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CURRENT & UPCOMING SHOWS

Song, Dance and Music

Art In-Take:

Feb 28 - Feb 29, 4pm-6pm

Opening Reception:

Fri., Mar. 4, 5pm-7pm

Show runs:

Mar. 3 - Apr. 17 (gallery hours)

York Art Association Gallery

Nothing enriches a real artist like a serious challenge! Song and music are sound. Dance is motion. None of these arts have a concrete form. This show challenges us to give tangible form to that which is formless. When the performing and visual arts are married, both artist and viewer are enriched by the union.



Retirement / Mrs. Bostock's Piano, photography by Sally Gilbride

Kennebunk Room at the York Public Library

Artist Reception:

Sat., Mar. 12, 11:30pm-1:30pm

Show runs:

Sun., Feb. 28- Sat., Mar. 26

Library Hours

York Art Association has the great pleasure to supply the York Public Library with local, regional and member artwork to fill their Kennebunk Room.



Magenta Lily, oil on canvas by Taryn Myers

Taryn Myers' work will grace the walls of the Kennebunk Room during the month of March. Taryn has been formally trained at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia in a variety of traditional arts. She has always enjoyed presenting common images or concepts in non-traditional ways, forcing the viewer to rethink their interpretations of the subject presented. The works which will be presented in the Kennebunk Room range include her florals and pieces from her Mothering Earth series.

CALL FOR ART

Submit to the Gift Shop

Saturday, April 2, 9am-10am

At the YAA Gallery

Do you have small art that is priced below \$100? We want your work in our Gift Shop! Please reach out to us to request a meeting to discuss what we are looking for in the Gift Shop. Great ideas for the shop include seasonal offerings, and inspirations for life along the beach.

Corrine Gilman, our new Gift Shop Team Leader is also looking for volunteers to help with sales, cleaning, and tagging of items in the shop. You can reach out directly to Corrine at twofishes@me.com



Hand painted beach bags - available in the YAA Gift Shop

SPECIAL EVENTS

Photography Exchange

Saturday, April 2, 9am-10am

At the YAA Gallery

The Photography Exchange Group is excited to reconvene on April 2 for the start of their 2016 gathering season. Join us and share your recent photographs. There will be an informative presentation on working with a lightbox. You won't want to miss it!



The Artist's Mind

One of the things I am most grateful for during my upbringing was our TV room, which we dubbed The Library. The Library was lined with books from floor to... well, above my head, and housed everything from Dostoevsky to coffee table books on the Impressionists and hard cover tomes full of Hayden's sheet music. We had free reign, and I took full advantage.



From those books I gathered quotes that still influence the way I live today.

Each Newsletter, Katie's Corner will bring to you one of these quotes (or an ancestor), as well as a close up of one of the paintings from the books that first lit my passion for visual art. Can you guess the masterpiece?? Find the answer on page 8!

SPECIAL EVENTS - CONTINUED

Mixed Media & Fiber Arts Meeting

March 17, 10am-12pm

At the YAA Gallery

Join the Mixed Media & Fiber Arts Group as they kick off their 2016 season with a workshop by Corrine Gilman. Corrine will demonstrate how to get out of your own head, and truly embrace the freedom of your creativity.

Life Drawing & Painting Drop-in Sessions

Tuesdays, 10am-12pm

At the YAA Gallery

Calling all artists interested in learning or fine-tuning your skills at figure drawing or painting! York Art Association continues to host Life Drawing & Painting drop-in sessions. We provide the live model, you provide your artistic interpretation in your medium of choice. There is no instruction provided; however, an open group of like-minded artists willing to offer advice and support. There is a nominal \$10 fee that goes toward paying the model.



For more information, please contact us at gallerymanager@yorkartassociation.com

WORKSHOPS

“Creative Abandon”

Acrylic Collage: Corrine Gilman

March 19, 9am-12pm

At the YAA Gallery

Spend a few hours getting out of your head and embracing freedom in your creativity. In any creative endeavor we face the critic, the I'm-not-good-enough, or the “stuckness” as I call it. This class will focus on ways to stay connected to your art, get through the “stuckness” and open up new pathways on your creative journey. You will create a toolbox of openers, idea-makers and block busters using humble materials and found tools to make marks that help us tell our artistic story.



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are integral to the success of the York Art Association. We are always in need of volunteer support and want to invite you to consider joining in the fun. Don't worry, we'll show you the ropes!! Here is a list of some jobs we need help with:

- ~ Distribution of fliers to local businesses to market various YAA events
- ~ Writing articles for various local newspapers or the monthly YAA newsletter
- ~ Art demos (approximately two hours) - can be held at the gallery or at various locations throughout the area
- ~ Preparation of short artist summaries/bios for display within the gift shop and gallery
- ~ Creation and upkeep of artist & product labels for the gift store
- ~ Event set up and coordination
- ~ Gallery beautification & maintenance (sweep floors, take out trash, dust, etc)
- ~ YAA office organizing and data entry
- ~ Website maintenance (monitor content and keep online calendar up-to-date)

Volunteer Training Session

March 20, 1pm-3pm

At the YAA Gallery

If you want to get more involved, we welcome you. We will cover our mission, history, gallery and gift store organization, overall leadership, and programs. You will meet others who want to volunteer, and become part of a very special team. A question and answer session will be held at the end. In addition, we are planning to hold two more sessions covering additional topics. Please visit our website for more information or to register: <http://www.yorkartassociation.com/event-2150316>



“Edgy” Is the New Black

It's like that little black dress that you keep in your closet for any occasion. You have probably noticed the new look on our website, the many updates this month to the newsletter (cover, name, some feature spots) and other little changes across YAA. We're looking to get more “edgy”. What do you think?



We've updated a lot, and we're planning to do a lot more. But we want your input too! Let us know what you think. Email our Marketing team at art@hermesgallery.com. We want your suggestions.

And, let us know, too, if you are interested in helping out our marketing team. We're always in need of some volunteers to keep YAA on the top of everyone else's mind.

Other Opportunities for Artists

The Seacoast Artist Association is seeking artists and fine craftsmen to rent a boutique retail space adjacent to its anticipated new gallery. The 400 square foot space is located at 225 Water Street in Exeter, affords excellent exposure in the affluent downtown area, close to the Town Hall.



They seek 4 artists to rent approximately 100 feet of the space apiece. Rent is \$200 per artist per month, with a 10% commission on sales going to Seacoast Artist Association for administrative costs and utilities.

The space will be staffed by Seacoast Artist Association members, who will handle sales and supervision of both the gallery and retail space. The retail space and its artists will be promoted in all SAA marketing materials, website, Facebook page and newsletter. The artist is responsible for hanging and presentation, display cases and/or fixtures related to his or her artwork.

A one-year renewable commitment is required and a wait list will be created in the event of a large response. All applicants will be considered by the SAA Board. Please contact Ellen Griffin, SAA President, at dandegriffin@comcast.net or 603-502-0485, for further information.

The Seacoast Artist Association is a nonprofit organization with over 30 years of support for local artists and art scholarship.

YORK ART YOUTH (Y.A.Y.)

Launching Y.A.Y. (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.



Y.A.Y. includes all of our youth outreach programs, including a Summer Camp, Student Art Shows, Birthday Parties at the gallery, Clubs, Parent/Kid Workshops and more. Launching a new youth-focused program takes a lot of time, commitment, energy and of course, money. We are actively seeking donations to support the launch of the Youth Program: Y.A.Y. You can donate on our website (please indicate “YAY” or “Youth Art” in the comments) <http://www.yorkartassociation.com/donate> or by purchasing much needed supplies (<http://www.dickblick.com/ara/lists/6318/home>) or simply by volunteering your time. Y.A.Y. is seeking the following volunteer and other support:



- ~ Instructors/instruction support
- ~ Donations of artwork or other relevant items that can be used for a silent auction fund-raiser or as a give-away/award at youth events or receptions
- ~ Food or drink donations for individual events
- ~ Cash gifts or supplies
- ~ “Kid companions” or other volunteers to assist with individual youth events
- ~ Collaborative partners that we could work with for theme tie-ins
- ~ Advertising donations
- ~ Fliers/brochure distribution
- ~ Event set-up and clean-up

Birthday Parties

We will be offering YAA-hosted Birthday Parties beginning in May. If you've got an art-lover for a kid, it would be an extra-special experience for them to have not just a painting party, but a painting party in a real art gallery! For a very low cost, we can accommodate at up to 10 children (aiming for age 8 or higher) in the gallery. We'll provide the art materials, paper plates & utensils, invitations, other fun things and painting instruction; you provide the birthday supplies and the kids.



OTHER FUN STUFF

Want to Support YAA Newsletter?

We will be introducing the opportunity to place small advertisements within the pages of our monthly newsletter. The newsletter, sent to all of our members and supporters, is a great place to distribute your message, whether it is a general notice of your website or etsy shop, announcement for art lessons, or whatever you want it to say. We are only asking \$20 for a generous 3" x 3" space (in color).



The Artist's Mind Answer: A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte (1884) by Georges Seurat