

Southern Saratoga Art Society

A SOCIETY FOR THE APPRECIATION OF THE VISUAL ARTS

May 2024 News and Updates

**Reminder: Free Oil Painting Demo is Monday, May 20, at 6:30pm!
Lisa David**

**Oil Painting and Composition Demonstration - What Do Judges Look For?
Free and Open to the Public**

Please join us for a fun and informative evening!

Note: This month's demo is on the 3rd Monday due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Program Survey

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>

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, 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>

*Note - Ottavia's artwork is on display at Uncommon Grounds in Clifton Park through June 2.

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

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

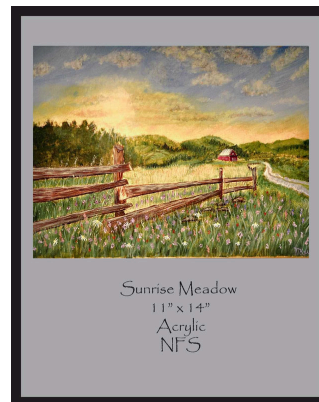
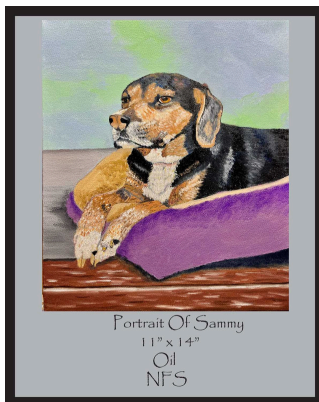
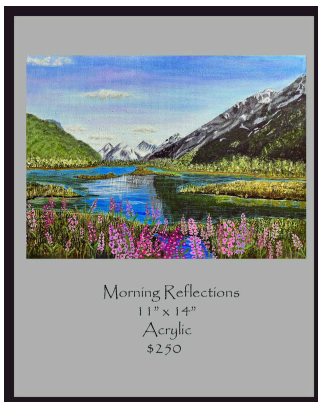
Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) for up-to-date info on demos and other news.



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. Val will frame, resize and crop your artwork as needed.

Collaborative Art Group News

The Collaborative Art group met a few weeks ago and have already started their first work of art. More details to come... Watch your email for exciting news about this year's July picnic art project - all are invited to participate!

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*)

April/May: SSAS Members' Photography Show

June/July: Group Show including Fran Cullen, Lynn Kaiser, Denise Kornak and Carol Winterton

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

May: Maureen Kelly

June: Carol Winterton

Mechanicville Library (*large space - beautiful room*)

April/May: Frank Coletta

June/July: Rita Helie

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:

Cheryl has shows at Lake Pleasant Library, 2864 NY-8, Speculator, NY 12164 - April & May and [Tang Museum at Skidmore College](#), 815 N Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 - May 30-June 1

Cheryl Jenks and Mechelle Roskiewicz:

Cheryl and Mechelle will both be Artists Residence at [Wiawaka](#), Lake George July 8-14; the Art Show will be held on 7/12-14.

Kris Kelly:

Kris, an abstract expressionist artist, has a painting in the Woodstock School of Art's Showcase Exhibition I. The exhibition is online and runs from May 11 to July 6.

<https://woodstockschoolofart.org/exhibitions/2024-showcase-exhibition-i/>

Faith Weldon:

Faith has a show at the Moon and River Cafe, located at 115 S Ferry St, Schenectady, NY 12305, through the end of May. There is a reception on May 30th at 6 pm. <https://www.moonandriver.com/>

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 Artist's Network asked six artists: What's something you do to overcome a creative rut? See what they had to say: <https://www.artistsnetwork.com/art-inspiration/six-ways-out-of-a-creative-rut/>

The Artist's Network also asked artists, "What's a piece of art advice that you'll never forget?" Click on the link to see their inspiring answers: <https://www.artistsnetwork.com/art-inspiration/unforgettable-art-advice/>

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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