



# Southern Saratoga Art Society

*A Society for the Appreciation of the Visual Arts*

## Newsletter

May 2018

6 Clifton Common Ct., Clifton Park, NY 12065

### President's Message

Art is bursting out in May!

April seemed to be a time of transition from a winter that didn't let go. May is here and finally 60s and 70s are more common than 40s and 50s. Many SSAS members have been actively displaying work this past month, and continue to present impressive art at local venues. May is a month for some, to prepare for the bloom of upcoming outdoor shows. For me, this is Photoshop Week. As much as possible I'm watching the Adobe Creative Live website live presentations. The site runs two channels concurrently. The recorded classes are \$29.95 to purchase but can be watched for free (free is good). By Friday evening I should be in Photoshop overload!

- Richard

### Upcoming Meeting, Thursday May 31

*This month there has been a change of date because of Memorial Day. SSAS Meetings are usually held the 4th Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center.*

**Tony Audi will present a sculpture program and demonstration.** Tony's interest in illustration and sculpture has spanned his entire life. He worked at a small comic book publisher after high school which led to a job at a toy company making historical replicas. There he met the owner of a model kit manufacturer and procured a position with them. During his time there he learned mold making techniques and continued to fine tune his sculpting skills. In the late 90's the advent of 3D printing technology left little need for classic sculptors, so Tony left the industry for a career in restaurant management leading to his purchase of City Pizzeria in Clifton Park in 2016 with his brother, Michael.

Tony volunteers at Lifesong inc. in Halfmoon, where he teaches a sculpting class to participants in the art therapy program. Tony also recently secured a job illustrating a children's book by author Miranda VonFricken.

Thursday, May 31 at 6:30pm. Bring a friend!

June 25 - Watercolorist Ritvik Sharma will be demonstrating.

July 23 - SSAS Annual Picnic



Tony Audi  
at Lifesong, inc.

Photography  
by Richard Kitchen

### OUR MISSION

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



Jack Morgan  
Porto Colum, Oil on Canvas

Marie Tsai  
The World is Your Oyster  
Oil on Canvas



Sherry Walkup  
Bad Feather Day, Oil on Canvas

## SSAS EXHIBITS

### Catskill Hudson Bank Halfmoon Branch

May/June - David Mayak

### Malta Branch

May/June - Carol Winterton

### Clifton Park Senior Comm. Center

May - Jack Morgan, Rita Helie,

Maria Tsai and Sherry Walkup

June - Valerie Woodward



Rita Helie  
Venice, Oil on Canvas

### Burnt Hills Public Library

June - Rebecca Jenkins and Pat Wade

*\*\* Artists needed for display case approx. 15 pieces, 11x14 or smaller contact Jack Morgan*

### Mechanicville Library

May/June- Frank Coletta

### Waterford Library

July - Frank Coletta, Bill Daisak, Rebecca Jenkins, Diane Staudinger, Bill Staudinger, Joan Van Alphen

August - Richard Kitchen, Judy Loucks, Jack Morgan, Val Moiser, Jean Skanes, Valerie Woodward, Patricia Wade

### Zion Lutheran Church

May/June - Frank Coletta and Joan Van Alphen

### MochaLisa Caffe

May/June- Richard Kitchen

## New Venues

We are adding new venues every month. If you are interested in being contacted when spaces are available, contact Pat Wade ([meridian1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:meridian1@nycap.rr.com)) to be added to our exhibitors list. If you have questions about a specific venue, please contact Frank Coletta ([f51643@hotmail.com](mailto:f51643@hotmail.com)).

Paintings on this page are on display this month at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center.

\* SSAS members' artwork on display through the SSAS venues may be photographed and used in the SSAS newsletter

## Bulletin Page

NEW! Submit information to our Bulletin Page on our website! SSAS would like to help promote our members on current happenings in the art world! If you have a show, workshop, class or news, please send the information to Val Wolf, our Webmaster ([zayeal@gmail.com](mailto:zayeal@gmail.com)).

## Board Members

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*Newsletter and photography*  
Eva Marie Loucks

## Board Meetings

The Board will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:00. If anyone has something they wish added to the agenda contact Richard Kitchen.

*Visit our website for all the latest news and information:*  
[www.southernsaratogaartist.com](http://www.southernsaratogaartist.com)



Lynda Spielman  
Watercolor Demonstration on  
April 23.

Photography  
by Evan Thompson



## April Watercolor Demonstration

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There was quite a large crowd last month as everyone gathered to watch Lynda's demonstration. Lynda Spielman teaches watercolor in Delmar. She talked and demonstrated a watercolor project with the SSAS group. She stated everyone has a journey and a story to tell. She suggested all artists should keep a resource file. She said to make sketches and work from them instead of a photograph, so your work becomes more impressionistic than photorealistic. Create a good composition and keep in mind your tonal values and know what colors you are going to use so your image will come together quickly. She suggests "planning like a turtle and painting like a rabbit." Her painting came together with a limited palette of yellow and blue and the use of watercolor pencils.

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## Sunshine Club

The SSAS Sunshine Club sends flowers/letters/offers of support to SSAS members experiencing an illness, a death in the family, or undergoing other hard circumstances. Please contact coordinator Sherry Walkup (518-381-8959) if you know of someone in need.

## In Memory of

Irene Botch, who passed away on April 4, 2018.

### Art Tip:

Acrylic Painting - when finished for the day mist some water over paint and cover with plastic wrap to help keep the paints moist for the next day.

## Become a Member

Membership is open to any individual actively engaged in the production of art and to other persons interested in supporting and participating in the activities of the Society as art patrons.

Membership cost is \$25 per year. Please visit our website for a membership application or fill out and mail in the form on the back page.

Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center, 6 Clifton Common Ct., Clifton Park, 12065.



Bird's Nest, Watercolor,  
Eva Marie Loucks

## Membership Benefits

### Annual Dues

The SSAS membership fee for 2018 is \$25.00. Dues must be paid before you can display in any show or venue. Please mail your dues to our new Treasurer, Rebecca Jenkins, at 208 Park Pl, Mechanicville, NY 12118.

### Art About Town

Members enjoy the opportunity to have their work displayed in public venues such as local banks, offices, libraries and other public buildings.

### Member Art Shows

Shows include the annual Autumn Jewels Exhibit which is open to the public and features awards and cash prizes.

### Workshops

Occasional workshops are presented by recognized, well known artists in a variety of mediums.

### Newsletters

Monthly newsletters include information on current and future meetings and activities. Tips and tricks to help you improve your art endeavors and a list of websites that you might find interesting and useful.

### Social Events

Seasonal events give SSAS members and guests an opportunity to mingle on a social level and exchange thoughts and ideas at various art receptions, particularly at our annual Holiday Party.

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## Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check for \$25.00 payable to Southern Saratoga Art Society, and mail with this form to:

Southern Saratoga Art Society  
c/o Rebecca Jenkins  
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You may also sign up at a SSAS meeting or through our website [www.southernsaratogaartist.com](http://www.southernsaratogaartist.com).