



Southern Saratoga Art Society

A Society for the Appreciation of the Visual Arts

Newsletter

October 2018

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

President's Message

Amazing Autumn Amazing Artists!

We've seen great works at SSAS venues this year. Thank you, artists, for your participation!

The 2018 Autumn Jewels show is up, and what a show it is! Ritvik Sharma, a fantastic watercolorist and SSAS member, has graced us with a monthly demo and watercolor workshop, both receiving rave reviews! For this year's Jewels show he will be judging a very competitive field of works.

If you've been waiting for an opportunity to show prospective new members or venue owners an excellent collection of SSAS member creative endeavors, this is it! - Richard Kitchen



October 22 Autumn Jewels Reception at 6:30pm

Stop in and see the amazing artwork! Show dates are October 1 to November 1. Please invite your family and friends to join us for the reception and awards.



November 26 - "Winter" Theme Show

The theme for our show in November is "Winter." Drop off is November 1st from 4 to 5pm. No entry fees. Everyone is invited to participate.

Colored Pencil Demonstration

Colored pencil artist Cynthia Knox gave an amazing demonstration at the SSAS September meeting. Those in attendance were given an opportunity to draw along with Cynthia for a hands-on lesson about "painting" with pencils. If you missed it or want to learn more, visit her website, <https://cynthiaknox.com/>.

Colored Pencil Demonstration- Cynthia Knox
Photography by Evan Thompson



Program Schedule

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

- October 22:** Autumn Jewels Show Reception
 - November 26:** Winter Scene Show and Board Elections
 - December 10:** Holiday Luncheon at Vista Restaurant
- See attached flyer for details. Please plan to join us!

SSAS EXHIBITS

Burnt Hills Public Library

November/December - Mary Fekete,
Frank Fucci, Richard Kitchen, Jack
Morgan, Jean Skanes, Joan Van Alphen

Catskill Hudson Bank

Halfmoon Branch

September/October - Albina Walsh
November/December - Eva Loucks

Malta Branch

September/October - Sharon Thorpe
November/December - Virginia
Harrison

Clifton Park Senior Center

October - Autumn Jewels Show
November - Winter Scene Show

Glen Eddy Senior Living Comm.

Contact Sherry Walkup 518-381-8959 if
you are interested in this venue.

Mechanicville Library

September/October - Maria Tsai
November/December - Joan Van
Alphen

MochaLisa Caffe

August/September/October - Jack
Morgan and Rita Helie
November/December - Pat Wade and
Rebecca Jenkins

NBT Bank of Clifton Park

September/October - Diane
Staudinger
November/December - open

Zion Lutheran Church

September/October - Jean Skanes and
Sherry Walkup
November/December - Maria Tsai

*We have openings for 2019 - call a venue
contact person and sign up today!*



Autumn Jewels Show



Venue Contacts

For specific venues contact the following board members:

Frank Coletta: *Clifton Park Senior
Community Center Gallery, Zion
Lutheran Church in Schenectady*

Richard Kitchen: *MochaLisa's Caffe*

Judy Loucks: *Waterford Library*

Jack Morgan: *Burnt Hills Public
Library*

Jane Morrison: *Mechanicville
Library*

Jean Skanes: *Catskill Hudson Bank -
Malta Branch*

Bill Staudinger: *NBT Bank*

Pat Wade: *Catskill Hudson Bank -
Halfmoon Branch*

Sherry Walkup: *Glen Eddy Senior
Living Community in Niskayuna*

SSAS is acquiring more and more venues. Artists who are interested in displaying their works, please contact Pat Wade or Frank Coletta to be added to the notification list.

Guidelines for Shows

If you have signed up for a SSAS - sponsored show, there are a couple of steps you need to take. Each venue is different, but you should have the following items ready prior to the show:

- a short bio for both publicity and for displaying at the venue
- a list of your artwork that includes the title, medium and price
- tags for your artwork that display your name, the title, medium, price and how to contact you (phone or email)

Be sure to get the specifics from the show coordinator for your venue and send them a copy of your information as early as possible.

Artwork on this page is 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

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Board Meetings

The Board meets on 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

September Workshop with Ritvik Sharma

Ritvik Sharma conducted an informative and entertaining workshop on September 29. Attendees learned the importance of composition, color selection, and how to paint loosely and effectively. It was an exciting learning experience!



Photography by Evan Thompson



SSAS Board Elections

Elections to the SSAS Board of Directors are held annually at our November meeting. We will announce a slate of officers – President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer – at our October meeting. We are also seeking interested persons who are willing to serve on the Board of Directors. Board members are expected to assume responsibility for one of the board's committees, such as Program, Publicity, Venues, Membership, Fundraising, Audit, or Marketing. If you are interested in running for a board office or serving on the board, please contact Pat Wade or Jack Morgan, Co-chairpersons of the Nominating Committee.

NEW! Art School

Stuck in a rut? We have had some fun demos recently featuring alcohol ink and colored pencils – mediums some of us have never tried before. In the article linked here, artist Sandrine Pelissier shares tips for some new materials that sound very interesting. Who knew you could use an ink nib to apply masking fluid or try out colors with pastels over acrylics? <https://www.artistsnetwork.com/art-mediums/10-art-supplies-i-cant-live-without-sandrine-pelissier/>

OUR MISSION

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

**Do you have a
Question about Art...
any medium, procedures,
supplies, framing,
varnishing, showing,
tips, etc.?**

Each month
(space permitting),
we will answer a few
questions from members.

Please submit your
questions to: [EvaMarie
Loucks@gmail.com](mailto:EvaMarieLoucks@gmail.com)

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 for 2019 is \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. Visit our website for an application or fill out and mail in this page with payment.

Monthly meetings are usually 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.



Kenyan Sunrise
Watercolor by Patricia Wade

Membership Benefits

Monthly Meetings

SSAS meets monthly and offers demonstrations by professional artists as well as opportunities to network and share ideas with fellow art enthusiasts.

Member Art Shows and Art About Town

Ongoing shows include the Autumn Jewels Exhibit, which features awards and cash prizes, and the annual Theme Show. SSAS also organizes and conducts art shows and displays at local businesses as well as public buildings such as libraries, churches and community centers. SSAS artists currently exhibit at ten venues free of charge with no commissions.

Workshops

Occasional workshops are presented by recognized, well known artists in a variety of mediums with discounted prices for members.

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.

Newsletters

Monthly newsletters include artwork from SSAS shows and information on current and future meetings and activities.

Social Events

Seasonal events such as our summer picnic and holiday luncheon give SSAS members and guests an opportunity to interact on a social level and exchange thoughts and ideas.

Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____ Website _____

Please make your check (\$30 for adults, \$15 for students) payable to Southern Saratoga Art Society, and mail with this form to:

Southern Saratoga Art Society
PO Box 1536
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You may also sign up at a SSAS meeting or through our website www.southernsaratogaartist.com.