

SOBA
Society of Bluffton Artists

the eclectic

February 2017

Message from the President



"Love Ya"

In February we celebrate Valentine's Day. It's the commercial opportunity to send and share momentous of affection. As artists, we have the opportunity to share love and beauty every time we touch our paint brush full of color to canvas or paper. We bring out something we feel, our dreams, our sense of motion, our eye for color. And, when we sign the art piece we say it's finished and ready to share. If we share our work in a gallery such as SoBA we then wait and hope the right person sees our work, maybe doesn't know why it grabs them but they buy it. When they buy it they share with the people of their world our expressions, our energy, and our creativity. As artist we do have the opportunity to bring fun, color, positive energy, memories, passion and many more colorful emotions to life. Keep painting, keep photographing and keep sharing yourself and your art.

**Gayle Miller, President
Society of Bluffton Artists**

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February at the SoBA Gallery



February Featured Artist: Edith Wood "Just Bird"

The SOBA Gallery pleased to host Edith Wood's Featured Artist Show "Just Birds". Edith works patiently for the precise moment to capture the birds while they are at their best in the wild. To do this a photographer must be practiced in the art of snapping the camera while the bird is in an artists' composition, and also is in natural light and showing the characteristics of each species of bird.

Edith Wood studies nature, as she waits for the best moment to capture nature in all of its best display. Her love of the outdoors and the use of the natural light and artistic composition result in perfect moments captured in time.

Edith began her exploration of photography taking portraits for her family which she still enjoys today. She started with a DSLR camera in 2008 and has since discovered wildlife, landscape and Macro Photography. She's learned from her many photographer friends, from research on the web, and from joining photography groups. However, she points out, "I've learned the most from my own mistakes and lots of practice."

In her own words, "Photography made me look beyond the face of things. I've discovered that everything has a better side. Seeing and trying to bring out the best in everyone and everything is my challenge...to try and make something simple look great, capturing memories, emotions and moments...". She says "It's a lifetime adventure that I am very passionate about. I create images simply for the love of it!" And it shows in her simply beautiful work!

Originally from a small French town in Ontario, she now calls Bluffton, South Carolina home. Her work is shown and sold at the Society of Bluffton Artist's Gallery, The Complete Home, Coastal Exchange, Boat House in Bluffton, Atmosphere in Beaufort and the Caretta Coffee Shop of Hilton Head. Edith's numerous awards include Peoples' Choice award at K. Hovnanian Homes community in Hampton Lake in the year 2015, also the SOBA member Judged Show 1st Place 2015, 2nd Place 2016, the Camera Club Awards and Nine photos chosen for the Memory Matters Book, "Meet Me Where I am".

Please join us in welcoming award winning Edith Wood at her opening reception Sunday, February 12th 3 - 5 pm. The SOBA gallery showing will start on February 6th and end on March 5th. Also at the gallery is the monthly change of show displaying new work admitted from over 100 SOBA member artists. The opening reception includes refreshments and a chance

to meet Edith Wood.

Featured Art Calendar for 2017

March 6 - April 2 Christy McEvilly

April 4 - 30 Member Judged Show

May 1 - June 4 Kendra Natter

June 5 - July 2 Stephen Moscowitz

July 3 - August 6 Open

August 7 - September 3 Nicholas Di Mona

September 5 (Tues) - October 1 Norma Deal

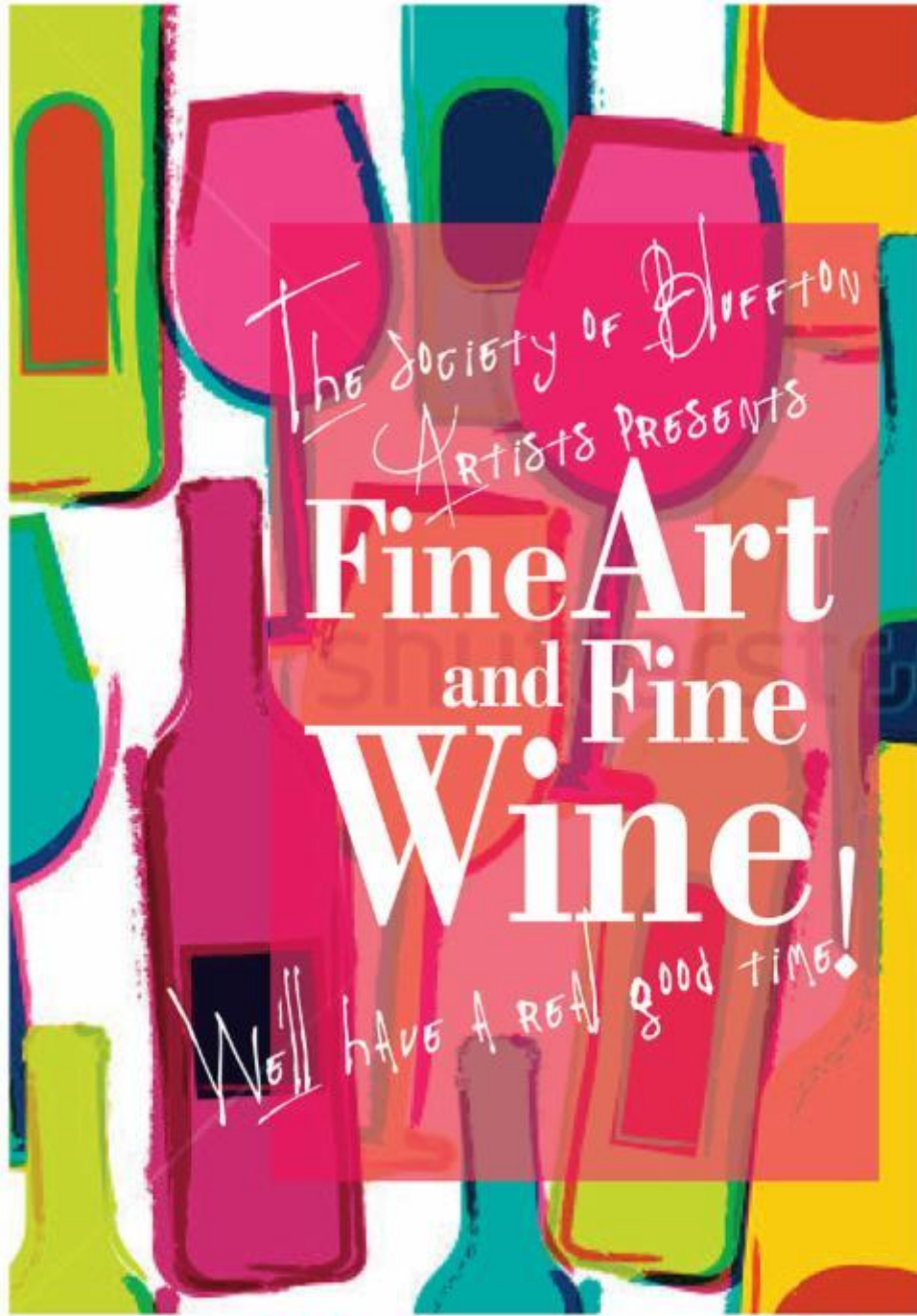
October 2 - November 5 Linda Nickels

November 6 - December 3 Pat Diemand

December 4 - 31 Elizabeth Slater

As you can see we have one spot open in this year's featured art schedule. If you are interested in being a featured artist, and fit the criteria outlined in the President's letter in the September Eclectic, please contact Sandy Rhodes at sandyurhodes@gmail.com.

**The Society of Bluffton Artists Presents:
Fine Art & Fine Wine**



February 11

What better way to celebrate ART and LEARNING than with a festive wine tasting and art auction! The Society is hosting a fundraiser event to benefit SOBA.

"Fine Art & Fine Wine" will be held on February 11 from 5-9 pm in the Rotary Community Center at Oscar Frazier Community Park in Bluffton. Tickets are a mere \$25 and include the wine tasting, cheeses and more, and the opportunity to bid on great art donated by SoBA Artists & other local artists.

Wine will also be available to purchase, by the bottle or the case, from two well-known distributors: Aleph Wines Corporation and Alvintage Wines. Representatives will be in attendance to answer questions and guide the party-goers in their selections.

Tickets are available January 2nd at the SOBA Gallery and from SOBA Members.

SoBA Name Tags

If anyone would like a personalized SOBA name tag please order it by writing your name on an envelope and enclosing cash or check for \$10 (which includes shipping) and leave it in the gallery manager slot on the supply room door.

Submitted by Bonnie Riley, Gallery Manager

Gallery Stats

SoBA Monthly Statistics for November 2016

December 2016

Gallery Visitors: 1439

Gallery Register: 204

Visitors: All over the US and Canada

Art Sales Revenue: \$4,932

Holiday Boutique Revenue: \$1,236

Other Income: \$317

Number of Number of Artists that Sold Art: 41

Total Members: 178

Exhibiting Members: 124



DON'T MISS IT!

Nicholas Moreau, an artist blacksmith and guest of SoBA's holiday boutique, will be featured in the March issue of Popular Mechanics, demonstrating how to make copper bracelets.



Morten Solberg leads Water Media Workshop

Students enjoyed up close and personal time with famed Morten Solberg last year. He's back at SOBA in January! Be sure to visit sobagallery.com for more info on the latest line-up of workshops and sign up for one today!

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.

February 7- April 4 10am-1pm

Dennis Lake

Open Painting

Paint for 1 hour, 2 or 3, or 4, your choice! A friendly and loosely structured class. All mediums welcome.

Cost: \$240 members; \$260 Non-members

February 8 - 10; 9 am - 4 pm

Linda St. Clair

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 are welcome.

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

February 17-18; 9:30- 3 pm

Vickie Jourdan

Creative Expression the Abstract Way

Experiment with Acrylics.

Cost: \$100 members; \$120 Non-members

February 22-23; 9 am - 12 noon

Cathy Cooney

Collage as Fine Art

This is a new class, if you have ever seen her work in the gallery, you are in for a treat. Fun with collage!

Cost: \$125 members; \$140 Non-members

February 27-28

Michael B. Pearson

Watercolor Basics

This is an introductory class for the wonderful medium of watercolor. We will be exploring the many ways this versatile paint can be applied starting with the basic wash. We will experiment with salt, masking, saran, spatter, sponging, dry brush and more. Learn from a painter with over 37 years in professional watercolor. Great for a beginner or a brush up for the seasoned painter.

Cost: \$140 members; \$155 non-members

March 2-3; 9 am - 3 pm

Bill Farnsworth

Oil Painting Studio Workshop

Students will learn the importance of the principals of painting and how they can achieve believable paintings full of light. Demos every morning and a step by step of how to build a painting. Learn how to get the most out of your photographs in a studio environment.

Cost: \$325 members; \$350 Non-members

March 15-17

Michael B. Pearson

Watercolor Batik

For the intermediate/advanced painter to get out of your comfort zone and learn an exciting new technique. We will use Japanese Masa paper to achieve a batik look in watercolor. It's fun and challenging and will open your senses to a whole new way to paint. Kit includes: 1 sheet Masa paper, Strathmore mounting board, glue, and gluing brush. (\$15 purchase from instructor) Cost: \$210 members; \$225 non-members

March 29-31; 9 am-4 pm

Linda Benton McCloskey

Cold Wax & Oil Painting

Explore the innovative way to use oil paint - You will learn everything about painting with cold wax - from the very basic to the more advanced techniques by using oil paint or dry pigment. Everyday offers many demonstrations on the many ways to apply the cold wax using various tools, plus lots of personal attention and critique. Cold wax is very similar to encaustic but WITHOUT THE FUMES and HEAT! Beginner to advance. A Fun Class is Guaranteed.

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

April 4-5-6

Peggy Root

Plein Air Landscapes

Peggy Root is a nationally renowned plein-air landscape artist. She is also our judge for the "23rd Annual Judged Show" in April.

Members: \$350; Non-Members: \$375

May 10-11-12
Michael Story
Oil Painting

May 23-25; 9 am - 4 pm

Dee Beard Dean

Taking Plein Air into the Studio (Interpreting from Photographs)

This workshop is geared toward intermediate and advanced artists who are striving to bring their work up to a new level. Artists will receive challenging group and individualized instruction in studio painting. Dee will observe the artists' works and help them to improve rather than change their individual styles.

Cost: \$350 members; \$375 Non-members

October 24, 25, 26

Chris Groves

Oil Painting

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

Did you Know?



Top 10 Oil Painting Tips From Johannes Vloothuis

"A master painter and favorite art workshop instructor, Johannes Vloothuis teaches thousands of students how to paint with oil (among other mediums), so we asked him for his Top 10 Tips for Oil Painters. We think you'll agree that these essential painting techniques should be in every artist's tool kit. "

Learn how to add texture, tone your canvas, add volume, interest and so much more. Read the full article and discover all 10 Tips [here!](#)

Submitted by Pat Wilund

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