

A Fresh Look 2021 Exhibit on view June 9 – July 30, 2021

A Fresh Look art exhibit and competition at Southern Arts Society in Kings Mountain features over seventy works by regional artists. They were asked to show their most recent work taking a fresh look at the world around them. The theme for this show is very open, allowing for a wide variety of subject matter to be entered.

Even after a year being on lock-down due to the global pandemic, the artwork in the exhibit is bright and uplifting showing that the participating artists have chosen to see the beauty and color in the world around them. There are a lot of landscapes and wildlife reflected in this show, perhaps looking to a more comforting view of the world outside of the confinements of home. Artists entered work in a variety of media: oil, acrylic and pastel paintings, photography, mixed media and collage.

Judges Comments

"In judging the show, I looked for unique perspectives, and I was particularly impressed with artists who portrayed adventurous subject matter. . . The artists I selected for awards pre-







left 1st Place: Lori McAdams, At the Coffeeshop, scratchboard;

above **2nd Place**: Michael Phillips, *Fall Harvest, oil*; **3rd Place**: Alex Pietersen, *Unhinged, photography* below **Merit Awards**: Ron Shepard, *Misty Bay*, watercolor; Patricia Pietersen, *Spooling*, photography; Mimi Irwin, *L'arch a Aurebeau*, acrylic



sented unpredictable subjects in ways that made me see them as beautiful, or they depicted subjects that were perhaps more familiar, but they made me reexamine them through means of wonderful craftsmanship and skill."

Judging this year's show was Andrew

Leventis - BFA American Academy of Art in Chicago, MFA Goldsmiths College, University of London. He is an Assistant Professor of Painting at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. To view his work, visit www.andrewleventispainting.com

ART TRACKS

July

- Jul 3 Sat Closed
- Jul 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open Studio Sessions Every Thurs 10am - 12pm+
- Jul 10 Sat Kids Class Dream Journals and Planet Collages! 9 am-12 pm \$\$
- Jul 12 Mon *New Pottery Classes* begin Day (9-12) or Evening (6-8), Mon & Thurs for 10 weeks thru Sept. 16th. \$\$
- Jul 13 Tues Shutter Light Photography Group Meeting 7 pm - for details email KMCameraclub@gmail.com or visit the group's FaceBook page.
- Jul 17 Sat Kids Class *Abstract Galaxy* and City Skyline Paintings with music! 9 am-12 pm \$\$
- Jul 18 Sun Beginners Acrylic Landscape Class with Ron Shepard 1 - 4 pm \$\$

- Jul 19 Mon *Fiction Writing Workshop* with Ronda Waterhouse \$\$
- Jul 21 Wed Knit & Crochet Group 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Jul 24 Sat Kids Class Superhero Self-Portraits & Symbols of Strength 9 am-12 pm \$\$
- Jul 29 Thu Color Pencil Group Meeting 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Jul 30 Fri Last day A Fresh Look Exhibit
- Jul 31 Sat Beginners Acrylic Seascape Class with Ron Shepard 10 am - 1 pm \$\$
- Jul 31 Sat Pick up Artwork from *A Fresh* Look Exhibit

August

Textile & Fiber Exhibit Aug 4 – Sept 17 Aug 2-6 Kids Art Camp – Details to come!

- Aug 12, 19, 26 Open Studio Sessions Most Thurs (except Aug 5) 10 am – 12 pm or later
- Aug 7 Sat Scratchboard Workshop with Lori McAdams 9 am - 12:30 pm \$\$
- Aug 10 Tues Shutter Light Photography Group Meeting 7 pm - for details email KMCameraclub@gmail.com or visit the group's FaceBook page.
- Aug 14 Sat Reception Textile & Fiber Exhibit
- Aug 18 Wed Knit & Crochet Group 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Aug 23 Mon Poetry Writing Workshop with Ronda Waterhouse \$\$
- Aug 26 Thu Color Pencil Group Meeting 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Events FREE unless noted otherwise \$\$

PROGRAMS

SASi Programs

NO July or August programs; SASi's September Program will have artist member Dianne Garner leading a demo and work-along. Programs run September - May on the second Tuesday of each month. Doors open at 6:30; program begins at 7 – visitors welcome!

Calling Knitters & Crocheters!

Jul 21; Aug 18 – Knitters usually meet from 10:30-12:30, the third Wednesday each month. No instruction, just camaraderie in working with fellow artists! All those who Knit, Crochet (or any medium) are invited to join the

Southern Arts Society Upcoming Exhibit:

Textile and Fiber Works August 4 – September 17, 2021

Details to come – check SASi'swebsite for updates

Volunteers Needed

If you would like to volunteer - please give us a call.SASi is 100% volunteer driven and, as such, SASi is only as good as our volunteers. SASi needs the following:

Volunteer Coordinator

The Volunteer Coordinator is someone who will contact members to fill the calendar to help during Gallery Hours and other events.

Program Coordinator

This person will seek out and procure artists/teachers to present or demonstrate various art techniques at our monthly meetings (Sept thru May).

If you would like to help, please email SASi or call Jewel at 803-448-4578.

Thursday Morning Open Studio group. Send questions to Susie Neely at slneely00@gmail.com or Pam Perkins at fiberlass@yahoo.com.

Shutter Light Photography Group

Jul 13; Aug 10 Tues – To confirm if the group will be meeting onsite at Southern Arts Society or elsewhere, and for more information, please email the group at kmcameraclub@gmail.com.

Color Pencil Group Meeting

Jul 29; Aug 26 – Thurs – Anyone with a desire to learn more about color pencil is welcome to attend these meetings. All levels of artists are welcome, no prior

MEMBER NEWS



Thomas Kelly Pauley's portrait of Colonel Abraham Buford will hang in the Historic Courthouse Museum in Lancaster, SC. To view more of his artwork, visit: www.pauleyportraits.com

2021 Membership Drive

All 2020 memberships ended December 31, 2020. Please renew for 2021 now!

Membership runs Jan - Dec each year. If you have not renewed your membership for 2021, please send your membership form available at SASi and online.

Members save on entry fees for classes and competitions and support our free programs and exhibits. Thank you for your continued support. experience necessary. The group meets on the last Thursday of each month from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Please call us, email us, or check our website for up to date information.

Thursday Morning Open Studio Sessions

Jul 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Aug 12, 19, 26 Open Studio Sessions most Thurs (except Aug 5) 10 am - 12 pm or longer. Bring your current art project – painting, pastels, colored pencil, knit or crochet, etc., to work on. No instruction — just time to create on your own and enjoy fellowship with other artists. Led by artist Darlene Godfrey. Feel free to stay all day!



Todd Baxter's painting *Big Reed Creek One* appears in featured in the June/July 2021 issue of *PleinAir Magazine* on page 41. To view more of his work, visit:

toddbaxter.fineartstudioonline.com/

CLASSES

A variety of classes in July & August:

- Pottery
 Acrylic Painting for Beginners
- Private Art Tutoring Creative Writing
 Kids Summmer classes Scratchboard

See our class flyer for more information

OFFICERS 2021 / 2022

President Lori McAdams Vice President John Gaston Secretary Lydia Sargent Treasurer Johnsie Reavis



The Southern Arts Society, Inc. (SASi) is a 501c3 non-profit organization devoted to enhancing the cultural vitality of Kings Mountain, NC through the visual arts In support of emerging, amateur, and professional regional artists, SASi offers display space, workspace, mentoring, member promotion, exhibition exposure, and workshops in a variety of contemporary and traditional media. In partnership with local organizations, SASi supports the community through monthly exhibits, meeting space, and demonstrations, as well as, ongoing educational opportunities.