

Southern Saratoga Art Society

A SOCIETY FOR THE APPRECIATION OF THE VISUAL ARTS

PO Box 1536, Clifton Park, NY 12065

March 2022 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome 2022! I certainly hope this year will be better than 2021 for everyone and that we all have a safe, healthy, prosperous, and a creative 2022.

2021 turned out to be a successful and creative year for SSAS despite Covid. Most of our meetings and demos were successfully held on Zoom with a great attendance. Our demos proved to be informative, creative, and well done thanks to our guest artists. You can review and watch all of them on our website!

Our Autumn Jewels judged art show at the Clifton Park Senior Center was a great success, thanks to the 30 artists who entered their art and photography.

We opened a new venue at the Clifton Park Town Hall, and we were also invited to participate in the Clifton Park National Night out to show our artwork.

The SSAS Board has set some lofty goals for 2022:

- Plein Air workshop this summer
- Paint Out in July at Groom's Tavern
- Paint and Sip for seniors at the Clifton Park Senior Center sponsored by SSAS
- Mentoring program for both new artists and established artists who want a little help

Check the newsletter and your email for details on these exciting new ventures!

Hopefully, it will be a successful SSAS year, and the Pandemic will slow down so we can use our creativity to inspire us and keep us active.

Rita Helie

Acting President

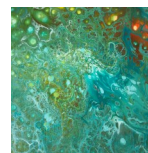
UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS FOR 2022

SSAS has lots of exciting programs set for 2022 and there are several more in the planning stages! Demos are held on the 4th Monday of April, May, June, August and September at 6:30 p.m. at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center, and are open to the public.

2022 Demonstrations confirmed to date:

April 25: Laurel-Le Lipski - Acrylic Pouring

Local artist Laurel-Le Lipski, whose talents extend to many mediums, likes to experiment with new techniques and share what she learns with others.



May 23: Cynthia Rosen - Palette Knife

Vermont artist Cynthia Rosen is known for her colorful palette knife paintings. Her fascination is the transitory nature of life and her passion is color.

www.cynthiarosenartist.com

Mark your calendar for these upcoming demos!

June 27: Tony Conner - Watercolor - www.tonyconner.com

August 22: Ed Ticson - Charcoal portrait

September 26: tbd

Check our website for more information about all the artists.



CALLING ALL SSAS MEMBERS!

You are invited to a

Pretty Posy Painting Party

en plein air at the

Historic Grooms Tavern Perennial Garden

290 Sugar Hill Rd, Rexford, NY

Saturday, July 30th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bring your favorite paints, markers, pencils, camera - whatever medium you like. We will have chairs and tables available, bring your own easel. There will be a light lunch at noon and snacks. Bring your own beverage. This is a great opportunity to socialize and share ideas with fellow members!

SSAS meetings take place on the 4th Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center, 6 Clifton Common Blvd, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Info: www.southernsaratogaartist.com

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Info@southernssaratogaartist.com

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Every month, SSAS highlights the artwork of a member. If you wish to be on the SSAS website as a featured artist, please contact Valerie Wolf: zayeal@gmail.com. She can guide you through uploading, etc. and resize and adjust any photos you wish to send. All are welcome to participate!

March Artist: Frank Coletta

Check out the website page:

www.southernssaratogaartist.com/artist-of-the-month

OUR MISSION

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

MARCH MEETING

We're looking forward to our annual members "Show and Tell" meeting, which is always a fun evening. We will meet in person on **Monday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center. We hope everyone will participate by bringing a piece of artwork to share. It can be a work in progress, or a favorite painting/photo/drawing - or even your very first piece of art. Don't be shy!

MENTORING PROGRAM

New this spring! We will be offering a mentoring program for new both new and established artists who may want help on a particular painting or drawing or maybe with switching to a new medium. Our mentors will be ready to offer advice and support as well as gentle critiques to help you move forward. Interested? Contact Rita - randrh@aol.com or Jean - jean.skane@outlook.com

2021 ARTIST DEMONSTRATIONS

SSAS hosted five amazing artist demonstrations via Zoom in 2021. The videos are available on the SSAS website Demo Videos page: southernssaratogaartist.com/demo-videos

April: **Corey Pitkin** - Pastel: <https://www.coreypitkin.com/>

May: **Robert O'Brien** - Watercolor: <http://robertjobrien.com/>

June: **Takeyce Walter** - Oil: <https://takeyceart.com/home/>

July: **Mark Tarabula** - Ceramics: <https://www.marktarabula.com/>

September: **Lisa David** - Oil: <https://www.lisadavidart.com/>

Many thanks to these great artists for sharing their time and talents!

AUTUMN JEWELS

SSAS's 24th Annual Autumn Jewels Art Show was held October 4 - 31, 2021 at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center. It was judged by Takeyce Walters.

1st Place: Sherry Walkup
Reflections At Sundown

2nd Place: Karen Woodin
Buttermilk Falls

3rd Place: Joan Van Alphen
Cliff Dwellers

Photography Award: Harvey Mendelson - *Winter Window*

Honorable Mentions:

Cheryl Birmingham - *The Garden*
Faith Weldon - *Three's a Crowd*
M. Richard Mendelson - *Spring Beauty*

Check out all the artwork:

www.southernssaratogaartist.com/autumn-jewelsmember-shows

VENUES

SSAS currently has three 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

March: Shenendehowa High School Student Show

April/May: SSAS Photography (there are still spots open)

Mechanicville Library - Faith Weldon: FPWeldon@gmail.com

March/April: SSAS Group Show (still open—just need one or two pieces)

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

March: Eva Marie Loucks

April: Valerie Wolf

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

info@southernssaratogaartist.com.