



SASi Newsletter January / February 2022

SASi's Holiday Boutique Ends January 7!

SASi's Holiday Boutique runs through January 7, 2022. Over 75 regional artists have work available: painting, mixed media, jewelry, pottery, leather, paper craft, fiber and textiles (knitted and crocheted items). All the items are made by hand with many being unique, one of a kind works of art. Artisans have been busy making fine beaded jewelry, functional and whimsical pottery, crocheted scarves and hats along with paintings of all sizes.

SASi 2022 Calendars are here!

Our Calendar themed *North Carolina Mountain, Wildflowers and Waterways*, consists of 12 original pieces of hand pulled silk-screened art. Artwork featured in the calendar this year reflects the beauty of nature found in our great state of North Carolina. Our popular Calendar Tote Bags are available again this year, printed with the same images from the Calendar.

CALL TO ARTISTS for *Small Wonders* Art Exhibit and Competition

Southern Arts Society is proud to present **Small Wonders**, a new art competition and exhibit open to all artists in the region.

This is a judged art show with cash prizes ranging from \$50 to a \$250 first prize. Regional Artists are invited to show small scale works in a variety of media showing the difficulty and skill to create works of smaller size. (Image size limited to 5"x7" or smaller.) Viewers may think it is easier to work smaller, but in truth it is much more difficult to produce.

Exhibit Runs: January 26 - February 25, 2022.

Deliver Art: Saturday, January 22, 10 am – 4 pm, and Sunday January 23, 1 - 4 pm; early entries accepted during gallery hours.

For More Information: Call us at 704.739.5585, visit Southern Arts Society website, or email us at southernartssociety@gmail.com

Prospectus: is available for download on our website, and at Southern Arts Society in the gallery

2022 MEMBERSHIP

Please renew your membership for 2022 now!

Please complete the 2022 membership form available both at SASi and online on our website.

Reminder: Gift Shop Artists must have a current paid membership to sell items in the Gift Shop. A signed artist contract (available online for download.) is also required to be on file.

A special thank you to all new and returning members in 2021 for their support. Also, thank you to all members

who provided additional support through their Supporting and Patron memberships. Members save on entry fees for classes and competitions and help support our free programs and exhibits.

We are in need of Sponsors and Benefactors for 2022 to provide additional financial support. Like all small businesses, monthly operating costs have risen as well as costs of supplies for our fund raiser. Your support to subsidize these increases is appreciated

Thank you to all renewing members!

ART TRACKS

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

January 2022

Jan 1, 2022 CLOSED

Jan 4 Tues – SASi Program - How to NOT SET New Year's Resolutions with SASi instructor and life coach Ron Shepard. 7 pm, doors open at 6:30

Jan 8-15 Pickup work from *Holiday Boutique*Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 – Open Studio Sessions

Jan 11 Tues – (to be determined) – Shutter Light Photography Group Meeting

Jan 19 Wed – Currently on Hold - Knit & Crochet Group Meeting

Every Thurs 10 am - 12 pm or later

Jan 22 – An Introduction or Refresher to Watercolor with Ron Shepard \$\$

Jan 22-23 Deliver Art for *Small Wonders* Art Exhibit and Competition \$\$. **Deliver Art** Sat Jan 22 from 11 am - 4 pm & Sun Jan 23 1-4 pm, or during gallery hours.

Jan 27 Thurs – Currently on Hold – Knit & Crochet Group Meeting

Jan 27 Thurs – Color Pencil Group Meeting 6 pm

Jan 29 Sat – Reception Small Wonders Exhibit & Comp 6-8 pm, Awards at 7 pm Small Wonders on Exhibit Jan 26 - Feb 25

February 2022

Feb 1 Tues – SASi Program - Jan Welborn will lead us making *Felted Animals*.

Materials provided – please RSVP. - 7 pm, doors open at 6:30 pm

Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 – Open Studio Sessions Every Thurs 10 am - 12 pm or later

Feb 8 Tues – (to be determined) Shutter Light Photography Group Meeting

Feb 16 Wed – Currently on Hold – Knit & Crochet Group Meeting 10:30 am

Feb 24 Thurs – Color Pencil Group Meeting 6 pm

Feb 25 Last Day for *Small Wonders* Exhibit Pick up work Feb 26-27, 2022

Feb 26-27 Deliver Art for *I Am Woman* art exhibit & competition \$\$. Deliver Art Sat Feb 26 11 am - 4 pm & Sun Feb 27 from 1-4 pm, or during gallery hours.

Events FREE unless noted otherwise \$\$ Workshops require pre-registration and payment to reserve your seat.

PROGRAMS

SASi Programs

Jan 4 – SASi Program – *How to NOT SET New Year's Resolutions*. Join SASi instructor and life coach Ron Shepard for helpful tips to achieve your goals in 2022. Ron will share proven methods on getting out of that "stuck mode" and make a manageable plan for both art and life in 2022. Bring paper and pencil. Visitors welcome. Please wear a mask. 7 pm, doors open at 6:30.

Feb 2 – SASi Program – Jan Welborn will lead us making *Felted Animals*. SASi will provide supplies. Please RSVP if attending so we know how many to plan for. Please wear a mask. 7 pm, doors open at 6:30.

Calling Knitters & Crocheters!

Because of COVID, meetings are on hold - we'll send updates. When the group meets, they usually meet from 10:30-12:30, the third Wednesday each month. All knitters, crocheters, or other needle workers and fiber folks are welcome to join us. No instruction, just camaraderie in working with fellow artists! All those who Knit, Crochet (or work in any medium) are invited to join the Thursday Morning Open Studio group. We have space to spread out and still enjoy each other's company and share information. Any questions can be directed to Susie Neely at slneely00@gmail.com or Pam Perkins at fiberlass@yahoo.com.

Shutter Light Photography Group

Jan; Feb – To be determined. For more information, email the photography group at kmcameraclub@gmail.com.

Color Pencil Group Meeting

Jan 27; Feb 24 – 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 experience necessary. Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month from 6 - 8 pm. Attendees are encouraged to bring something to work on, and feel are free to share any product, resource or other info that may be beneficial to the group. Please email Todd with your ideas for meeting topics and techniques you would like to see.

Thursday Morning Open Studio Sessions

Jan 6, 13, 20, 20; Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 — Open Studio Sessions every Thursday 10 am - 12 pm or longer. Bring your current art project — painting, pastels, colored pencil, knit or crochet, etc., to work on. Fiber artists are welcome to join this group. 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!

Pottery Studio Fire

SASi's Pottery Studio caught fire on Nov. 4, 2021. No one was in the building at the time, and no one was injured. The preliminary cause was electrical. There was severe damage to a large part of the building interior. The other half suffered heat, smoke, and water damage.

Our students were just 3 weeks into the Fall Classes and lost the work they had produced. The loss of the studio has been hard on our students, and our teachers, Renee Matthews and Rhonda Withers.

Pottery classes are on hold for the time being. We gladly welcome donations towards the rebuilding of our pottery studio. If you would like to help in any way, please contact us 704-739-5585 or email us.

CLASSES

Introduction or Refresher into Watercolor Painting with Ron Shepard

Date: January 22, 2022Time: 10 am - 1 pm

· Location: Southern Arts Society

• **Supplies:** Paper: please bring at least 5 (9x12) sheets of watercolor paper (Strathmore or Arches)

Paints: different hues of 3 reds, 3 blues, and 3 yellows, and a black

Brushes: what you have or #4, #8, #10

- Description: Choosing the correct paints, Painting techniques, choosing brushes, using watercolor paper, framing your painting. See class info sheet for more details.
- Class info sheet: available for download on SASi's website and in our gallery

One-on-One Tutoring with Ron Shepard

SASi instructor Ron Shepard is offering individual art tutoring sessions at SASi. Ron teaches beginning to intermediate students in watercolor, acrylic and pastel. To sign up, email shepardron@hotmail. com or call 704-964-4913.

Weekly Oil Painting Classes with Todd Baxter in his Studio

Fridays 10 - noon • Saturdays 2 - 4 For more information email toddbaxter@ comporium.net

OFFICERS 2021 / 2022

President Lori McAdams Vice President John Gaston

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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.