



Bonita Lowe has always been drawn to art. As a young child she watched her father draw and paint, and he inspired her artistic curiosity. Mostly self-taught, she has pursued studies in life-drawing, design and painting which expanded her knowledge greatly. Another person who influenced Bonita was AB Mauney Snow, the founder of SASi. AB wanted to retire as a colorist at Dicey Mills and saw the potential in Bonita's work. Bonita took over for AB at Dicey and worked there before retiring herself.

Bonita lives in Mount Holly and works in her home studio. Her primary medium is graphite pencil, which she uses to create highly realistic drawings. Primarily focusing on portraits of her favorite people, she also has drawn animals, structures and even an airplane.

2023 MEMBERSHIP

Renew your 2023 Membership

Membership forms are available both at SASi and on our website 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. A signed artist contract (online for download here.) is also required to be on file.

Thank you to all new and returning members for your support. A special thank

It's All About the Music portraits by Bonita Lowe

On view through April 22, 2023 • Reception March 11, 2023, 6-8 pm

Bonita's drawings of her favorite musicians and singers are featured in the exhibit "It's All About the Music". Included are members of the Allman Brothers Band, Gregg Allman, Elvis Presley, Janis Joplin, John Lennon, Bob Dylan, Dolly Parton, and Tom Petty to name a few. There are 24 portraits in the exhibit.

What draws Bonita to certain portraits? "First of all, my love for music, and my gratitude to the people who make it happen. I feel that every face tells its own unique story, and my goal in creating a portrait is to try to bring a little of that story to life. Some people have more stories to tell than others, and because of the lives they lead, musicians are among them."

The public is invited to meet Bonita Lowe at a reception Saturday March 11, from 6-8 pm. This event is free, and dress is casual. Bonita's framed original portraits are available for sale, along with prints of her work. Bonita has artwork displayed in homes across the United States and the United Kingdom.

Also on view are works by AB Mauney Snow in the Founders Gallery. In 1984 Snow invited friends and newcomers to start an art organization to educate and support local artists. Snow died in 2003,

you goes 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 company or business to help provide additional financial funding at these levels: Sponsors (\$250.00 level), Business (\$500.00 level), and Corporate Sponsor (\$1000.00 level) 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.

just as SASi found a permanent home in the old Southern Railway Depot. Though she began painting later in life, Snow was a prolific painter. On display are watercolor and mixed media landscapes, figures and florals. SASi continues to sell Snow's work in their gallery.

ART TRACKS

March 2023

It's All About the Music portraits by Bonita Lowe on Exhibit March 3 thru April 22.

Also showing works by AB Mauney Snow in the Founders Gallery

Mar 7 Tues – SASi Program by Lorene Lovell - 7 pm, doors open at 6:30

Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Open Studio Sessions Every Thurs 10 am - 12 pm

Mar 11 Sat – Reception It's All About the Music Exhibit 6-8 pm

Mar 12 SUN – Bookies meeting 10 am until... – (Closed Group)

Mar 21 Tues – NEW MEET DATE Shutter Light Photography Group Meeting 7 pm

Mar 30 Thurs – Color Pencil Group Meeting 6:00 pm

April 2023

Apr 2 Sun – Bookies meeting 10 am until... – (Closed Group)

Apr 4 Tues – SASi Program TBA 7 pm, doors open at 6:30

Apr 6, 13, 20, 27 – Open Studio Sessions – 10 am - 12 pm or later

Apr 18 Tues – Shutter Light Photography Group Meeting 7 pm – Email kmcameraclub@gmail.com

Apr 22 Fri – last day for It's All About the Music Exhibit

Apr 22-23 Sat-Sun – Deliver Artwork for **Natural Beauties**

Apr 27 Thurs – Color Pencil Group Meeting 6:00 pm

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

PROGRAMS



SASi Programs

Mar 7 – SASi First Tuesday Program – features SASi member and artist Lorene Lovell. She will be demonstrating painting with watercolor on canvas. Lorene will tell us how she prepares her canvas and about special techniques she uses that are different from the usual working in watercolor. Lorene will teach a class in the near future. Program is at 7, doors open at 6:30 pm. FREE! Visitors are welcome – bring a friend!

Apr 4 – SASi First Tuesday Program – Topic TBA. Program is at 7, doors open at 6:30 pm. FREE! Visitors are welcome – bring a friend!

Calling Knitters & Crocheters!

Mar 15; Apr 19 – 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 also 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.

Bring along your current project: knitting, crocheting, embroidery, weaving, any handwork, or fiber work is great. Invite your friends too! We are hoping to enlarge this group. Any questions Any questions can be directed to Susie Neely or Pam Perkins at fiberlass@yahoo.com

Shutter Light Photography Group

Mar 21; Apr 18 – Meeting the Third Tuesday monthly. Time: 6:30 - 7:00 for social and 7 - 8:30 for the meeting. Beginner's Corner will be led by Raymond Beck. New and old photographers will enjoy getting back to the basics of photography. All levels of experience are welcome. For more information, email the photography group or visit their Facebook page. We always have extra chairs for new or returning folks! For more information, please email the photography group at kmcameraclub@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page.

Color Pencil Group Meeting

Mar 30; Apr 27 – Thursday – Anyone with a desire to learn more about colored 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 free to share any product, resource, or other info 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

Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Apr 6, 13, 20, 27 – Every Thurs 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!

CLASSES

Please see SASi's website for descriptions and costs

One-on-One Art Tutoring Sessions with Ron Shepard

Location: Southern Arts Society, Inc
Date and Times by instructor
Contact Ron at 704-964-4913 or shepardron@hotmail.com

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

Volunteers Are Needed!

SASi is 100% volunteer driven and, as such, SASi is only as good as our volunteers. Numerous opportunities for volunteering are available throughout the year, many of which may be of interest to you.

Currently we have several needs:

- Volunteer Coordinator
- Program Coordinator
- Building Maintenance
- Grants & Fundraising

To remain open to the public, we need more people to be a Host or Key Person - someone who is responsible to open the building, greet the public, handle sales, and close the building. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please call us at 704-739-5585 or stop by in person. Just a few hours of your time each month is greatly appreciated!

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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.