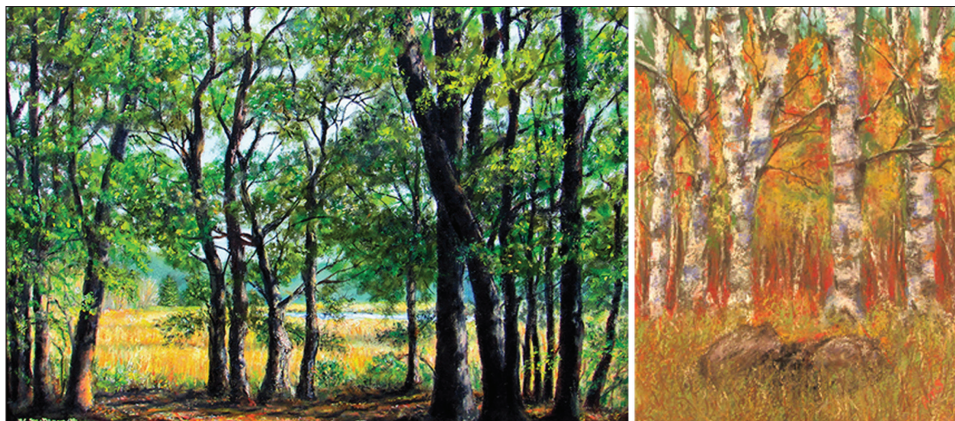




Nature's Serenity Land and Seascapes

Kathleen McDermott & Ronald Shepard

On View August 1, 2023 - September 15, 2023



Kathleen McDermott - Marsh Trail

Ronald Shepard - Birch Stand

Southern Arts Society presents their newest exhibit featuring the artworks of two local established and award winning artists - Ronald Shepard of Gastonia, NC and Kathleen McDermott of Rock Hill, SC. The two artists', though newly acquainted, have a shared interest in nature, which made titling their exhibit easy. ***Nature's Serenity - Land and Seascapes*** gives viewers a chance to immerse themselves into cloud filled blue skies, green trees, mountains, beaches, lakes and rocky outcroppings. It's easy to imagine yourself stepping into familiar surroundings, realistically depicted in pastel, oil and acrylic.

Kathleen McDermott is a traditional landscape artist. She grew up on a back road dairy farm in far western NY State and has always loved the forests and fields and fabulous rural skies. Kathleen has been drawing and painting all her life. Being a self-taught artist with no formal training, her obsession and passion has been to create scenes from her imagination. She sometimes uses reference photos, but enjoys seeing what develops as she paints. Kathleen continues to grow as an artist by staying involved in local art organizations wherever she lives. From Jamestown, NY, to

Horry County, SC, she is now active in the Catawba River Art Guild, centered in York County, SC.

Originally from Vermont, **Ronald Shepard** moved with his wife, Sharon, to Gastonia, North Carolina in 2008. As a retiree, Ron took up art in November 2011. While mostly self-taught, he has taken art workshops by Alain Picard, Karen Margulis, Moore School of Art, Daniel Edmondson, and Albert Handel. Winning regional awards for his art boosted his desire to continue to learn and study. He is fluent in oil, acrylic, colored pencil, watercolor and now, his favorite medium, soft pastels. Ron generously teaches workshops and private lessons in Gastonia, Kings Mountain and York, SC. Ron's love for nature goes back to his childhood where he spent most of his time in local woods observing trees, lakes, ponds, brooks, rocks, and various aspects of the terrain. He and his family spent many weekends camping in Lean-tos, and tents. Summer vacations were spent at the ocean in Maine. Ron's art speaks to both Northern and Southern Landscapes and Seascapes. He is an active member of Southern Arts Society where you can find him practicing his art.

ART TRACKS

September 2023

- Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 – Open Studio Sessions
Every Thurs 10 am – 12 pm or later
- Sep 5 Tue – No program for September
- Sep 12 Tue – Shutter Light Photography
Group Meeting 7 pm
- Sep 15 Fri – Last day ***Nature's Serenity Land and Seascapes*** by Ron Shepard & Kathleen McDermott
- Sep 16-17 Sat-Sun Deliver art for
Gateway to Nature competition \$\$
- Sep 16 – KM Historical Museum Annual
Fundraiser/Auction - KM Senior Center
- Sep 17 Sun - Bookies meeting 10 am
until... – (Closed Group)
- Sep 20 Wed – Knit & Crochet Group Mtg
10:30am-12:30pm
- Sep 28 Thur - Color Pencil Group
Meets Offsite at Todd Baxter's Studio
- Sep 30 Sat – Reception for ***Gateway to Nature***, Awards at 7 pm
- Gateway to Nature Art Exhibit & Competition on view Sep 20 thru NOV 3 • Reception Sat Sep 30 from 6-8 pm, awards at 7 pm***

October 2023

- Oct 3 Tue – SASi Program TBA – 7 pm,
doors open at 6:30
- Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 – Open Studio Sessions
Every Thurs 10 am – 12 pm or later
- Oct 8 Sun – Bookies meeting 10 am
until... – (Closed Group)
- Oct 10 Tue – Shutter Light Photography
Group Meeting 7 pm – 9 pm
- Oct 18 Wed – Knit & Crochet Group Mtg
10:30am-12:30pm
- Oct 26 Thu – 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

Please check with SASi for cancellations and postponements

PROGRAMS

SASi Programs

Sep 5 – NO September Program

Oct 3 – SASi's October Program TBA. SASi Programs are held the first Tuesday each month. Doors open at 6:30; program begins at 7 – visitors welcome!

Calling Knitters & Crocheters!

Sep 20; Oct 18 – 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 hand-work, or fiber work is great. Invite your friends too! We are hoping to enlarge this group. Any questions can be directed to Susie Neely or Pam Perkins at fiberlass@yahoo.com.

Shutter Light Photography Group

Sep 12; Oct 10 – NEW: beginning in July, the group will meet the second Tuesday monthly. Time: 6:30 - 7:00 for social and 7 - 8:30 for the meeting. All levels of experience are welcome.

The September 12 program will be presented by: Tom Pacheco on **Concert Photography and Tips**.

The October 10 program will be presented by Nic Baxter on **Sports Photography**.

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, email kmcameraclub@gmail.com.

OFFICERS 2022 / 2023

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

Thursday Morning Open Studio Sessions

Sep 7, 14, 21, 28; Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 – Thurs – Open Studio Sessions 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!

Color Pencil Group Meeting

Sep 28; Oct 26 – 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 and questions at toddaxter@comprium.net

Note - the September Meeting (Thu Sep 28) will be held off site. The group will have a Pot Luck Dinner at Todd Baxter's studio in Rock Hill:

- **Time:** 5:00 PM until we run out of food
- **Location:** Todd Baxter's Studio, 1616 Evamar Court, Rock Hill, SC 29732
- **Bring:** Food to share, could be a main dish, veggie, salad or dessert, whatever you want
- **RSVP:** by Friday, September 22 if you plan to attend please let Todd know
- Todd provides a main dish, beverages, paper plates, plasticware and cups.

CLASSES

Please see SASi's website and class flyer for descriptions and costs

One-on-One Tutoring with Ron Shepard at SASi

Date/Time: arrangement with instructor

Email Ron at shepardron@hotmail.com or call him at 704-964-4913 to register

Oil Painting Classes with Todd Baxter in his Studio

Fridays 10 to noon; Saturdays 2 to 4

For more information please contact Todd at toddaxter@comprium.net

2023 MEMBERSHIP

Renew your 2023 Membership

Membership forms are available both at SASi and on our website.

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 and artist contract to sell items in the Gift Shop.

Thank you to all new and returning members for your support. A special thank 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 3 levels: Sponsors \$250, Business, \$500 and Corporate \$1000 for 2023. Your higher level of support will be acknowledged in our marketing and social media. A full list of members at these levels is on SASi's Membership Page.

CALL TO ARTISTS

Gateway to Nature 2023 Judged Art Competition & Exhibit 2023

Exhibit Dates: September 21 – November 3, 2023

Deliver Entries: **Sat Sept 16**, 11 am to 4 pm and **Sun Sept 17**, 1 to 4 pm; or earlier **during gallery hours** (Tues-Sat 10 am – 3 pm)

Prospectus and Entry Forms are available at Southern Arts Society's galleries and on our website at: <http://southernartsociety.org/call-to-artists/>

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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.