

# Southern Saratoga Art Society

A SOCIETY FOR THE APPRECIATION OF THE VISUAL ARTS

## January 2025 News and Updates

### Program

There are no SSAS meetings until our annual Show and Tell meeting on **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.

The annual SSAS-sponsored **Student Art Show** for Shenendehowa High School Students will be held during the month of March at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center. The show will feature cash prizes in multiple categories. The reception date will be announced soon.

Watch your email for the **2025 Free Demonstration** artist information. Mark your calendars for the demo dates: April 28, May 19, June 23, August 25, September 22, and November 24.

### Jack Morgan Memorial Fund

Many of our members have fond memories of Jack Morgan, one of the founding members of SSAS, who passed away in October of 2023. A strong, resilient, and kind man with a wonderful sense of humor, Jack was an amazing and dedicated artist who gave a lot of his time and effort to SSAS over many years. Even at the age of 91, he was still painting and attending meetings. Jack had generously designated SSAS to be the recipient of any funds received in his memory.

Because Jack was a driving force in involving students in our outreach, and helped start up our student art shows, the Memorial Fund was used to provide cash prizes for the the 2024 Student Art Show. We plan to use the fund again this year for the awards.

If you are interested in supporting this effort, and honoring Jack's memory, you may send a check to: Jack Morgan Memorial Fund, c/o Southern Saratoga Art Society, PO Box 1536, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Thank you!

*SSAS is a 501c3 non-profit corporation, and your donation is tax deductible.*

### Membership - Did you 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 multiple local venues, and a clickable link to your artwork on our website Gallery page.

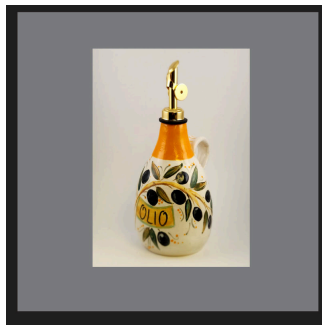
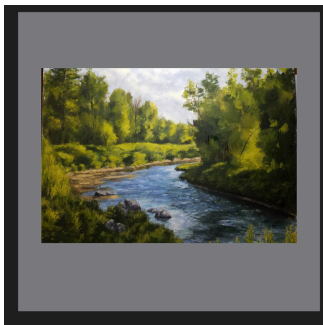
Current SSAS members - your 2025 membership fee was due on January 1st. [Click here for a Member Renewal form.](#)

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

### Featured Member of the Month - Pat Posillico

Visit the SSAS webpage to see more of Pat'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@southern Sarasota artist.com](mailto:info@southern Sarasota artist.com). Val will frame, resize and crop your artwork as needed.

## 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!!**

Newsletter – gathering info, helping with editing/proofreading

Venue Coordinating – helping members at our various display venues

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!!!**

## Member Shows

**Note:** we are actively seeking members to display their artwork at **Bella Lucia's in Clifton Park**. This is a group show and perfect for new members or people who only want to display a couple of pieces. It's a great spot with lots of traffic and we have had multiple sales from this venue!

Interested in Bella Lucia's or any of the other venues listed below? Reply to this email or contact [info@southern Sarasota artist.com](mailto:info@southern Sarasota artist.com) and we will direct your email to the venue coordinators.

### SSAS Sponsored Venues

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

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

March: Shenendehowa High School Student Art Show

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

January: Town of Clifton Park Display

February: Carol Winterton

Mechanicville Library (*large space - beautiful room*)

December/January: Jane Morrison

February/March: Darcy Leigh

April/May: Frank Coletta

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

January/February: Cheryl Birmingham, Maureen Kelly, Denise Kornak, Dave Mayack

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

### **SSAS Members' Exhibits**

Pat Posillico - Clifton Park/Half Moon Library - February

Cheryl Jenks - Soave Faire - February

### **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**

This month's Artist's Corner is all about Color. Even accomplished artists can use a refresher course on how to keep colors fresh and avoid the "mud" that comes from choosing the wrong colors to mix.

Please take a look at these compelling articles from Dan Scott at the Draw Paint Academy:

<https://drawpaintacademy.com/a-comprehensive-guide-to-color-theory-for-artists/>

<https://drawpaintacademy.com/impressionists-used-complementary-colors/>

<https://drawpaintacademy.com/painting-with-analogous-colors/>

<https://drawpaintacademy.com/color-gradation/>

<https://drawpaintacademy.com/broken-color/>

## **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@southernsarotogaartist.com](mailto:info@southernsarotogaartist.com)

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