

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



April 2016

Message from the President

I would like to thank our hard working SOBA Photographers for the March Show. It has been well received this month. However, it is time to take it down and remove all art in the Gallery so that we can paint the Gallery for SOBA's 22nd Annual Members April Show. Please remove your art Friday April 1. No fooling, if possible by 5:00 pm.

There is lots of work that must be done before check in for this show. Yes, we need help Friday for removal of art, removal of nails and patching. Yes, help is needed Saturday: painting, cleaning porches, planting flowers, and yard work. Many hands make hard work easy. Remember this is your Gallery and it is made of Artists that work together to promote some of the best Art in Old Town Bluffton.

REMEMBER: Read the 22nd Annual Members Show Prospectus. Fill out the required paper work and bring your CHECK. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO ENTER YOUR ART MONDAY APRIL 4th, 9:30-11:30am. All SOBA members may enter this show (exhibitors and general). We have 182 of those. We will take the first 100 members that meet the prospectus guidelines.

In May we will be having our General Members' meeting, Saturday May 14th, 9:30-11:00am. Please contact Norma Deal (normadeal@hargray.com) before May 1st if you are interested in seriously serving on Society of Bluffton Artists Board as an officer, chairman or a worker bee, we need you.

Looking forward to seeing you and your beautiful art!

Marian Sanders, president

Society of Bluffton Artists

Visit our website

Change of Show: Monday, April 4 (*bring \$25 check and prospectus)

Drop off 9:30 am to 11:30 am

FEATURED ARTIST CALENDAR FOR 2016

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, Sunday May 8
June 6 - July 3	Carolann Volling Touch of Blue/Fundraiser for Bluffton Police 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 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	

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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

Society of Bluffton Artists presents the **22nd Annual Judged Show**



**April 4 - 30
at the SOBA
Gallery**

**Reception
Friday April 8
5-7 pm**

**Corner of Church
& Calhoun**

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HEART OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

*2015 Best of Show
winner Lake House
by Judith Ann Wenning*

Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 11:30-3
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Also in April...

SOBA'S CCA presents the third K-5 CHILDREN'S ART EXPO. Designed to encourage and promote the artistic talent of the children in our community, this show will be on display from April 17 - 22 in SOBA's Center for Creative Arts.

April at the SoBA Gallery

22nd Annual Judged Members' Show

Judge: Christina Chastain

[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.

Opening reception, awards announced and refreshments

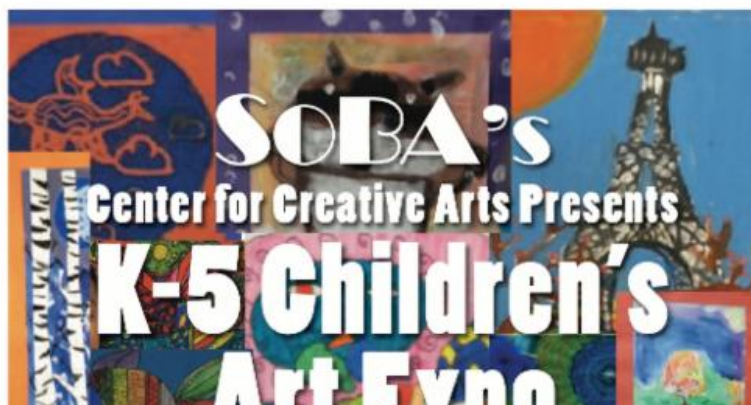
Friday, April 8, 5-7 pm

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

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.



ART EXPO

A collage showing detail sections of some of the past years' student artwork

April 17 - 22, 2016

Opening Reception Sunday, April 17
11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Designed to encourage and promote the artistic talent of children in our community, the Society of Bluffton Artists will be exhibiting the art work of Bluffton area school children in our Center for Creative Arts building.

The Society of Bluffton Artist's Center for Creative Arts
8 Church Street

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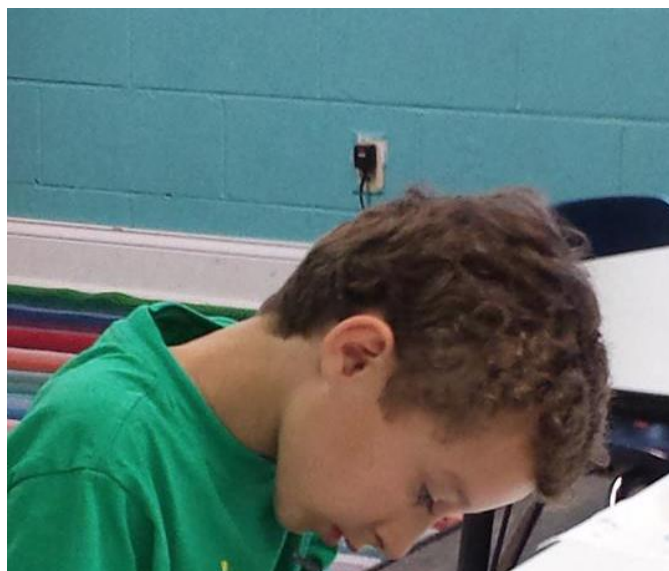
Gallery hours
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The children, their families and the public are invited to a reception on Sunday, April 17 from 11:30 - 1:30 pm. Please join us for refreshments, to meet these burgeoning artists, and to enjoy their wonderful work.

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

Giving Back: SOBA's After School Program





AFTER SCHOOL KIDS ART PROGRAM

SoBA has again completed a 10 week winter program for area kids, grades 4 and 5. We had great kids, great parents who transported them, and wonderful volunteer instructors. This is our 13th year of involvement. It is so good to have a facility, the CCA, to conduct these sessions. This year Cornerstone Church, across the street, graciously let us use their classroom space for the second 5 week session. A big thank you is in order.

Mary Ann Putzier, Coordinator

SUMMER CAMPS for KIDS

YIPPEEE! Coming again this summer! Pat Diemand will help make it happen again starting the 20th of June. Paint like the Masters will be the theme. More details to follow.





A plein air art competition open to all.

April 22, 2016 10am - 4 pm

\$15 entry fee

\$150 prize for Peoples' Choice Award

Register at any of the Old Town art galleries or at sobagallery.com

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.

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 7-8; 9 am - 12 noon

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: \$200 all batik materials included

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

Vickie Jourdan

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

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

Just some of the awesome animals painted by students in Linda St. Clair's recent workshop...









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 part of the show. This is yet another way for SoBA to have a positive impact on our community!

**Please note that this event has been moved up in the calendar year and is a change from previously noted date.





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 **April 4th 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.

Member Accolades

Mary Ann Putzier's beautiful watercolor floral, "Mood Maker," was recently selected as the winner of the All Saints Episcopal Church 2016 Garden Tour poster contest. Congratulations Mary Ann. Well done!



Mood Maker by Mary Ann Putzier

SoBA Snaps

Scenes from the March show, Photographers: Focus on the Lowcountry.











Bluffton News

On the heels of the great announcement that Old Town Bluffton was recently awarded an official South Carolina Cultural District designation, comes www.onlyinyourstate.com's recently published, "Top 10 Reasons to Drop Everything and Move to to this ONE SC City," highlighting Bluffton's Calhoun Street and all it has to offer. How exciting that Bluffton, **home of the SoBA Gallery**, is gaining national attention and acclaim!

Click here to read: [Ten Reasons to Drop Everything and Move to this ONE SC City](#)

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