

Southern Saratoga Art Society

A SOCIETY FOR THE APPRECIATION OF THE VISUAL ARTS

December 2024 News and Updates

Happy Holidays!!

We are so grateful for our members and their enthusiastic support this year. We started in March with our popular "Show & Tell" meeting, we hosted six great demos, had a beautiful and creative day in July at our annual painting party and finished up with a wonderful luncheon a few weeks ago.

In addition, we worked on several collaborative art projects and hosted a student art show with cash prizes. Our Autumn Jewels art show had great participation and the level of artwork this year was amazing. Our artists just keep getting better and better!

We are looking forward to another great year of learning, sharing ideas and camaraderie!

Wishing you all a happy and joyful New Year!

Program

There are no meetings until our annual Show and Tell meeting in March. Mark your calendars for Monday, March 24th! At this meeting, members bring a piece of artwork to share - it can be a new medium you are trying, something you are having trouble with and want advice on, or just something you are happy with and want to share! It's always a lot of fun and a good way to get to know your fellow members.

Board Elections Postponed to March Meeting

The Board of Directors has decided to postpone the board elections, which normally take place at the November meeting, to the March meeting. We would love to have a few more people join the board. The meetings are held once a month on Zoom at 6:30pm. If you have any interest in learning about the board, you are invited to attend one of the upcoming board meetings to see if it's something you might like to do. We have an amazing group of people!

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for people to help with some of the following jobs - most involve just a couple of hours (or less) per month. **You don't need to be a board member to volunteer!!**

Social Media – Facebook (maybe we can even start an Instagram page?)

Newsletter – gathering info, helping with editing/proofreading

Venue Coordinating – helping members at our various display venues

Grant Writing/Fund Raising – writing, reports, researching new opportunities

Computer Skills Work – creating and formatting forms

Video Editing – cropping and formatting the demo videos

Graphic Design - formatting our brochure and other promotional materials

Meeting Logistics & Set Up – arrive early at meetings, help with name tags, projector/camera set up

If you would like to volunteer to help, you would work with, or shadow, the person currently doing the job. We have many people who are doing multiple tasks and would like assistance.

Please reply to this email to learn more. **Thanks so much!!!**

Membership - Don't forget to send in your 2025 dues!

SSAS Membership is \$30 per year and includes meetings, discounted entry to our annual Autumn Jewels Judged Art Show, social events, artist's demos, the ability to show your artwork at local venues, and a

clickable link to your artwork on our website Gallery page.

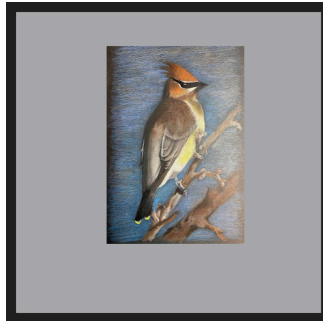
Current SSAS members - your 2025 membership fee is due by January 1st. [Click here for a Member Renewal form.](#)

Not a SSAS member yet? [Click here](#) for a SSAS Membership Form.

Featured Member of the Month - Denise Stewart

Visit the SSAS webpage to see more of Denise'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. Val will frame, resize and crop your artwork as needed.

Member Shows

Please support your fellow members by visiting these exciting shows! SSAS members - have an upcoming show? Email 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 and we will direct your email to the venue coordinators.

SSAS Sponsored Venues

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

November/December: Members' Themed Show

January/February: "Gentlemen's Art Exhibit" featuring Frank Coletta, William Daisak, David Mayack, John Morrette and Brian Skanes

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

December: Denise Kornak

Mechanicville Library (*large space - beautiful room*)

December/January: Jane Morrison

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

November/December: Bill Daisak, Dolores Haberek, Denise Kornak, Dave Mayack, Tracey Pagano

Other Local Venues/Opportunities

Mocha Lisa's Caffe in Clifton Park, Cupola Coffee in Burnt Hills and Soave Faire in Saratoga Springs are now hosting local artists' displays. Contact them directly for more information.

Artist's Corner

Have You Tried Digital Art?

If you find yourself stuck in the house this winter, learn something new - try a free course on digital art. Click here <https://www.udemy.com/topic/digital-painting/free/> for a list of free courses by Udemy. They also have more in-depth courses that are not free, but this might be a great way to see if you like it!

Acrylic Floral Painting with Jane Slivka Free & Loose

When you get tired of the snow – start getting ready for spring with a floral painting. This demo on YouTube is easy to follow and the outcome is amazing - give it a try! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

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Feedback

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

Visit our website for more information about upcoming demos and other news.

Questions? Email: info@southernaratogaartist.com

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