

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



**June 2016**

## **Message from the President**

As our year round resident members of SoBA ready themselves for summer with sunscreen, beach chairs, vacation plans and other stuff, some of our members will be heading north for a few weeks or months. I wish all of you a fun summer whatever your plans are, and I hope you keep creating wonderful pieces of art no matter where your location is. Even more, I hope you share and show those fabulous pieces at the Society of Bluffton Art Gallery.

The individual success of both Artist Members of SoBA and the SoBA Gallery are so deeply intertwined. The Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Chairs are committed to making SoBA the gallery of choice for the residents and visitors to our area. We want the environment so conducive that sales increase, that classes expand and the rental usage of the CCA increases. All aspects of the business, the buildings, the finances are our responsibilities and we'll do our very best to manage the business of SoBA efficiently, effectively and smoothly. But the Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Chairs cannot do everything - and we shouldn't. We need all the members of SoBA to be willing to step up when there is a need. Occasionally sign up for two staffing positions, help out with receptions, and put the trash out. Always leave the gallery in pristine condition. It's our gallery, let's be proud. As the new President of SoBA I am available by email ([gayle.miller1024@gmail.com](mailto:gayle.miller1024@gmail.com)) or phone 309.833.1019. Share your ideas.

Being a member of SoBA since 2014 has been and continues to be a wonderful experience for me. It's such a fun, bright feeling when I get a call that one of my watercolor paintings has sold. I hope you are experiencing the same positive feedback. In the months ahead in The Eclectic, SoBA's newsletter, there will be sales and activity reports. You'll learn from the report how many artists made sales, what the gross revenue from sales was and approximately how many guests wandered through the gallery during the course of the month. So, when you staff the gallery keep accurate records by recording the hash marks of how many potential customers visit the gallery while you are on duty.

Another new addition to the newsletter will be tips, a column written by Pat Wilund. The title of the tips article is "Did You Know"

There's lots of fun ahead.....Art on my friends.

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

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**SoBA Does it AGAIN! Best of Bluffton votes are IN**



Congratulations to the SoBA Gallery and its membership for once again earning Bluffton Today's honor of "Most Eclectic Art Gallery," voted on by its loyal readership. It takes a village of committed members and leadership to keep our organization strong and to put forth a pleasing and aesthetic presentation to the public and customers. Thank you to all. We are proud to be considered eclectic and be representative of the pulse that is driving Old Towne Bluffton in its evolution, diversity, and growth in both regional and national tourism exposure and markets.



Megan Radcliffe of Bluffton Today presents B.O.B. plaque to Marian Sanders

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## Change of Show:

**Monday, June 6 (\*2 pieces allowed with 24 x 24" size restriction - please consider helping to cover Gallery hours by sitting an extra shift.**

**Non-display members are always welcome and needed to man**

**gallery hours. Contact Pat Gardiner [robp@hargray.com](mailto:robp@hargray.com) for training if needed.)**

**Drop off 9:30 am to 11:30 am**

FEATURED ARTIST CALENDAR FOR 2016

June 6 - July 3	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	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

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## June at the SoBA Gallery

**"A Touch of Blue "**



The Society of Bluffton Artists presents:

## **A Touch of Blue Fundraiser**

to benefit the Bluffton Police Department

**June 6 - July 3**

Opening Reception

**Friday June 10, 5-7 pm**

All exhibiting artists have been asked to add at least "A Touch of Blue" to their art in this June exhibit. 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.

Joy Nelson, the police department's Community Relations Manager, tells us they will be putting all the money raised in this event towards their K-9 Unit. The new K-9 handlers, Officer Jason Rodriguez and Officer George Wetzal, will attend our reception along with Major Manning, Joy, and her husband. All SoBA members are urged to attend and give these folks a very warm welcome. We rely on the department to keep us safe and are so happy to help them in any way - especially if it involves the hard working pups who do their jobs without a bark of complaint. Let's make it a GREAT DAY and a GREAT MONTH.

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**June 5 - DVD Showing Art of Morten Solberg**



## **Sunday, June 5th**

Come and enjoy the showing of  
Morten Solberg's Art DVD - From the 60's to Now

**3 to 5 p.m.**

### **Wine and Cheese**

Internationally acclaimed artist Morten Solberg will be teaching a class at SOBA's Center For Creative Arts on Mon, Tues & Wed (June 6-7-8) and has generously offered to do - free to SOBA - a presentation of his work from the 60's to the present. Mort paints in all water based mediums and in styles ranging from total realism to abstract and combinations of both.

"It is important to the artist that his paintings are not only well crafted pieces of art but that they 'draw the viewer in and invite them to feel a connection with the environment created'."

Solberg's original paintings sell from \$2,000 - \$50,000. You don't want to miss this wonderful opportunity.

Wine and Cheese - D\$nation\$ Accepted \$\$\$

Please send your name to Sandra Wenig (so we set up enough chairs) if you plan to attend to: [slwenig@gmail.com](mailto:slwenig@gmail.com)

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**Annual Meeting**





**Marian Sanders receives thank you recognition from Norma Deal**

The Annual Members' Meeting took place, Saturday, May 14th at which time the new Board Members were approved and installed for 2016-2017. Marian Sanders was honored with a gift and heartfelt thanks were expressed for her devotion and hard work as SoBA's president during the past year. Gratitude also goes out to Norma Deal, Dave Dickson and Edith Wood for their efforts in coordinating the slate of officers. To all of the new volunteers and Board Members who have taken a step

forward and assumed vital roles in leadership, committing to donate their precious time, talent and energies towards assuring the Society of Bluffton Artists and its Gallery are current, strong, vibrant and GROWING - on behalf of the entire membership, THANK YOU!

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Because of SoBA's depth of membership, it is possibly richer in talent and dimension of abilities, both art related and beyond, than any other organization in the southeast corner of South Carolina. Please consider volunteering and giving of your special abilities in support of events, projects and general organization throughout the year when a need is initiated. Your contribution of volunteer time and talent will multiply in benefit to you, personally as an artist and as a vital supporter of the arts in our area. Old Town Bluffton is on the move and so is the Society of Bluffton Artists.

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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'Camp](#)

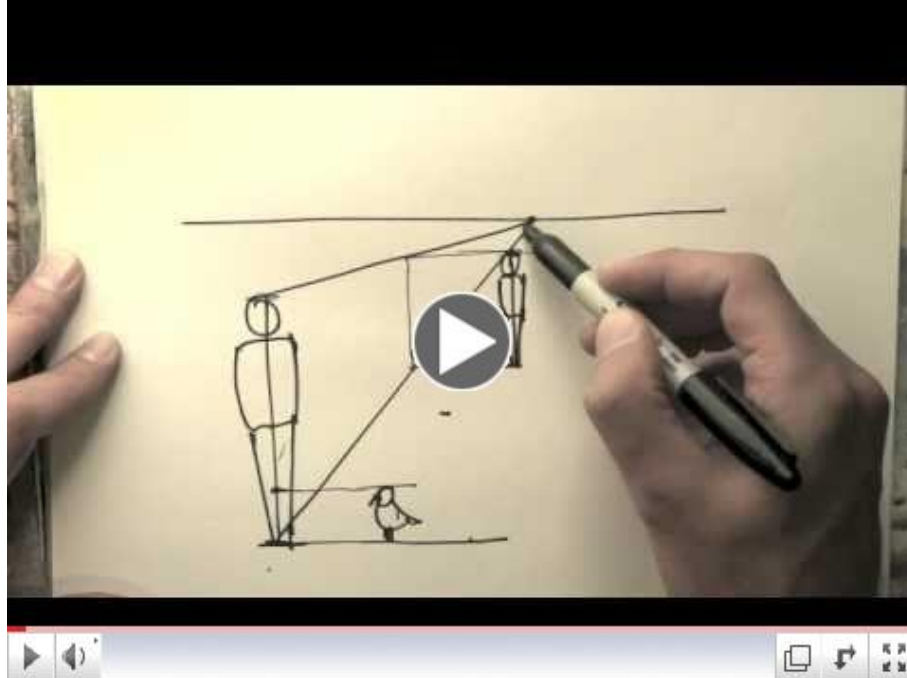
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## Did You Know?

As an extra added bonus to the many already existing SoBA membership perks, our monthly newsletter will feature a new addition. "Did You Know" will be an interactive, tips and advice feature and will bring helpful information on a monthly basis covering a wide range of art related topics. We hope you will find it worthwhile to view the YouTube videos and art articles that will be posted - reminding us, or perhaps, instructing us, on how to understand perspective, lighting effects, composition, techniques and much more. The information posted will be gathered from a variety of sources and from many talented people around the world. Our hope is to stimulate, educate and pique your interest using free knowledge that is available and accessible to all. Please enjoy viewing this first installation, a little recap on perspective.



Perspective Drawing

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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.

**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 22; 7 pm**

## **Eric Horan**

### **Photography on the Water**

BOAT TRIP/FIELD TRIP. Eric will talk to the group in general terms about wildlife photography, approaching your subjects, field etiquette etc... and identify all that we are seeing for those that want to know. On the photo side, Eric will touch on the most important elements of making successful images including: proper exposure, lighting, composition, lens selection and the relationship between f/stop, shutter speed and ISO, choosing peak action and maybe a little about panning technique and "keeping both eyes open". And he will move around and help those people who have photo issues and or questions that they want to clarify. Bring your camera or iphone.

Cost: \$35 members; \$40 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://www.sobagallery.com). Questions (843)-247-2868



Eric Horan along with SoBA members on the previous boat excursion/photo safari evening.

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## Coming this October - 12 x 12

SOBA's Annual Fundraising event is set for October 2016. Canvases will be available for purchase at the next change of show. 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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## SoBA Members Judge Middle School Art Show



Eighth graders create some amazing art and the Bluffton Community was lucky enough to view 30 pieces of the best from our local middle schools. The exhibit was on display from April 1 to May 12 with an artists' reception on May 5 at the library hall. The schools invited the Society of Bluffton Artists to provide jurors to perform the difficult task of choosing the very best from over 100 pieces of art in the show. SOBA volunteers **Jeanne McKenna**, **Pat Gardiner** and **Marianne Stillwell** stepped up to the task.

SOBA judges selected: Jake Kuzia; "Self Portrait"; Pencil Drawing; HEMMS - First Place

Nicholas Parrish; "Submerged me"; Photography; River Ridge Academy- Second Place

Ryan Zimmerman; "1-pt Perspective"; Pencil; HEMMS- Third Place

People's Choice Awards: Xochilt Godoy; "Ballerina"; Colored Pencil and Marker; HEMMS- First Place

Brenden Beck; "Lone Mustang"; Pen; River Ridge Academy- Second Place

Ryan Zimmerman; "1-pt Perspective"; Pencil; HEMMS- Third Place

Bluffton Mayor, Lisa Sulka presented the awards. She, SOBA President Marian Sanders, and the schools' principals spoke at the awards presentation.

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