

# SASi Newsletter January / February 2025

# SASi 2025 Calendars Are On Sale Now! 40th Edition 2025 Calendar theme is *Trains*



#### Calendars \$30 • Frames \$35 (black, gold or silver)

Next year's calendar theme will be discussed at our SASi Program meeting Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6:30 pm. The theme of *Americana* has been suggested to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States.

# Call to Artists for Small Wonders 2025

# Exhibit Dates: January 29 – March 29, 2025

Public Reception Saturday February 8, 5-7 pm • Awards Presented at 6 pm

Judged Art Competition and Exhibit Hosted by Southern Arts Society, Inc. Kings Mountain, North Carolina

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 6"x8" or smaller. Framing may be larger. Judge: To be announced.

Deliver Art: Friday, January 24, 11 am - 4 pm • Saturday, January 25, 11 am - 4 pm. Early entries accepted during Gallery Hours. Artists pick up work March 29th

For entry forms, artwork labels, and more information, please visit SASi or our website.

# ART TRACKS

Jan 1-2, 2025, CLOSED

- Jan 7 Tue SASi Program 6:30 pm -NOTE Earlier Time to meet, doors open at 6:00
- Jan 9, 16, 23, 30 Open Studio Sessions Every Thurs 10 am - 12 pm or later
- Jan 12 Sun Bookies meeting 10 am until... (Closed Group)
- Jan 14 Tue Shutter Light Photography Group Meeting 7 pm
- Jan 15 Wed Knit & Crochet Group Meeting 10:30 am – 12:30
- Jan 23-25 Pickup work from Christmas Show – Gallery Hours
- Jan 24-25 Fri-Sat Deliver Art for Small Wonders Art Exhibit and Competition \$\$ Please deliver art on scheduled dates or earlier during gallery hours
- Jan 30 Thur Color Pencil Group Meeting 1:30 pm NOTE EARLIER TIME!

#### Small Wonders on Exhibit Jan 29 thru March 29, 2025

#### February 2025

- Feb 4 Tues SASi Program Bullet Journaling w/ Mary Bartrop - 6:30 pm NOTE EARLIER TIME!
- Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 Open Studio Sessions Every Thurs 10 am - 12 pm or later
- Feb 8 Sat Reception for Small Wonders" 5-7 pm, Awards at 6 pm
- Feb 9 Bookies meeting 10 am until... (Closed Group)
- Feb 11 Tue Shutter Light Photography Group Meeting 7 pm
- Feb 19 Wed Knit & Crochet Group Meeting 10:30 am
- Feb 27 Thurs Color Pencil Group Meeting 1:30 pm NOTE EARLIER TIME!

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 Check for cancellations & postponements

# SASi's Holiday Show has been extended to January 24, 2025

Artists can pick up work January 24-25 and bring in works for our next show

# PROGRAMS

#### SASi Programs

#### SASi Programs and meetings are FREE and open to the public unless stated otherwise.

#### Please come and bring a friend! Doors open 1/2 hour prior to meeting.

Feb 4 – SASi Program • NOTE NEW TIME: begins at 6:30, doors open at 6 pm.

SASi member Mary Bartrop will show us why she loves the flexibility of the Bullet Journal method for managing her time. This year she is going back to the basics. She has found this to be very helpful in her day to day goals, organization, and freeing time and energy for creativity, and is excited to share this with everyone. Bring a notepad or sketchbook and your favorite pens and markers. Mary will have worksheets available, and will share about the features she finds most useful.

2026 Calendar Theme - to be discussed at February meeting A theme of Americana has been suggested to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States. If you are interested in designing a page for 2026, or have ideas for designs, please let us know.

#### **Calling Knitters & Crocheters!**

Jan 15; Feb 19 – The group meets from 10:30-12:00 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. Questions: email Pam Perkins at fiberlass@yahoo.com.

#### Shutter Light Photography Group

Jan 14; Feb 11 – Meeting begins at 7 PM. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Time to start a fresh New Year! Bring Holiday and Winter related photos on a flash drive to share with the group. Think about ideas for future camera club outings and themes for meetings. If you would like to volunteer to share a special topic with the group, please share those ideas when we meet. The group meets the second Tuesday of the month. 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! Questions: email KMCameraClub@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page

#### Color Pencil Group Meeting

Jan 30; Feb 27 - Thursday NEW TIME 1:30 PM – 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. With the colder weather and early darkness, they will meet earlier at 1:30 until 3:30 for the next few months. People attending Colored Pencil will then decide what time to meet going forward. As usual, bring your colored pencil supplies and project to work on. Led by artist Todd Baxter. Please email Todd at toddbaxter@comporium.net with your ideas, questions or to suggest meeting topics and techniques you would like to see.

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

Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 - Open Studio Sessions every Thursday 10 am - 12 pm or longer. Bring your yarn, needles and current project to work on and helpful tips to share. Artists working in all forms of Fiber are welcome to attend! Darlene Godfrey is leading the current meetings. Feel free to stay all day!

### **CLASSES**

#### **Oil Painting Classes** with Todd Baxter in his Studio

Fridays10 to noon; Saturdays 2 to 4 For more information please contact Todd at toddbaxter@comporium.net

### VOLUNTEERS

We hope members will give a few hours each month to volunteer during our Gallery Hours. Help out with daily needs if you are able (sweeping, cleaning, etc.) and bring your current art project to work on. Everything goes quicker when you have more people to help. We appreciate your time! Sign up by email, or call SASi: 803-448-4578.

### 2025 MEMBERSHIP

#### Membership and Gift Shop 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 finacial funding at 3 levels: Sponsors \$250, Business, \$500 and Corporate \$1000. Your higher level of support will be acknowledged in our marketing and social media.

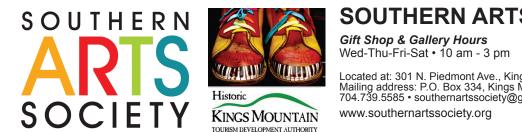
### **OFFICERS 2025**

#### **Board Updates**

SASi's officers for 2025 has changed: President Marigrace Bianco and co-Treasurer Karen Warren have rsigned. Vice President Lydia Sargent will serve as President. The remaining board as permitted by our bylaws have appoin ed Jackie Laine as co-President, and Suzanne Simmons as Vice President.

President: Co-President: Vice President: Suzanne Simmons Secretary: Treasurer:

Lydia Sargent Jackie Laine Lori McAdams Johnsie Reavis



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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.