



Southern Saratoga Art Society

A Society for the Appreciation of the Visual Arts

Newsletter

February/March 2020

P.O. Box 1536, Clifton Park, NY 12065

President's Message

The Special Gift

Can you imagine being able to create something that never existed before? A totally new created thing. Many people never get the chance to do that. Isn't that what artists do when they create artistic items? We get to create something entirely new that never existed before. Every experience we have has never been experienced quite like the way you experience it. Your thoughts and perceptions are uniquely your own, like a finger print. Enjoy the privilege while you have it and enjoy the experience while it lasts.

See you at the March meeting.
- Frank Coletta

OUR MISSION

To encourage the development of art and to make the community of Southern Saratoga County more aware of visual arts

SSAS Meetings are usually held the 4th Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center.

Next Meeting: March 23rd - "Show & Tell"

Bring in a piece of new artwork or a work in progress for a gentle critique and encouragement. If you have just finished a new work or just starting one and need some help or direction, or if you just can't get motivated, come see what other artists are working on! You will be inspired! The meetings take place at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center at 6:30pm.

SSAS Receives Community Arts Grant for Demonstrations

SSAS has been awarded a \$500 Community Arts Grant to underwrite the costs of our demonstrations. Saratoga Arts administers the grant, which is funded by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. This is the second year we received the grant. A Grant Awards Reception will take place on Thursday, March 19, 6-8pm, at the Arts Center, 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. All are welcome to attend. We are very excited about our 2020 demonstrations, which are all open to the public. Our goal, as always, is to provide community access to art – and to learn. Check out the links below to see some of the artists' amazing work. Please spread the word!

April 27: Laurel-Le Lipski - Acrylic Pouring Demonstration

Laurel-Le will be demonstrating Acrylic Pouring. All artists can learn something from this thrilling technique. We're looking forward to an exciting evening. <https://www.albanyartistsgroup.com/laurelle-lipski>

May 26: Corey Pitkin - Charcoal Portrait Demonstration

Mark your calendars for Corey Pitkin's portrait demonstration. A predominantly self-taught artist, Pitkin's award winning work has been featured in The Pastel Journal, Art Renewal Center, and others. <http://www.coreypitkin.com/> (Note: This is a Tuesday as Monday is Memorial Day)

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Board Meetings

The Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:00, at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library, Clifton Park, NY. If anyone has something they wish added to the agenda contact Frank Coletta.

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MARK YOUR 2020 CALENDAR

Program Schedule

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June 22: Lisa David, Realistic Oil Painting Demonstration

July 27: SSAS Annual Picnic

August 24: Ed Ticson - Pastel Demonstration

September 28: Ali Herrmann - Mixed Media Demonstration

October 26: Autumn Jewels Reception

November 23: Board Elections and Themed Show, "Nature"

December: Holiday Luncheon at Vista Restaurant - Date TBA

Did you forget your Dues?

SSAS membership fees are due on January 1st each year. Please mail your dues to: SSAS, PO Box 1536, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Dues must be paid before members can exhibit. Thank you!

Fundraising Committee

Our newly formed Fundraising Committee – Marty Coletta, Rita Helie, Mary Mochrie and Jean Skanes, met recently and are working on several ideas. Interested in helping? Contact any of the committee members and they will send you the next meeting date.

Venues/Exhibits

Are you interested in showing your work? Attached to this newsletter is a list of venues with regular SSAS exhibits. Don't be shy! If you want to be part of a group show, you don't need to find others to show with you, we will do that for you. Please contact the venue chairpersons for more information.

Website Gallery and Bulletin

The SSAS website provides information on meetings, shows and organization activities. The site includes a Gallery Page with a clickable link where artists can post their work and bios, and a Bulletin section featuring shows and exhibits of current members. Send your artwork photos or announcements to Valerie Wolf, our website manager. <http://www.southernsarotogaartist.com/>

Visit our website for all the latest news and information: www.southernsarotogaartist.com

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