



# **SASi Newsletter**

September / October 2021

# Uncommon Threads Exhibit on view August 5 - September 17, 2021

Southern Arts Society's new exhibit Uncommon Threads invites the public to experience the colors, textures and patterns of fiber art and see the incredible variety of work that fiber artists are producing today. Eighteen artists from around the region are showing work reflecting different creative aspects and techniques working in fiber. The exhibitors include: Maura Bosbyshell, Gail Boyles, Constance Buchanan, Randy Leibowitz Dean, Anna Dlougolenskaia, Bill Dunlap, Chris Dunlap, Linda Erickson, Sue Helmken, BL Hooley, Karen Kuhl, Carol McLaughlin, Patricia Morris, Sallie Olson, Patricia Pietersen, Stephanie Ray, Sara Simpson, Beverly Sundararaman, and Jan Welborn.





Several of the artisans are members of The Piedmont Fiber Guild, Carolina Handspinners, and CLT, a Charlotte area meet-up textile group, as well as Southern Arts Society.

The world of fiber art includes so many

techniques: basketry, quilting, weaving, spinning, crochet, knitting, macrame... the list goes on. Fiber artists today are blending traditional and non-traditional materials, creating both functional and decorative pieces.

# Call to Artists for *Nature Reconsidered* Art Exhibit & Competition and *Trail* Photography Competition

Deliver Art September 18-19 (Sat 11 am – 4 pm and Sun 1-4 pm). Awards will be announced at a public reception Saturday October 2. Both exhibits will be on view September 22 thru November 5, 2021.

Prospectus is available at SASi and on our website

## Get Ready for SASi's Holiday Boutique!

Members should deliver their handmade fine arts and crafts November 6, 7, 9, and 10

The Holiday Boutique will run Nov 11, 2021 – Jan 7, 2022

Inventory forms will be online

# **ART TRACKS**

#### September

Sep 7 Tues – SASi Program - Dianne Garner leads a demo and work-along. 7 pm, doors open at 6:30 pm

**Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** – Open Studio Sessions Every Thurs 10 am – 12 pm or later

Sep 10-19 Online Event – KM Historical Museum Annual Fundraiser/Auction.

**Sep 12** Sun – Bookies meeting 10 am until... – (Closed Group)

**Sep 14** Tue – NOT MEETING – Shutter Light Photography Group

Sep 15 Wed – NOT MEETING – Knit & Crochet Group – 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Sep 17 Fri – Last day of *Uncommon Threads* Exhibit

Sep 27 Mon – Creative Writing: Poetry Workshop with Rhonda Waterhouse 6:30 - 8:30 pm \$\$

Events may be impacted by COVID. Check with SASi for cancellations & postponements

Sep 18-19 Sat-Sun Deliver art for *Nature* Reconsidered & Trail competitions \$\$

Sep 30 Thu – Color Pencil Group Meeting 6:00 pm

#### October

Oct 2 Sat – Reception for *Nature*Reconsidered & *Trail* Awards at 7 pm

Oct 4 Mon - New Pottery Class Sessions begin – Classes available Day (9-12) or Evenings (6-8), meeting Mon & Thurs for 10 weeks thru December 9th \$\$

Oct 5 Tue – SASi Program – Jan Welborn leads a demo and work-along 7 pm, doors open at 6:30 pm

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Oct 11 Mon – Creative Writing: Fiction Workshop with Rhonda Waterhouse 6:30 - 8:30 pm \$\$

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Oct 28 Thu – Color Pencil Group Meeting 6:00 pm

Events & Meetings – doors open ½ hour prior.

Workshops require pre-registration and payment to reserve your seat.

Call 704-739-5585 or email us for details Events FREE unless noted otherwise \$\$

# **PROGRAMS**

## **SASi Programs**

Sep 7; - Artist member Dianne Garner will lead a demo and work-along using watercolor and alcohol inks and Yupo paper. SASi will supply materials. Doors open at 6:30; program begins at 7 – visitors welcome!

Oct 5 - Artist member Jan Welborn will lead a demo and work-along using oil pastels. SASi will supply materials. Doors open at 6:30; program begins at 7 - visitors welcome!

## **Calling Knitters & Crocheters!**

NOT MEETING until January 2022 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 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**

Meetings are currently on hold. For more information, please email the group at kmcameraclub@gmail.com.

#### **Color Pencil Group Meeting**

Sep 30; Oct 28 – Thurs – Anyone with a desire to learn more about color pencil is welcome - no experience necessary. Meetings are on on the last Thursday of each month from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

### **Thursday Morning Open Studio Sessions**

Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 Every Thurs 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!

# **CLASSES**

#### SASi classes in September & October:

- Pottery
  Private Art Tutoring
- Creative Writing: Poetry & Fiction Plein Air Workshop

See our class flver for more information

# MEMBER NEWS

#### Sue Helmken

SASi member Sue Helmken (aka The Barefoot Weaver) is in the news.

Sue was interviewed last Friday for QC Life (Queen City Life) on WBTV.

Sue does a great job showing her skills in weaving and the anchors give us - SASi - a shout out at the end of the segment.

You can view the clip at: https://qclife.wbtv.com/the-barefoot-weaver/

#### **Todd Baxter**

SASi member artist Todd Baxter entered the 2021 Colored Pencil Society of America International Exhibition - his drawing Unlikely Champion (above) won Best of Show. This year there were 632 submissions, 120 were accepted into the show.

Visit the CPSA website showing award winning works at:

https://cpsa.org/exhibitions/cpsa-international-awards/29th-international-awards-2021/







#### **Anne Harkness & Brian Fincher**

SASi member Anne Harkness is part of a two person show in Mooresville.

Outside the Lines features Anne Harkness and Brian Fincher in the Center Gallery at Mooresville Arts.

The Beyond Poems and Paintings Members' Group Exhibit is on display in the Skylight Gallery at Mooresville Arts. 20 Members' work will be featured; their artwork is their own interpretations of 10 selected poems.

Both shows will be on display now through Thursday, September 23, 2021.

For more details, visit their website at Mooresvillearts.org or call 704-663-6661.

#### **Southern Arts Society**

Southern Arts Society is listed as one of the ten best things to do in Kings Mountain by the online Family Destinations Guide. SASi is listed as number six!

Visit the Family Destination Guide at: https://familydestinationsguide.com/ best-things-to-do-in-kings-mountain-nc/

Mentioned links are on SASi's website

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# SOUTHERN ARTS SOCIETY Gift Shop & Gallery Holiday Hours

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat • 10 am - 3 pm (and by appointment)

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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.