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

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May 2016

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Message from the President

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It has been a fast, busy, and productive year. We have seen Bluffton and SoBA prosper. Old Town Bluffton has become one of South Carolina's designated Art and Cultural districts, with new structures and visual signs of new cultural businesses and parking pains. SoBA's growth is illustrated by the increase in membership (188 of which 152 can display). The 22nd Members Show has been a success from the sales and comments from hundreds of guests which illustrates the quality of the talent of SoBA membership. The classes in the CCA have shown an outstanding success also this year with increases in the number of students per class, the variety and number of classes.

All this good prosperity does not happen because of one person, but the many who have worked hard. When I think of the many members that have answered the call for help, my list is overwhelming. I will just say THANK YOU! It has been a very rewarding year for me. My heart will always be SoBA purple and gold. I hope to see all of you at the Members' meeting May 14th.

Marian Sanders, President
Society of Bluffton Artists
2015-2016

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Visit our website [<http://www.sobagallery.com>]

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Change of Show:

Monday, May 2 (12 x 12 canvases for sale on porch)  
Drop off 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
FEATURED ARTIST CALENDAR FOR 2016

- May 2 - June 5
- June 6 - July 3
- July 5 (tues) - July 31
- August 1 - Sept 4
- Sept 6 (tues) - Oct 2
- Oct 3 - Nov 6
- November 7 - December 4
- December 5 - December 31

Chris Clayton  
 Reception 5-7 pm, Sunday May 8  
 Touch of Blue/Fundraiser for Bluffton Police  
 Reception 5-7 pm, Friday June 10  
 Lauren Terret  
 Reception 5-7 pm, Friday July 8  
 Sandy Rhodes  
 Reception 5-7 pm Friday August 5  
 Past Presidents Show  
 Reception 5-7 pm, Friday Sept 9  
 12 x 12 SOBA Fundraiser  
 \*Reception 3-5 pm, Sunday Oct 9  
 (\*daylight savings change)  
 Joan McKeever  
 Reception 3-5 pm, Sunday Nov 13  
 Small Art Show - Details will follow  
 Reception 3-5 pm, Sunday Dec 11

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May at the SoBA Gallery  
 Animal Portraits  
 Pastel Paintings by Featured Artist Chris Clayton

"Now I know We're Not in Kansas" by Chris Clayton  
 The SOBA Gallery welcomes Chris Clayton as the featured artist from May 2 through June 5. "Animal Portraits" is a charming collection of paintings depicting the creatures Chris has seen on his extensive travels including China and Thailand, here in the US, including Yellowstone National Park, as well as those closer to home right here in the Lowcountry. From the gentle mother elephant with her adorable child, to the regal countenance of the African lion, Chris captures the essence of the beasts with strong strokes of pastel. The red fox looks as though he is emerging from the dark night right into our space - real and vibrant with his bushy coat and bright eyes!

Chris Clayton was born and raised in England, and as an engineer came to America to work on the Space Program in the 1960s. When he retired to Hilton Head he picked up pastels for the first time, finding the medium very adaptive for portraiture. Chris realized animal portraits are similar to those of people, with the necessary attention to detail of features and color. Chris' background as an engineer is a big factor in his ability to analyze and solve the problems of painting, which he has mastered in a methodical yet inspired way. His technique is always evolving and has become more Impressionistic in the past few years, harking back to a childhood memory of viewing Vincent Van Gogh's paintings at an exhibition in Manchester England - his first trip to an art gallery.

Chris has been a valuable member of the arts community in Bluffton and Hilton Head, serving as President of the Society of Bluffton Artists and Vice President of the Hilton Head Art League for several years. Also showing his community involvement and love of history Chris is Past President of Beaufort County Science Fairs Judges and Mentors, the Lowcountry Civil War Roundtable, and is historian for the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Beaufort.

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Annual Meeting  
 All members are encouraged to attend the Annual Members' Meeting, Saturday, May 14th at 10 a.m. The new slate of officers will be presented at this time. SoBA

is seeking a member to fill the position of Gallery Manager.

Gallery Manager Job Description:

Be aware of the needs both inside and outside of the gallery. Coordinate repairs, replacements and manage whatever needs to be done. (Superhero repair guys: Nick Di Mano - inside & Bill Winn - outside needs.)

Communicate and assist Featured Artist to ensure their show is up and running using guidelines that have been established by SoBA. (Featured Artist communication and guideline forms are already pre-printed for monthly use by the Gallery Manager.)

Be responsible for checking gallery supply levels, i.e. office supplies, cleaning supplies.

Reach out to all members to enlist their support and ideas.

Keep the Officers and Board of Directors current with the gallery's needs.

Please contact Norma Deal (normadeal@hargray.com [mailto:normadeal@hargray.com]), Dave Dickson (d3loco@hargray.com [mailto:d3loco@hargray.com]) or Edith Wood (edithw3@hotmail.com [mailto:edithw3@hotmail.com]).

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Coming this JUNE - A Touch of Blue

This June we are asking all hanging members to add a "A Touch of Blue" to their art. 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 recipients. Monies donated will be directed towards the K-9 Unit and for purchase of pediatric defibrillator pads for AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) devices that were added to patrol cars purchased last year. This is yet another way for SoBA to have a positive impact on our community. Hanging members may bring in two (2) pieces to display during this show. Artwork/photography must not exceed 24 x 24. Thanks in advance to all members for helping to make this show a success and for gallery staffing coverage.

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SOBA's Summer Art Camp for Kids

Fun, Fun and more FUN! Coming again this summer! Pat Diemand, will lead the instruction, starting on the 20th of June. "Paint like the Masters" will be the theme for this year's Summer Camp. Children will do a fun and creative project each day in the style of great Masters through the ages. Do you have kids, grandkids, or neighbors' kids who might be interested? Spread the word. Registration is ongoing now. See the website for more details.

SoBA's Summer Kid's Camp [http://sobagallery.com/product/summer-kids-art-camp-ages-9-11/] or

Click Here for Download [http://files.ctctcdn.com/dec97434501/ec668c76-dbfd-4a28-918b-84b]

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Results of 22nd Annual Judged Show

Congratulations to those who received awards and to all of the artists who submitted top notch work to create this outstanding show! A big THANK YOU to judge, Christina Chastain, and all of the sponsors who so generously gave in support of SoBA and the Annual Judged Show.

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SoBA 2016 Member Show Awards

Best of Show

Anita Stephens

A Breezy Morning

A Breezy Morning

Watercolor  
First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Mary Ann Putzier  
Lorraine Mullaney  
Pat Wilund

Color Me Summer  
Snowdrops  
Ok, Who Knows How to Row?

Color Me Summer

Snowdrops

Ok, Who Knows How to Row?

Oil  
First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Dennis Lake  
Judy Drummond  
Ken Bullard

Color Burst  
Blue Sky Breaking  
Cloudy

Color Burst

Blue Sky Breaking

Cloudy

Acrylic  
First Place

Second Place  
Third Place

Stephen Moscowitz  
Frank Pinto  
Joan McKeever

Roseatte Spoonbill  
Midnight Star  
Lobster Buoy Garden

Roseatte Spoonbill

Midnight Star

Lobster Buoy Garden

Photography  
First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Clyde Lahore  
Edith Wood  
Kendra Natter

Pompeii  
Broad River Bridge  
Monkey Roots

Pompeii

Broad River Bridge

Monkey Roots

3 D  
First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Mark Taylor  
Jim Zeller  
Lynda Hawley

Nautilus Platter  
Norfolk Island Pine  
My Prince

Nautilus Platter

Norfolk Island Pine

My Prince

Mixed Medium

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Bill Winn  
Nancy Ridgeway  
Mike Nicastre

Sunflowers II  
Wandering Through Life  
Gothic Green

Sunflowers II

Wandering Through Life

Gothic Green

Other  
First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

Cynthia Zeiss  
Joan Wykis  
Mary Sullivan

Moonglow  
Caladium Crazy  
Light Odyssey

Moonglow

Caladium Crazy

Light Odyssey

Peoples' Choice Award

Two way tie:

Frank Pinto for "Midnight Star" (Acrylic) and Edith Wood for "Broad River Bridge"  
(Photography)

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SoBA Hosts Successful Children's Art Expo

The Society of Bluffton Artists held it's 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 was displayed April 17-22 in SOBA's Center for Creative Arts building. The participating schools this year were Okatie Elementary, Cross Schools, MC Riley Elementary, Pritchardville Elementary, Red Cedar Elementary and River Ridge Academy. Each school's art instructors chose 2 pieces of art from each grade that represents the students' best work. The children, their families and the public attended a reception on Sunday, April 17 for refreshments and to enjoy the wonderful artwork. A sincere thank you to Mary Ann Putzier, Michelle Maffei and their crew for hard work, effort and devotion to Bluffton's children and the success of this event.

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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.

May 5-6; 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Vickie Jourdan

Paint with Vickie 2 seats available

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

May 9; 1 pm - 4 pm

Jim Lewis

Open Class 2 seats available

Whether you paint in oil, acrylic or watercolor, you can receive help 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

May 11-13; 9 am - 4 pm

Christopher Groves

Between Realism & Abstraction 2 seats available

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 1-3; 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

June 27-28; 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Jim Lewis

Loosen Up with a Palette Knife

We will investigate the basics of color mixing, value and perspective with only simple drawing required. Relying on the palette knife, will be an opportunity to loosen up, simplify, and let color and expression make the statement. All levels welcome!

Cost: \$125 members; \$150 non-members

July 19-20; 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Joan Wykis

Watercolor Batik

In this creative class, Joan will show and assist students from beginning to end of painting a vibrant fresh and rich looking watercolor batik on rice paper. It is a process using an electric skillet, special rice papers, watercolors, canning wax and an iron. The information is a combination of design, line, color and reserving whites and lights.

Cost: \$125 members; \$150 non-members

November 1-3; 10 am - 4 pm

Greg Barnes

Landscape Painting

Welcoming those with a working proficiency in pastel or oil, this workshop will build on the foundations of strong design, value, and color relationships in landscape painting.

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. [<http://sobagallery.com/product-category/classes-and-wo>. Questions (843)-247-2868

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Beautiful creations from Joan Wykis' Watercolor Batik Class held in April.

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Coming this October - 12 x 12

SOBA's Annual Fundraising event is set for October 2016. Julia and Reed Yeager will be on the porch at the gallery, this upcoming May 2 change of show day, selling the canvases. They will be \$10 each with a limit of 2 per person. We kindly ask that purchased canvases be used specifically for this fundraising event. Details for this event to follow.

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Member Accolades (Don't Keep Your Eyes on the Road!)

If you happen to be driving on U.S. Route 17 South, returning from Charleston, be sure to take your eyes off the road (safely, of course!) and see SoBA artist, Murray Sease's painting, "Three Moos." Murray's art is featured on one of Beaufort Arts Council's Art Pop billboards.

The Beaufort Arts Council started its program, looking to spruce up roadways by swapping out traditional advertising billboards, with unique works of art. The Art Pop exhibit was started last fall, as a partnership with Adam's Outdoor Advertising, with hopes that it will be a recurring program and competition. Artists from Beaufort, Hampton and Jasper counties submitted their work to be judged and receive a chance to be featured on one of the areas billboards. Murray's work was one of 10 selected winners, chosen from over 80 submissions. Congratulations, Murray - well done!

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- Jeanne McKenna
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- Norma Deal (temporary)
- Norma Deal
- Sandy Wenig
- Mary Ann Putzier
- Murray Sease

Newsletter information is welcomed for submission by the 25th of each month for inclusion in the following month's "The Eclectic." Send submissions to: info@sobagallery.com [<mailto:info@sobagallery.com>]

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