

# Southern Saratoga Art Society

A SOCIETY FOR THE APPRECIATION OF THE VISUAL ARTS

## April 2024 News and Updates

**Reminder: Zentangle Interactive Demo is Monday at 6:30pm!  
Free and Open to the Public  
Please join us for a fun and informative evening!**

### President's Message

Hi Everyone,

Lately, every morning, the first thing I do is look out to my back yard and look for birds at my feeder, possibly a Spring bloom, see if its still raining (again) and look for some sunshine. Basically, I'm looking for inspiration for something interesting to paint. I've read that the basics of creative sources for inspiration are life experiences, learn something new, nature, and interact with other artists.

At SSAS we gather monthly and try bringing a different variety of demos in various art forms and media. We also learn from each other and get inspired by being around all that creative energy.

We are conducting a survey to see how we can better serve our members and get your input on what we can achieve to offer more creative and inspiring opportunities. Please take the time (only about 2 minutes) to respond and add your thoughts! **Survey link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G96BBS7>

Hope to see you soon at our next meeting learning Zentangle!

*Rita Helie*  
**SSAS Board President**

### 2024 Schedule

Keep your calendars open for the 4th Monday of each month (except May, which will be the third Monday). All meetings are held at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center at 6:30 pm.

#### Monday, April 22: Demonstration - Open to the Public

##### **Jody Genovese - Welcome To Zentangle®**

Zentangle is an easy to learn, relaxing way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Jody Genovese is a lifelong artist dabbling in just about every medium imaginable. She loves colors and incorporates Zentangle and mixed media to bring new dimension to her work. Please join us for a fun and relaxing interactive demonstration. <https://www.instagram.com/jodygenoveseart/>

#### Monday, May 20 (note – this is the third Monday due to the Memorial Day holiday).

##### **Lisa David - Oil Painting and Composition Demonstration - What Do Judges Look For?**

Award winning artist Lisa David frequently revisits playful vintage subjects with a realistic approach and a strong use of color. She is a member of Oil Painters of America, a National Board-Certified Art Teacher, and currently teaches advanced drawing and painting at her alma mater high school in Clifton Park, NY. Join us as Lisa demonstrates her skills and lets us in on what judges look for in paintings.

<https://www.lisadavidart.com/about>

#### Monday, June 24, 2024

##### **Ottavia Huang - Ink and Watercolor Demonstration**

Ottavia Huang, an active member of the Urban Sketchers community, is a watercolor artist based in Ballston Lake. Using light, transparent colors and simple lines, she creates everyday watercolor and ink sketches of urban and natural landscapes, capturing the details of her surroundings. Join us as Ottavia

shows us how to depict the beauty of nature with lines and color.  
<https://www.instagram.com/ms.otter.studio>

Visit our website for more details! <http://www.southernsaratogaartist.com/>

[Click here](#) for the 2024 Program Schedule.

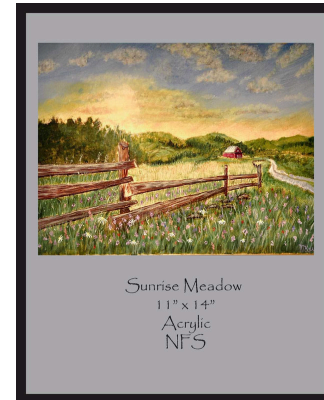
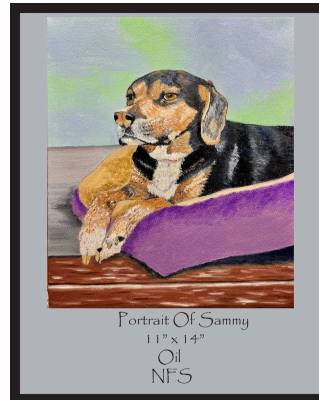
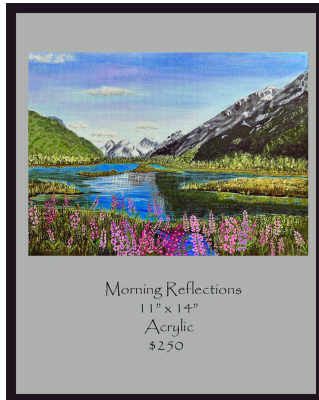
Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) for up-to-date info on demos and other news.



## Featured Member of the Month - Maureen Kelly

Visit the SSAS webpage to see more of Maureen's wonderful artwork and her artist's statement:

<http://www.southernsaratogaartist.com/featured-member-of-the-month.html>



Interested in being the Featured Member of the Month? Email electronic copies (photos) of the paintings you want displayed, along with titles, medium, sizes and prices (optional) to Val Wolf at [info@southernsaratogaartist.com](mailto:info@southernsaratogaartist.com). Val will frame, resize and crop your artwork as needed.

## Collaborative Art Group Meeting - April 30 at 6:30pm

The first meeting of this year's Collaborative Art group is being held on Tuesday, April 30 at 6:30pm in the Piracci Room at the Clifton Park/Halfmoon Library, 475 Moe Rd, Clifton Park, NY. All are welcome to join the group to discuss projects for this year. You do not need to be a SSAS member to participate.

## Member Shows

Please support your fellow members by visiting these exciting shows! SSAS members - have an upcoming show? Email [info@southernsaratogaartist.com](mailto:info@southernsaratogaartist.com) and we will list it here.

Are you interested in displaying your work at any of the venues listed below? Contact [info@southernsaratogaartist.com](mailto:info@southernsaratogaartist.com) and we will direct your email to the venue coordinators.

### SSAS Sponsored Venues

Clifton Park Senior Community Center (large space - books quickly)

April/May: SSAS Members' Photography Show June/July: New Member's Show

Clifton Park Town Hall (4 pieces of art - great venue for large works)

April: Tracy Pagano

Mechanicville Library (large space - beautiful room)

April/May: Frank Coletta

Bella Lucia's, 1218 Route 146, Clifton Park (there is room for about 10 paintings)

April/May: Lynne Kaiser, Maureen Kelly, Denise Kornak, Dave Mayack, Jack Morgan, Tracy Pagano, Sharon Thorpe, Karen Zimmers

### Member Shows

Cheryl Jenks: Soave Faire, 449 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, New York - April

Lake Pleasant Library, 2864 NY-8, Speculator, NY 12164 - April & May

Tang Museum at Skidmore College, 815 N Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 - May 30-June 1

Cheryl Jenks and Mechelle Roskiewicz: Artists Residence at Wiawaka, Lake George July 8-14, Art Show 7/12-14

### **Other Local Venues**

Mocha Lisa's Caffe in Clifton Park and Soave Faire in Saratoga Springs are now hosting local artists' displays.

### **Artist's Corner**

The Artwork Archive website (<https://www.artworkarchive.com/>) has a great blog with a lot of information, especially about the business side of art. Check it out: <https://www.artworkarchive.com/blog>  
Thanks, Kris Kelly, for recommending this group!

Do you ever have trouble getting your artwork to look like your reference photo? Download this free guide from Artist's Network, <https://www.artistsnetwork.com/photo-reference-guide/>, and discover the three most common mistakes that arise when working from a photo reference and how to avoid them, plus tips on how to get a good photo to work from in the first place.

Did you know that the [Clifton Park Senior Community Center](#) is offering an open studio for Senior Center members? It's called Open Studio with Cynthia and it's held from 1pm to 3pm every other Tuesday.

### **Feedback**

We welcome your feedback on any of the above topics. Please reply to this email with your comments.

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