

Southern Saratoga Art Society

A SOCIETY FOR THE APPRECIATION OF THE VISUAL ARTS

May/June 2021 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm writing this message on a beautiful day in May. Covid numbers are down, flowers are blooming, and the trees are dressed in beautiful greenery and blossoms. There is a light at the end of this tunnel! Now I'm hoping that my creative juices start flowing again. I'm sure some or many of us have experienced the "blank slate" at various times and this year may have been the worse.....or not. Having said this, SSAS and our Board members have been hard at work planning for the 2021-22 year.

In this newsletter, you will find most of our exciting scheduled demos and events for this year. All is planned to be live streamed on the 4th Monday of every month. If things improve, we may be back to meeting at the senior center! We are also planning to resume our Autumn Jewels judged art show in October! Of course this will occur hoping that all remains stable with Covid and the NYS health policies. Check our SSAS website and new FB page to stay updated.

As you may already be aware, we received a sizable grant from Saratoga Arts for a Grant funded by the New York State Council on the Arts. We are planning to purchase camera and video equipment to video our Demos so they can be streamed on our website and our FB page with permission from the artist demonstrating.

One more thing! We have been invited to show our work at a new Art Gallery coming to Clifton Park. Some of the Board visited and it's absolutely beautiful. Great lighting and sure to get many visitors. More info to come!

Stay creative, see you at our next meeting!

Rita Helie
Acting President

ZOOM MEETINGS AND DEMO INFO



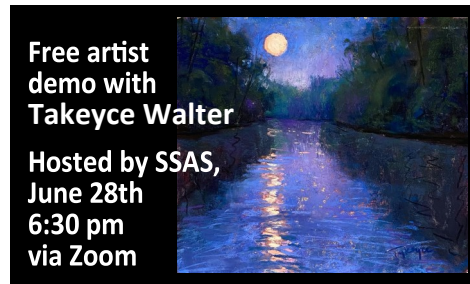
Free artist demo
with Robert O'Brien

Hosted by SSAS
May 24th
6:30 pm
via Zoom.

Robert O'Brien is a watercolor artist focused primarily on landscapes and architectural studies. He finds beauty in the ordinary, subtle reminders of everyday life in rural New England, and is an expert at creating light through the use of shadow. To learn more, visit his website: <http://robertjobrien.com/>

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvf-yopzsjEtbzZ-4J5ql4bhiVK4i5Ek9A>



Free artist demo
with Takeyce Walter

Hosted by SSAS,
June 28th
6:30 pm
via Zoom

Takeyce Walter is an award winning contemporary American painter focusing on the natural landscapes of the Northeast, working primarily with oil paint and soft pastels. She is especially inspired by bodies of water, and there is a great sense of familiarity, tranquility, and reverence in each piece of her artwork.

For more information, visit her website and facebook page: <https://takeyceart.com/home/> and <https://www.facebook.com/takeycejwalter/>

Register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvdO2qgT8oGNMAx6MZyAUUx1yF8WThkKQo>



Free artist demo
with Mark Tarabula

Hosted by SSAS,
July 26th
6:30 pm
via Zoom

Mark Tarabula, will demonstrate how to throw a vase, mug, bowl and plate and describe the basic forms of throwing and how to do the process on Monday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom from Saratoga Clay Arts Center, where he is a 2021 Artist in Residence. Saratoga Clay Arts Center (SCAC) promotes the ceramic arts, provides a place for people to explore the medium of clay, hone and develop their skills, and be part of a community.

For more information, please visit: www.saratogaclayarts.org

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlscOivrD8uE9JkwLE-K-iE25wObNUKbFgG>

These demos are paid for by a grant we received from Saratoga Arts, which made these programs possible through a Community Arts Grant funded by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.



All SSAS meetings are held on Zoom until further notice.

Trouble with Zoom?

The best thing to do is to download Zoom to your computer, visit <https://zoom.us/> and select download. Helpful hint: visit <https://zoom.us/test> and press either the "Open Zoom Meetings" or "Launch Meeting" tab to join a test (just you) meeting, where you can check your audio and video settings. Always select "Join with Computer Audio" when you see that option. Hope that helps! Still need help? Contact us at [in-fo@southern-saratoga-artist.com](mailto:info@southern-saratoga-artist.com)

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Board News

Past SSAS President and long-time board member **Val Mosier** has changed his status from active board member to Board Member Emeritus. He will continue to be a steady hand to help guide us into the future.

Judy Loucks has resigned from the board, but she will remain an active member of SSAS. Judy will continue to do the monthly meeting greetings and will be chairing this year's Waterford Library show.

Special thanks to Judy and Val for their many years of service to SSAS.

New SSAS Member

A warm welcome to **Meda Rigatti**. Thanks for joining!

A big thank you to Corey Pitkin

Many thanks to Corey Pitkin for an amazing and informative charcoal portrait demonstration on April 26th via Zoom. If you missed it, please visit the SSAS website to view the video.

Corey Pitkin's beautiful and memorable artwork features the precision of the old masters paired with uniquely emotional subjects. His award-winning work has been featured in both national and international publications, and he is a Signature Member of the Pastel Society of America. For more information, please visit his website: <https://www.coreypitkin.com/>

2021 VENUE NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES



Artists and members exhibiting at two venues in our area

Rita Helie and **Jack Morgan** are currently exhibiting at the Mechanicville Library (190 N. Main Street 518-664-4646) during May and June, 2021.

Artists **William Daisak**, **David Mayack** and **Karen Zimmers** will show their work at the Gallery of the Clifton Park Senior Community Center (6 Clifton Common Court, 518-383-1343) during June and July, 2021.

The **Waterford Library** is now open for six SSAS members to show two works this summer. A great opportunity!

JULY group show: SET UP July 6, 9-9:30am. TAKE DOWN: Aug. 2, 9-9:30am. **AUGUST** group show: SET UP Aug. 2, 9-9:30am. TAKE DOWN: Aug. 30, 9-9:30am.

If interested in showing two works in these group shows please contact **Judy Loucks**, Info@southernsarotogaartist.com

SHOW YOUR WORK ON OUR WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE!

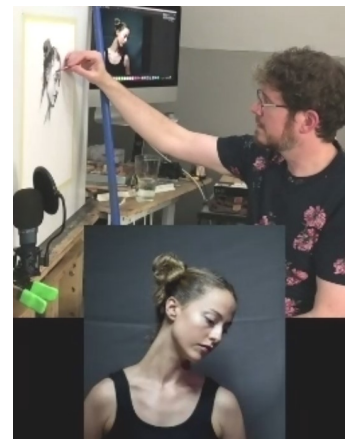
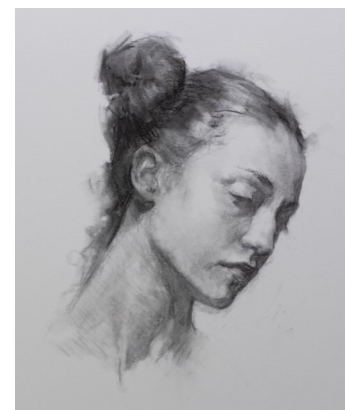
We encourage all SSAS members to show more of your work and to take advantage of this opportunity.

If you are interested in showing email Valerie Wolf, Info@southernsarotogaartist.com. Include a bio if desired, jpegs of art pieces, a list of titles, medium, size, material, and selling price if any.

Calling all Member Photographers!

SSAS is thrilled to announce that we are having a Photography Show for all photographers who are members of SSAS. The Show will be held during the month of August, 2021 at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center. I can let you know how many pieces you can show after we receive a final count of interested photographers.

Please contact **Pat Wade** ASAP for more details, Info@southernsarotogaartist.com



Corey Pitkin, original artwork and zoom meeting demonstration on April 26th.

Saratoga Arts Community Grant

SSAS was recently awarded a \$1,500 Community Arts Grant to fund our monthly artist demonstrations and to purchase equipment to record the events and post them on our website.

Saratoga Arts administers the Community Arts Grants, which are funded by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

ACTIVELY SEEKING...

SSAS **members who have tech knowledge** to help advise us on the correct video equipment to purchase. Any help will be greatly appreciated, please email us, Info@southernsarotogaartist.com