

# SASi Newsletter September / October 2022

# Jeffrey J. Bowers – The Plein Air Collection On View August 2 – September 17, 2022



Southern Arts Society in Kings Mountain is featuring local artist Jeffrey J. Bowers with a one-person show. All the paintings shown in this exhibit are painted en plein air or in the open air on location. Bowers considers himself an artist in the Modern Impressionist style. Working in acrylics, he paints landscapes, cityscapes, still life, pets, buildings, and vehicles in and around the Piedmont area of western North Carolina. There are 36 paintings in this exhibit, with the majority featuring landscapes and city scenes in Gastonia, where Bowers lives.

To keep his artistic skills sharp, Bowers paints outdoors, "in the open air" as often as possible. His dedication was rewarded recently when the **12th An***nual PleinAir Salon Art Competition* announced its monthly winners for their April Competition. *The PleinAir Salon* is a national online art competition hosted *by PleinAir Magazine*. Bowers was awarded the best Plein Air winner in the Acrylic Category for April with his painting titled, Late Summer Afternoon. This puts Bowers in the running, along with other monthly winners for the grand prize, to be announced in May 2023.

See more of Jeffrey's work on his website: https://jeffreyjbowers.com/

Call to Artists: *Nature Reconsidered & Trail 2022 Competitions* Exhibits Run Sep 21 - Nov 4 • Deliver Art Sep 17-18 & Gallery Hours

*Nature Reconsidered* art exhibit's focus is on the ever-changing relationship between humans and nature

*Trail* photography exhibit showcases photos taken on Kings Mountain Gateway Trail. *Prospectus is available on Southern Arts Society's website and at our galleries* 

# **2022 MEMBERSHIP**

#### Renew your 2022 Membership

2022 membership forms are available both at SASi and online here for download.

Members save on entry fees for classes and competitions and help support our free programs and exhibits. *Reminder:* Gift Shop Artists must have a current paid membership to sell items in the Gift Shop. is also required to be on file.

Thank you to all new and returning members and to those who provide additional funding at the Supporting and Patron Level. Like all small businesses, monthly operating costs have risen as well as the cost of supplies for our fundraiser.

SASi encourages your business to help provide additional financial funding at these levels: Sponsors (\$250), Business (\$500), and Corporate Sponsor (\$1000) for 2022. Your higher level of support to underwrite these increases will be acknowledged in our marketing and social media.

A full list of members at these levels is on SASi's Membership Page.

# **ART TRACKS**

Jeffrey J. Bowers Plein Air Collection runs Aug 2 – Sep 17, 2022

#### September 2022

- Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open Studio Sessions Every Thurs 10 am – 12 pm or later
- Sep 6 Tues SASi Program 7 pm, Michael R. Phillips

Sep 11 Sun – Bookies meeting 10 am until... – (Closed Group)

- Sep 17 Sat Last day to see Jeffrey J. Bowers – The Plein Air Collection
- Sep 17-18 Sat-Sun Deliver art for Nature Reconsidered & Trail competitions \$\$
- Sep 17 KM Historical Museum Annual Fundraiser / Auction @ Joy Theatre
- Sep 20 Tues Shutter Light Photography Group doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting 7 pm – email KMCameraclub@gmail.com
- Sep 21 Wed Knit & Crochet Group Meeting 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Sep 24 Sat Reception for *Nature Reconsidered & Trail* 6-8 pm, Awards at 7 pm
- Sep 29 Thurs Color Pencil Group Meeting 6:00 pm

Nature Reconsidered Art Exhibit & Trail Photography Competitions on view Sep 21 thru Nov 4

#### October 2022

- Oct 4 Tues SASi Program 7 pm, doors open at 6:30 pm
- Oct 6, 13, 20, 27 Open Studio Sessions Every Thurs 10 am – 12 pm or later
- Oct 9 Sun Bookies meeting 10 am until... – (Closed Group)
- Oct 18 Tues Shutter Light Photography Group Meeting 7 pm
- Oct 19 Wed Knit & Crochet Group Meeting 10:30 am –12 pm or later

#### Events and 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 \$\$

Events may be impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak

Please check with SASi for cancellations and postponements

### PROGRAMS

#### **SASi Programs**

Sep 6 – SASi Program – Southern Arts Society Program Introduction to Egg Tempera. SASi member and artist Michael Phillips works in several mediums and is accomplished in all. In this program he will share with us a bit about the history of Egg Tempera, detail how the sub-strait is prepared, working with organic pigments, the look and feel of the final work, and how the pigments can be used with water on paper. Marc Chagall and Andrew Wyeth both painted in egg tempera. Come learn more about this ancient and classic medium. Program is at 7, doors open at 6:30 pm. FREE! Visitors are welcome - bring a friend! Oct 4 program TBA.

#### Calling Knitters & Crocheters!

Sep 21; Oct 20 – The group meets from 10:30-12:30 on 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. We will follow SASi maskDue to Covid-19, Some of our programs and group meetings are on hold, or have changed their times or formats. Please call or email SASi to verify.

ing requirements, and ask that those who come bring along something they are working on, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, weaving, any handwork or fiber work is great. Bring along a friend if you can. We are hoping to enlarge this group. It is a great group of gals, and guys are welcome as well. Any questions can be directed to Susie Neely or Pam Perkins at fiberlass@yahoo.com.

#### Shutter Light Photography Group

Sep 20 – Meeting the Third Tuesday monthly. The photography challenge for September is "Fungi". Bring 3 to 5 images (in pdf on a flash drive, SD card, or email them to Nelson) from this month's challenge to share and talk about. The program will be Photographing the Night Sky by Jonas Hansen. Jonas will be discussing the in's and out's of night photography as well as an open discussion with the group. We will also be discussing the night photography outing on September 24th. Doors open at 6:30 for social time, Program begins at 7 pm. Hope to see you at the meeting. Oct 18 - Program to be determined. For more information, please email the photography group at kmcameraclub@gmail.com, or visit their Facebook page.

## **CLASSES**

#### One-on-One Art Tutoring Sessions with Ron Shepard

Location: Southern Arts Society, Inc Date and Times by arrangement with instructor

Contact Ron at 704-964-4913 or shepardron@hotmail.com

Please see SASi's July & August Class listings flyer for complete descriptions and costs

Weekly Oil Painting Classes with Todd Baxter in his Studio Fridays from 10:00 to noon Saturdays from 2:00 to 4:00 Contact Todd: toddbaxter@comporium.net

#### Southern Arts Society Board Elections 2022

Place Nominations and Vote for Officers: SASi members are invited to nominate other members or themselves for officers. All members must be current in their membership to vote or be nominated for an officer. Please email your nominations or bring them in person to SASi. Voting is in September – members can vote by email, phone, or in person at SASi

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

**Sep 29; Oct 27** – 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 with questions or to suggest meeting topics and techniques you would like to see.

#### Thursday Morning Open Studio Sessions

Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Oct 6, 13, 20, 27 – Thurs – Open Studio Sessions 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!

## **MEMBER NEWS**

SASi Members Regina Bos, Allegra Klett-Wilson, and Doug Knotts are in Cleveland County Arts Council Exhibit

Local Currents: Ebb & Flow of Ideas -Local Artist Support Grant Recipients Exhibit Exhibit Dates: Aug. 18th - Sept. 29th

Featuring Artwork by Cleveland County Regional Artists Grant Recipients

> Please visit their website: www.ccartscouncil.org

#### **OFFICERS 2021 / 2022**

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