

Southern Saratoga Art Society

A SOCIETY FOR THE APPRECIATION OF THE VISUAL ARTS

July/August 2022 NEWSLETTER

PO Box 1535 Clifton Park, NY 12065

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are now in the midst of a beautiful, colorful and active summer. It's great to be back in full swing with SSAS activities. We have had some wonderful art demonstrations at our meetings and we have many activities coming up in the next few months as you will read in this newsletter.

SSAS is excited to have received a special \$500 grant from the Town of Clifton Park Community Preparedness and Resiliency Fund. This will help us recoup some of our losses during Covid. Thanks to Jean Skanes for her excellent skills and the time taken to write this grant.

Thank you again to our Board members and volunteers who are essential in keeping SSAS an active, and creative art society who serve fellow artists and the community.

Rita Helie
Acting President

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."

- John Lubbock

OUR MISSION

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

Grant Funding Received this Spring

SSAS was awarded a 2022 Saratoga Arts Community Arts Grant in the amount of \$1000 for our Access to Artists Program, which provides artist demonstrations that are free and open to the public. \$500 of the grant will be used to pay the demonstrating artist's fees and \$500 will be used for technology costs.

The award letter stated, "Saratoga Arts wishes you much success with your project. Your work to create art and your sharing of the artistic process enhances community appreciation of the arts, helping to bring a deeper understanding of the relevance and importance of the arts in your county."

In addition, SSAS was awarded \$500 from the Town of Clifton Park Community Preparedness and Resiliency Fund. The grant's purpose is to defray the burden of funds lost during the pandemic and will be used to help underwrite our 2022 Autumn Jewels Show.

A letter from Clifton Park Town Supervisor Phil Barrett stated, "It was a pleasure to learn more about the mission of your organization and the people you serve. The funds will assist your efforts to serve our neighbors and strengthen our community."

JULY / AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS

Historic Grooms Tavern Perennial Garden 290 Sugar Hill Rd, Rexford
Pretty Posy Painting Party – en Plein Air!

Saturday, July 30 10am-2pm Bring your favorite paints, markers, pencils, camera - whatever medium you like. We will collect \$5-8 per person to help provide a light lunch of pizza and dessert - or you may bring your own lunch. Bring your own beverage. This is a great opportunity to socialize and share ideas with fellow members! There will be corn hole and bocce available. **Please RSVP by July 26TH to info@southernsarotogaartist.com to reserve your spot!**

Clifton Park Commons 14 Clifton Common Ct

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022, 5-8pm SSAS will be participating in "National Night Out" and have a booth under the big tent along with other vendors at the Clifton Commons. A separate tent for anyone who wishes to sketch a subject will be available. Materials to sketch will be available or you may bring your own. There will be food trucks for delicious food and other vendors to view.

Clifton Park Senior Community Center 6 Clifton Common Court

Charcoal Drawing Demo with Ed Ticson

Monday, August 22nd, 6:30pm Ed Ticson is a talented local artist who teaches art classes which include drawing and figure drawing subjects. He will be presenting a demonstration of his drawing technique using charcoal.

Acrylic Pouring Demo with Laurel-Le Lipski

Monday, September 26th, 6:30pm Laurel-Le whose talents extend to many mediums, likes to experiment with new techniques and share what she learns. She will be demonstrating the acrylic pour technique. This is an exciting method of mixing and applying paint using various pouring methods.

Saratoga Arts made these programs possible through the Community Arts Regrant Program, funded by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.



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info@southern-saratoga-artist.com

Our yearly **Autumn Jewels** judged art show will be held again in **October**. Information and application forms will be sent out early September. **Please consider helping out and volunteering for this event!**

Contact Rita Helie:
randrh@aol.com



In Memoriam

Past President and Board Member Emeritus Valdean Mosier passed away on May 7th. Val was president of SSAS for many years and helped us with our annual audit.

From his obituary:

“Valdean was an active member in the community. He enjoyed painting, singing, playing piano and helping with the family gift store. He was an avid bridge player, playing in many tournaments. He also volunteered in churches and nursing homes. He made many friends along the way with his positive outlook and sunny personality. He will be missed.”

VENUE INFO AND CONTACTS

SSAS currently has seven venues where members can display their art. We are looking for more artists to show. Please contact the coordinators if you are interested.

Clifton Park Senior Community Center - Pat Wade: meridan1@nycap.rr.com

Mechanicville Library - Faith Weldon: FPWeldon@gmail.com

Clifton Park Town Hall - Sherry Walkup: swalkup@nycap.rr.com

Waterford Library – Judy Louks: info@southern-saratoga-artist.com

Saratoga Arts - Anup Sood: anupcksood@gmail.com

Cuppola Coffee (Burnt Hills): Rita Helie: randrh@aol.com

Blooming Arts Gallery (Clifton Park)- Rita Helie: randrh@aol.com

We are currently looking for new venues and coordinators. Have an idea or want to help?

Email: info@southern-saratoga-artist.com.

CURRENT VENUE NEWS

Artists and members exhibiting at four venues in our area

Mechanicville Library, 190 N. Main Street 518-664-4646

Kristine Kelly will show her paintings during July and August. **Anup Sood** is scheduled to display his unique photographs in the fall.

Clifton Park Senior Community Center Gallery, 6 Clifton Common Court, 518-383-1343

Artists **Barbara Buckley** and **Karen Zimmers** are showing their artwork during July. A group show, featuring **Virginia Harrison, Barbara Hurley, Kristine Kelly, Judy Loucks and Jo Weatherwax** will exhibit during August and September.

Town of Clifton Park Lobby, 1 Town Hall, Plaza, 518-371-6651 ext. 240

During July, **Sherry Walkup** will show her artwork and **David Mayack** exhibits in August.

Waterford Library, 117 3rd St, Waterford, 518-237-0891

Barbara Hurley, Rebecca Jenkins, Lynne Kaiser and Patricia Wade will show their works for the month of July. **Joan Van Alphen, Jack Morgan and Anup Sood** will display during August.

Please try to visit these venues and support the arts in Southern Saratoga County.

For further information about SSAS, visit: <http://www.southern-saratoga-artist.com/>

UPCOMING FALL EVENTS — more information to come!

October 24 - Autumn Jewels Reception

November 28 (TENTATIVE) - Coffee Artist at Blooming Artist Gallery

November - “SEASONS” Themed Show at Clifton Park Senior Community Center

Cupola



Coffee and Crepes

Cupola's Coffee Venue- We have a great new venue at **Cupola's Coffee** in Burnt Hills. SSAS has been showing there since June. We will be there again during the year. Stay tuned for up coming dates for our next show.

SHOW YOUR WORK ON THE SSAS WEBSITE AND OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

We encourage all SSAS members to show more of your work and to take advantage of this opportunity. If you are interested in showing, email a bio if desired, jpegs of art pieces, a list of titles, medium, size, material, and selling price if any to Valerie Wolf: info@southern-saratoga-artist.com.