

# Southern Saratoga Art Society

A SOCIETY FOR THE APPRECIATION OF THE VISUAL ARTS

## February 2024 News and Updates

### President's message

Dear SSAS members,

I don't know about you, but I am so ready for warm spring weather and change. That's what I do love about the Northeast. Change in clothing, outside work, environmental beauty, etc. I'm done with painting winter scenes and onto painting birds, spring blooms and bright sunny greens.

We have some exciting and refreshing new demos coming up and we can't wait to share. One of them will be Zentangle (where we can all participate), water mixable oils, abstract art and much, much more.

Also coming, new venues where you can show independently and on your own. Remember to join us at our first meeting of the year on March 25th for show and tell. More info to come.

Stay well and stay warm,

**Rita Helie**  
**SSAS Board President**

### Student Art Show with Jack Morgan Memorial Fund Prizes

The Board of Directors recently voted to allocate money from the Jack Morgan Memorial Fund to provide prizes for this year's SSAS-sponsored **Shenendehowa High School** student art show. The artwork - which is always amazing - will be on display during the month of March at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center.

A reception will take place on **March 13 at 7:00 pm**. Please plan to attend and show your support for these wonderful artists!

*If you are interested in making a donation to the Jack Morgan Memorial Fund, please send your check to Southern Saratoga Art Society, PO Box 1536, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Thank you!*

### 2024 Schedule

Keep your calendars open for the 4th Monday of each month (except May, which will be a Tuesday). All meetings are held at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center at 6:30 pm.

Our first meeting will be held on March 25 and will be our popular annual "Show and Tell" meeting. Member can bring in a piece of artwork - a new creation, an old favorite, a work-in-progress, or even something you are struggling with and need advice about - to share with other members. This is always a very social meeting - people share ideas and tips, new mediums or supplies they have tried, and give each other support. Please plan to attend!

[Click here](#) for the 2024 Schedule (still a work in progress!).

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



## Membership - Don't forget to send in your 2024 dues!

SSAS Membership is \$30 per year and includes meetings, discounted entry to our annual Autumn Jewels Judged Art Show, social events, artist's demos, the ability to show your artwork at local venues, and a clickable link to your artwork on our website Gallery page.

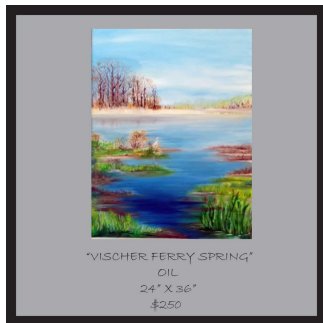
Current SSAS members, unless you joined either in the last quarter of 2023 or at the same time as entering 2023 Autumn Jewels Show, your 2024 membership fee was due on January 1st. [Click here for a Member Renewal form](#). Don't remember if you already paid? Email [info@southernsaratogaartist.com](mailto:info@southernsaratogaartist.com).

Not a SSAS member yet? [Click here](#) for a SSAS Membership Form.

## Featured Member of the Month - Denise Kornak

Visit the SSAS webpage to see more of Denise'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](mailto:info@southernsaratogaartist.com). Val will frame, resize and crop your artwork as needed.

## Kristine Kelly to be featured in 518 PROFILES Magazine

SSAS member Kristine Kelly will be the featured artist in the April issue of the online and print magazine *518 PROFILES*. Congratulations, Kris! Want a sneak preview? Access her SSAS gallery page: <http://www.southernsaratogaartist.com/kristine-kelly.html>

Each month the magazine is distributed to establishments such as Museums, Fine Dining, Theatres, Art Centers, Coffee Shops, Galleries, Luxury Hotels and Resorts, B&Bs, Spas, Boutiques, and Academic Institutions. You can access the online version here:

<https://www.518profiles.com/issues/>

## Member Shows

Please support your fellow members by visiting these exciting shows! SSAS members - have an upcoming show? Email [info@southernsaratogaartist.com](mailto: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](mailto: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*)

January and February: Carol Winterton

March: Shenendehowa Student Art Show - Reception March 13 at 7:00 pm

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

February: Anup Sood

March: Frank Coletta

Mechanicville Library (*large space - beautiful room*)

February/March: Carol Winterton

Bella Lucia's, 1218 Route 146, Clifton Park (*there is room for about 10 paintings*)  
February/March: Barb Hurley, Rita Helie, David Mayack, Jack Morgan, Tracy Pagano, Anup Sood, and Carol Winterton

### Other Local Venues

There are a lot of local restaurants and other venues that offer wall space for artists. If you discover one, let us know and we'll include it in this space. We just found out that they are interested in having artists display in the new Mocha Lisa location in Clifton Park. Stop by or call for details.

## Wiawaka Artists in Residence Program

SSAS Members Cheryl Jenks and Mechelle Roskiewicz had a wonderful experience last year as artists in residence at Wiawaka on Lake George, where Georgia O'Keefe and other famous and talented artists spent summers painting the beautiful scenery. The deadline to apply is March 15, 2024. Artists in Residence Week will take place from July 8th- July 14th, 2024.

To learn more and/or apply for a residency, please visit the Wiawaka website:

<https://www.wiawaka.org/artists-in-residence>

## Artist's Corner

Reminder - **Saratoga Arts** is offering a bi-weekly Critique Night - an open dialogue among artist peers. You can bring your work of any medium to get feedback, discuss your ideas, and techniques. Sessions are free with a \$5 suggested donation. Upcoming sessions will be held on February 21st, March 6th, and March 20th. Check out their website for more information: <https://www.saratoga-arts.org/Critique-Night>

The Jerry's Artarama website (<https://www.jerrysartarama.com/>) has many free instructional videos. There has been a lot of buzz lately about water-soluble oil paints. Click the links below to see a series of three videos with Chuck McLachlan.

<https://www.jerrysartarama.com/free-art-instruction-videos/how-to-paint-abstract-flowers-using-lukas-oil-paints-part-1-chuck-mclachlan>

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## Feedback

We welcome your feedback on any of the above topics. Please reply to this email with your comments.

Visit our website for more information about upcoming demos and other news.

Questions? Email: [info@southernsaratogaartist.com](mailto:info@southernsaratogaartist.com)

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