JIM LEWIS on Monday, March 14 from 1-4PM. Second Mondays of March, April and May are still open to join.

We also have CHRISTINA CHASTAIN on April 5+6 with ANCHORED ABSTRACT. Christina is also our Judge for the MEMBER SHOW.

JOAN WYKIS will be doing a class on WATERCOLOR BATIK (ON PAPER) on April 7+8.

Sandra Wenig

School Administrator



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.

February 8, March 14, April 11, May 9; 1-4 pm

James N. Lewis

Open Class

Starting on the second Monday in February for four 2nd Mondays in a row, Jim Lewis will monitor an OPEN CLASS. Whether you paint in oil, acrylic or watercolor, you can receive help from Jim.

Cost for all remaining three Mondays: \$75 members; \$87 non-members

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

Linda St. Clair (CLASS FULL)

Art of Animals

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

March 3-4; 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Vickie Jourdan (CLASS FULL)

Paint with Vickie

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

April 5-6; 9 am - 4 pm

Christine Chastain

Oil and Acrylic

Learn about balance, pattern, shape, rhythm, line and/or color; all of which is supporting evidence for a solid composition. In this workshop we discuss the "heartbeat" and the "anchor" of the painting. This is a great introduction to abstract expressionism or a refresher for the more experienced painter.

Cost: \$185 members; \$200 non-members

April 26-28; 9 am - 4 pm

Mike Rooney

Plein Air Painting

In this workshop you'll cover the crucial topics about plein air painting. From beginner to intermediate this class will make painting landscapes outdoors easy and fun! Even if you paint outside regularly this class will take your painting to the next level. Mike Rooney is a popular instructor teaching at major painting schools, and showing in galleries, up and down the east coast. His laid back approach and extensive knowledge of the subject of painting and drawing makes for great workshop experience. The last time he was in Bluffton the class filled up quickly, so don't wait. Sign up today!

Cost: \$425 members; \$450 non-members

May 11-13; 9 am - 4 pm

Christopher Groves

Between Realism & Abstraction

Learn how to simplify and deconstruct your paintings by understanding the concepts of both Abstraction and Realism. Find that space that exists between the two in order to create more sophisticated, complex and refined paintings. Move beyond the mere replication of a scene to convey message and meaning through composition, tone and brushstrokes. Covering various aspects of materials and technique from palette color selection to the application of paint onto the canvas.

Cost: \$425 members; \$450 non-members

June 1-2; 9 am - 4 pm

Pat Dews

Better Abstracts

In this exciting, art intense workshop, students will learn to think and stretch their imagination by learning new techniques and importance of content whether working in abstraction or realism.

Cost: \$250 members; \$275 non-members

June 6-8; 9 am - 4 pm

Morten E. Solberg

Waterbase Media

This will be a class of waterbase media. We will work at painting in a more experimental direction, landscape, figure & florals & wildlife etc. I will demonstrate every day. I will be working in watercolor, Gouache, Acrylic, Gesso, and the combination of all of these mediums. I will also demonstrate at artists tables during the afternoon. Each student may bring 1 piece of

their own work for a class critique if they like.

Cost: \$300 members; \$325 non-members

Reservations must be made in advance for each workshop. For more details or to register, please visit www.sobagallery.com. Questions (843)-247-2868





Artist Bios at the Gallery Q & A

1. Do you know that SoBA has a binder for the Display Artists to keep copies of their biographies?

(Answer: Yes! It does. It is located in the credenza under the window. Customers who are considering buying art and/or who are purchasing often ask the Gallery sitter if there is a bio on the artist. They are always VERY disappointed when the answer is no.)

2. Do You have yours in the binder?

(Answer: Yes - hopefully. If no, please add yours, too! Every exhibiting SoBA artist should have a bio in the binder. Never took the time to write one up for yourself or don't know how to start? [Click here](#) to conveniently see an example of one that belongs to one of our members. Also, [click here](#) for some great tips and general guidelines to get started with writing an artist's bio. There are lots of other great resources out there on the web for helping to get over the hump of figuring out how to start.)

3. Is it current?

(Answer: Well, maybe.....

Let's all take a moment to revisit the bios that are on file in the Gallery and Spring Clean that binder, updating with current info - just in time for the upcoming Member's Show, too!)

Bring in your bio along with your artwork at the next Change of Show.

SoBA's Center for Creative Arts Children's Art Expo

The Society of Bluffton Artists presents our third "K-5 Children's ART EXPO," featuring the art of Bluffton area children in kindergarten through 5th grade.

Designed to encourage and promote the artistic talent of the children in our community, this show will be on display from April 17 - 22. Each elementary school's art instructors will choose 2 pieces of art from each grade that represents the students' best work. The show will be hung in SoBA's Center for Creative Arts building at 8 Church Street in downtown Bluffton, adjacent to the SoBA Gallery.





The children, their families and the public are invited to a reception on Sunday, April 17 from 11:30 - 1:30 pm. Please join us for refreshments, to meet these burgeoning artists, and to enjoy their wonderful work!

Please contact Mary Ann Putzier for more information 843-705-5443 or maputzier@gmail.com.



Coming this Fall - A Touch of Blue

In September, in conjunction with the Past Presidents Show at the Gallery, we will be holding a "A Touch of Blue" event. We would like to ask all our exhibiting artists to add at least a touch of blue to their art for September. SoBA will donate 10% of all sales for the month to the Bluffton Police Department. Chief Reynolds of Bluffton Police and the Department are very honored and happy to be part of the show. This is yet another way for SoBA to have a positive impact on our community!

ALSO - Upcoming....In October, SoBA will be holding the always popular 12 x 12 Fundraiser Show. Canvases and more details will follow soon.

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