

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



October 2015

Message from the President

October will be a fun month filled with opportunities for members; I hope you can participate in as many of the following as possible: Art and Seafood Festival SoBA Activities, Children's Art in the Park run by SOBA, a field trip to Savannah's Plein Air 2nd Annual Convention, and SoBA'S 1st Fall Social. There will be signup pages in the Daily log book for each event and emails from our new method to communicate with you through Constant Contact to explain and give details about each event. Don't forget Vickie Jourdan's show "Color me Abstract" and reception Sunday, October 11th, 3-5 pm.

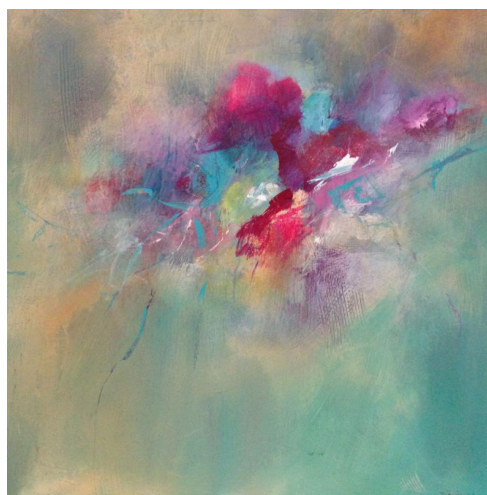
**Marian Sanders
President**

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Featured Artist

Color Me Abstract Acrylic Paintings by Vickie Jourdan

The Society of Bluffton Artists Gallery welcomes Vickie Jourdan as featured artist from October 5th to the 31st. Color and texture are at the forefront in Vickie's exciting paintings in the exhibit she's calling "Color Me Abstract." It is a collection of new work that



"Song and Dance"

shows off her splashy, bright acrylics which are full of life and movement. As she points out, "My garage is my studio. When I'm working, I turn on the music. I dance. I paint and just let my creativity flow. My hope is that the final result is joyful." And joyful these paintings are!

After retiring from a career in interior design, for the past 18 years Vickie has evolved as an established artist with works in private and corporate collections throughout the country. She has won numerous local, state and national awards as well as being a featured artist in many exhibits. Vickie is a partner at Pluff Mudd Art Gallery in Bluffton where she exhibits her artwork. And as well as being a valued hanging member at SOBA, she teaches abstract workshops at the Society's Center for Creative Arts.

Bluffton Arts & 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. Please deliver your art to the tent (1 large piece or two small) at 9 a.m. Unsold pieces to be picked up at 4 p.m.

Open painting for artists in the yard & porch all week long. SoBA painters are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to set up an easel, paint and gain exposure to the public by showcasing talent. Table Art, (cards and prints, sold by the artist on the porch) will also be offered for those artists wishing to participate in sales of such items.

At the Festival's request, SoBA will be hosting Art in the Park on October 17 & 18, at DuBois Park. This is a free event for children and is great opportunity for exposure for SoBA to the greater community.

Donations NEEDED:

Aluminum pie tins -all sizes
permanent markers (primary + pastel)
pipe cleaners
tissue paper
ribbon
white poster boards
large pieces of foam core
straws



cotton balls
small googly eyes

Donna Bamond is doing a painted scarf project and we have asked Dharma Trading Co to donate or at least discount them. We need 1 teacher/leader at each station throughout each day so we need another 5-8 volunteers for 3 hr sessions on Sat & Sun. Plan to arrive by 9AM each morning (meaning you will get a parking space before most).

Contact: Sandy Wenig - slwenig@gmail.com

Thank you for anything you can do to help out:

Time, Products or Money

Next Change of Show Dates

October 5

November 2

December 7

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

[Change of Show Form](#)



Latitude Wine Bar Art Contest

REMINDER!

Last week for public voting at Latitude Wine Bar for the art

contest. Winners will be announced Friday evening, October 2nd, during a special party for SoBA artists. The event will start at 6:00 PM at which time they will be offering a 10% discount to SoBA members for food and beverages. Should be a fun night to visit with the public and SoBA members....enjoy special music that Latitudes has scheduled for the event.



SoBA Gather at the Gallery

SoBA Gather at the Gallery A Masquerade Affair

Date: Thursday,

October 29th Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm (or later)

Place: **SoBA on the Porch**

Refreshments: **Light Fare & Wine, Flavored Waters**



Join In: A wonderful casual opportunity to meet the other members of SoBA, share ideas and plans for the upcoming year. Connect with friends you may not have seen for a while and make a few new friends. It is fall and the membership year is just beginning, let's enjoy each other and our fabulous art.

Dress in a Halloween Costume if you like. There will be face painting kits and Pumpkins for artist to have fun decorating. Decorated pumpkins will adorn the porch for Halloween fun.

Holiday Boutique Coming Soon

There is a fun event that happens at SoBA at holiday shopping time from November 21st through December 30th, the Holiday Boutique. The second building, the

Creative Center for the Arts is transformed into a Holiday Boutique. Artists sell a wide range of small unique items that are not sold in the gallery throughout the year for example: cards, ornaments, and decorative pieces of all kinds.



To put this event together in the best possible way we need assistance in a few different ways.

1. Help with registration November 18th & 19th
2. Help with displaying the art November 19th & 20th
3. Staffing the show
4. All members are invited to participate.

If you are in town that time of year and would be interested in working with us to pull this all together in a very successful effort, please join in. We are having an initial planning meeting at the CCA building on Oct 28th at 1:00 pm and all are welcome. If you would like to share in the fun in anyway, please contact me.

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Member Accolades

Two SoBA members recently received recognition for their work. Barbara Pecce's painting won the first place ribbon in the 32nd annual judged show of the Asociacion de Acuarelistas de PR. The exhibition was held in the historic Casa de Espana in Old San Juan.



Additionally, Margaret Palmer's photo of the Church of the Cross was published in the September edition of "Ideal Living Magazine."

Congratulations Barbara and Margaret!

SoBA Shots

Photo of Mary Segars teaching in SoBA's beautiful and technologically advanced CCA (Center for Creative Arts) Building. (*Note the closed circuit camera close up of



Mary's demo that can be seen on the flat screen TV.) If you haven't had a chance to take a class yet, check out the calendar on SoBA's website for the most up to date information about class offerings and sign ups. Is there an artist/instructor that you would like to have come and teach at SoBA? Or, like to see a class given on a particular topic or taught within a certain medium? Contact Sandy Wenig (slwenig@gmail.com) with suggestions and information.

[Click here to view upcoming classes](#)

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.

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.

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.

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The Giving Marketplace

SoBA is now able to accept monetary donations through the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry's THE GIVING MARKETPLACE. They will accept the donation, inform us, invest it for us, tell us if it is earmarked for a specific purpose and do everything that is necessary legally.



Correction to Last Newsletter

In the September issue of The Eclectic, we featured a lovely photo of Mary Ann Putzier with student Kristen and a brief history of the Naomi McCracken Scholarship. Correction to the information: Kristen was awarded a scholarship from the Evelyn Hilleran Memorial Fund, not the SOBA/Naomi McCracken scholarship. Our apologies for the error.



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