

CURRENT & UPCOMING SHOWS

Holiday Art Fair & Sale

Thurs., Dec. 10 - Dec. 20
noon-5pm

At the YAA Gallery

Wine and Cheese Preview Party:

Fri, Dec. 11, 5pm-7pm

Drop Off Dates: Mon. & Tues., Dec. 8 & 9, 4pm-6pm

Holiday gifts galore will fill the YAA Gallery during this festive season! And did we mention they are all made by local artisans?

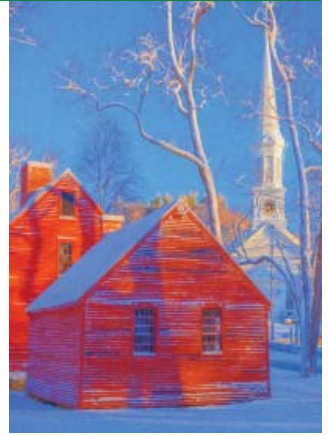
There will be 30 local artists selling their beautiful creations at reasonable

pricing. If you are looking for a unique, thoughtful gift for someone special, this is where you want to be. Wonderful gift wrapping is also available. Admission is free and open to the public.

Also, If you know of someone who would like to sell their art, please let them know that we are looking for things that would be great as stocking stuffers or Holiday gifts under \$30 and unique. Artist sports are still available - please contact us at gallerymanager@yorkartassociation.com or 207-363-4049 if you are interested.

For More Information:

Contact abimages4u@gmail.com or call 207-361-7600.



York Village Snow by Susan Cole Kelly



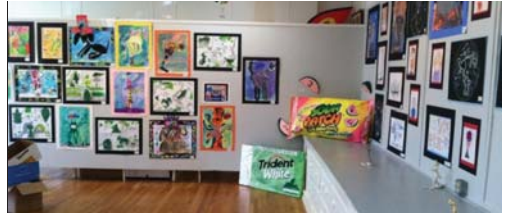
CURRENT & UPCOMING SHOWS - CONT

8th Annual Festival of Art - Student Showcase

Thurs., Dec. 3 - Sun., Dec. 6
noon-5pm

At the YAA Gallery

Opening Reception: Dec 3, 6pm-7pm



YAA is proud to collaborate with the York Department of Parks & REcreation to host the 8th Annual Festival of Art Student Showcase. This very special show features amazing artwork of all mediums from talented young artists throughout the York School District.

Kennebunk Room

Sat., Dec. 5 - Sat., Feb. 27

Library Hours

Kennebunk Room at the York Public Library

YAA is proud to partner with the York Public Library to present Patricia M. Manninen in the Kennebunk Room at thge library. Patricia M. Manninen hails from Ipswich, Massachusetts. She received her MBA in Business, with a minor in Art Education. Inspired by her Mother's beautiful paintings, she took advantage of every opportunity to grow seeking more commitment, creativity and participation in the field.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Festival of Lights

Sat., Dec. 5, 3pm-6pm

At and around the YAA Gallery

York Art Association is excited to take part in this year's Festival of Lights! Look for us in the parade. We will also be open to stop after the parade. Revel in the beauty of our luminaries,



join in on some carols and enjoy goodies and hot chocolate at the YAA Gallery and Gift Shop. And while you are there, you can peruse the unique artisan gifts in the Gift Shop to get some Holiday shopping done. We hope to see you there!

SPECIAL EVENTS - CONTINUED

Festival of Fostering Trees

Thurs., Dec. 3 - Sun., Dec. 6
10am-8pm

Foster's Clambake
5 Axeholm Rd. York, ME

Come out and enjoy the breathtaking festival of lit Christmas trees, hand-decorated and styled by the entire community joining forces. Voluntary donations help raise awareness and support Maine foster kids, AND give you the opportunity to win any decorated tree of your choice!



York Art Association is taking part in the 2015 'Festival of Fostering Trees'. Our tree, "Artis-tree" will be 'dripping' with artistic embellishments, including crayons, brushes, pencils and famous artwork in miniature form. An extra special surprise awaits the recipient of this tree as well.

If you don't need a Christmas tree and still want to help, donations of non-perishable food items or monetary donations for the York Pantry or new toys for Toys for Tots can be made at the door.

Once you feast your eyes on the thousands of lights as you stroll down aisles of over 100 trees, there is simply no better way to put yourself, friends, and family in the holiday spirit!

Mixed Media & Fiber Arts Meeting

Thurs., Dec. 17, 10am-noon

At the YAA Gallery

The York Art Association's Fiber Arts & Mixed Media Group is hoping you can join them this month for a Handmade Ornament Exchange (Yankee Swap style), as well as a show and tell of new ideas, recent projects and Mixed Media or Fiber Arts events and interesting new materials. A light brunch will also be provided in celebration of the holidays at hand.



If you are interested in participating in the Yankee Swap, please bring a **wrapped** ornament made of mixed media or fiber, otherwise just come as you are. All are asked to try to bring a favorite brunch tidbit and celebrate with us.

For More Information: Contact Susan Wierzba at susanwierzba@gmail.com or call 207-361-4541.

Letitia Moore Charitable Trust Scholarship Awarded

The York Art Association is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2015 Letitia Moore Charitable Trust Scholarship. The Letitia Moore Charitable Trust Scholarship is awarded annually to one or more current College students, who are majoring in Art and who have completed at least one year of collegiate courses and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA. This year the Trust awarded a \$5000 scholarship to Jocelyne DeSisto of South Berwick, ME.

Jocelyne DeSisto is in her junior year at Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) and enrolled in a four year program to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Jewelry Design and Fabrication. She is currently the Inner Council Committee Advisor for the Jewelry and Objects Student Association at SCAD. The club organizes events that help unify and benefits fellow students in various arts fields.



Jocelyne has also participated in the nonprofit Batey Rehab Project in connection with the Bateys of the Dominican Republic providing funding for the building of homes. She has exhibited her work at the SJTA Atlanta Jewelry Show, South Berwick Strawberry Festival and various SCAD shows in Savannah. She is working on establishing her own brand called Lot 28. Congratulations, Jocelyne!



Jocelyne DeSisto, The YAA Letitia Moore Charitable Trust Scholarship Award Winner

“Autumn” The Artist Wins First Prize

“Autumn the Artist” won First Place in the York Market Fest Scarecrow contest hosted by Bragdon Real Estate in October. Thank you Bragdon Real Estate! And a very special, “thank you” to Sophia and Maryse Newton for creating our award winning scarecrow!



A Special Thank You!

We would like to extend a very heartfelt “thank you,” to three local Boy Scouts, from York Troop 301, who helped York Art Association clean our front gardens of leaves. Bradford Newton, Charlie Newton and Alex Glidden-Murphy volunteered to give us a few hours of their free time on their day off from school on Veterans Day to help clean up their neighborhood. Thank you for a job well done! Another great example of local Scouts doing good in our local community!



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From Maine to Uganda: supporting our global community at the Holidays

Hope for the Elderly in Kampala, Uganda takes cares of the elders of the village with health services, daily activities and other supporting services. Every holiday season they put on a beautiful celebration for the elders, almost all of whom have little to no family. All elders are gifted hygiene kits with essentials to have throughout



the year to use and a beautiful meal together. Proceeds from the sale of artisan goods go directly back to supporting a beautiful holiday celebration as well as the health & hygiene needs of this community through the end of the year.



For more information, please visit the Hope for the Elderly website: <http://www.hftemu.org>

Welcome Our Newest Board Memebbers

This month has a new cast of leadership who have the roles of Chairs and Team Leaders. Lynn Halmi from Rhode Island, is Chair of the Data Collection Team and the Photography Exchange; Bobbie Gray from York is Co-Chair along with Fritz Steele for Art in the Park and Also a part of the Outreach Team; Lisa Robertson from Sanford, is Chairing the Workshops and Education Team; Annette BRENNAN from York Harbor is serving as President; Maryse Newton is the Chair for the Curatorial Team; and Liz Baxter is on the Community Outreach Team.



Alyssa Wright is happy to be the Chair of Fundraising on the board of the York Art Association. As a global social change strategist at Raising Change, INC, theatre artist and advocate for the arts overall, Alyssa brings over a decade of work as a professional fundraiser and activist to YAA. She loves living in York Village with her husband, William and their big orange cat, Izzie.

Lisa Robertson has been an instructor in the visual arts for over 16 years, in the US and South Korea. Lisa works as the Director of York Adult Education. Lisa will be managing our workshops this year. Look for some new artists in addition to perennial favorites and a variety exciting workshops to learn something new or hone your skills this coming year.



Volunteers Needed

York Art Association is successful because of the help from local volunteers throughout the community. We can't do it without you. Currently, we are in need of volunteers to serve as Gallery Hosts. Our Gallery Hosts are the "face of the York Art Association" to any visitors and art shoppers who enter the Gallery and Gift Shop. you would be expected to greet visitors and assist with sales of gift shop and gallery works. If you are interested in serving as a Gallery Host, please contact Annette Brennan at abimages4u@gmail.com, or call the gallery at 207-363-4049.

We also have an open position on our Board of Directors that is in need of filling. We are actively seeking a treasurer to sit on our Board. If you are interested in joining YAA on a deeper level, please contact Kenny Gilbride at kgilbrid@maine.rr.com or call the gallery at 207-363-4049.

Congratulations to Our November Show's First Place Artist

Congratulations to Denise Worobey, whose painting, DJ Fishing, was awarded First Place in our November Show, Things We Celebrate. Thank you, Denise for sharing this beautiful work with YAA and all of our visitors.



Launching YAY (York Art Youth)

The mission of Y.A.Y! is to provide affordable, professional and fun art-based workshops and training to Seacoast area children that reflects, encourages, and promotes profound creativity as well a sense of cultural pride for the history of the Seacoast area, namely engaging York Village, York Harbor and York Beach. The mission of Y.A.Y.! is to ensure all children who spend time in the York county area, get access to quality arts programs every summer—unhindered by socio-economic barriers, and celebrating the arts as a means to youth empowerment, community building, and social change.

Photography Exchange

Member of our newly formed Photography Exchange have been hard at work capturing amazing images. If you are interested in shaing great photos, consider joining their next session in January.





YCSA Food Pantry Fundraiser

From now until December 31, 2015
BUY the new Hannaford's Blue Bag
for \$2.29, at the York location,
and they will donate
\$1.00 to the YCSA Food Pantry!



For further information contact:
Michelle Surdoval, YCSA Executive Director
at 207-351-8234 or msurdoval@ycsame.org

Gift Store Open

Thursday – Sunday, 12pm – 5pm

Cookies and Hot Chocolate : December 1 -22

- Holiday gifts galore made by local artisans will fill the gallery during this festive season.
- Unique and beautiful gifts and
- we provide gift wrapping.
- Volunteers wanted to help us greet people and serve cookies and hot chocolate

To volunteer email abimages4u@gmail.com or call 361-7600