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## JUNE 2024

<p>Father's Day</p>	<p>GIFTS</p>	<p>TO BRAG ABOUT <i>forever</i></p>	
<p>Graduation</p>	<p>GIFTS</p>	<p>TO CELEBRATE AND <i>inspire</i></p>	
<p>Wedding</p>	<p>GIFTS</p>	<p>TO BE TREASURED <i>forever</i></p>	

### MAAA ART GALLERY at SYD's

Our Gallery Gift-Giving promotion continues. And yes! We had a sale for Mother's Day at the **MAAA ART GALLERY at Syd's**.

Preparations are underway for the next **Syd's Opening, scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 4-6pm.**

Call to Artists: **Register to exhibit at Syd's by Sunday, June 30.** Drop-off Day is Friday, July 26.



## MAAA, ArtWalk and Rack Cards

As the area's longstanding visual arts organization, MAAA wants to be closely involved with other area arts groups. **ArtWalk in Downtown Keene** runs Friday, May 31, through Sunday, June 9. Many of the 85 artists in ArtWalk are MAAA members. If you get a chance to mention MAAA to non-member artists, you can help grow our membership—currently at 104 and growing!

**Rack Cards ready to distribute:** The pamphlet-size cards we created for the gift bags at the Grand Re-Opening of the MAAA Art Gallery at Syd's are now available in larger quantities. If you notice a bank of rack cards at a restaurant, business or tourist location and think our Gallery and our signature event, Art in the Park, should be included, let us know. Any volunteers interested in helping to distribute the promotional cards, [please get in touch using the contact form on our website](#). Thank you!

## Mary Iselin kicks off our new WORKSHOP Series!

*Still room to register for Mary's class on June 15.*

### Workshop with Mary Iselin: Seeing (and Using!) Color and Light in your Oil, Pastel, or Acrylic Painting

**June 15, 2024, 10am-4pm, Stone Arch Village, Community Room (Senior Housing Complex), 835 Court Street, Keene, NH** (Immediately after Savings Bank of Walpole on the right across from Dunkin Donuts)

It has often been said, "we don't paint objects, we paint light." And color is, to many of us, one of the biggest joys in our world. In this workshop, we will briefly explore how to see both color and light and explore techniques for using both in our work to enhance interest, excitement, and hopefully, to add that special "magic" that makes painting worthwhile.

**Registration fee: \$75 for members and \$90 for non-members. Deadline for Registration is June 12.**



*Series*

For this Workshop, the presenter and MAAA would like to be sure that no one is excluded due to cost. In the Registration Form (link above), there is a space to request reduced/waived tuition. If you have any questions, please contact Workshop Committee Members Kathleen Kennedy at 603-209-4344 or Gail Shelley at 603-209-0618. Please leave a text message or voicemail.



Workshop leader Mary Iselin and one of her oils, "Legacy."

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## Announcing Demo Day with Liz Winchester-Larson and Kate Beetle

More information coming soon about the July Demo Day featuring a morning session on Colored Pencil versatility and an afternoon session on how to get off on the right foot in Oil Painting (for beginner and intermediate oil painters). MAAA is delighted to share the gifts of these two award-winning, long-time members whose exquisite work is featured in area galleries.

- **Colored Pencil Art Techniques Demonstration, July 20, 2024, 9am-Noon with Liz Winchester Larson**
- **Absolute Basics of Oil Painting, 1-4pm with Kate Beetle**

Demo Day takes place at Stone Arch Village, Community Room (Senior Housing Complex), 835 Court Street, Keene. There will be a fee for each session, with a discount for attending both. Save the date and watch for details.

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This mockup of the new Art in the Park (AIP) Map/Brochure is being used to gauge sponsor interest by members of the AIP Committee.

## ART in the Park

### New Map/Brochure with new site numbers

We are designing a new Map/Brochure for Art in the Park and have prepared an accurate map from the landscape architect's original schematics. We are also renumbering the sites in a logical, sequential system. Returning artists who requested the same location as 2023 by the deadline in May will be assigned to approximately the same site, recognizing that they will have new numbers.

### Member Display in AIP Big Tent

If you are not an Art in the Park exhibitor, but would like to have your work included in MAAA's big day, we will be doing a Member Display in the Big Tent. Space will be limited, so we need to know by July 1 if you'd like to be included in this. Please contact Kris Stewart at [kristewartfineart@gmail.com](mailto:kristewartfineart@gmail.com).

Remember, Labor Day weekend is early this year—Saturday, August 31 and Sunday, September 1.

Critiques  
with Care



May's Critiques with Care attendees were treated to an impromptu demonstration of a watercolor skyscape.

## Critiques with Care continue in July

Critiques with Care will continue in July. No session in June. Also, no session in August. So take a look at your calendar for the last Thursday in July. After that, we hope to see you in September. So far, the program has had three excellent sessions with repeat attendees and new people each time. Response has been purely positive and the association is very grateful to our member Jeanne Maguire Thieme for sharing her talents and her studio with us.

[\*\*REGISTER\*\*](#)

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# Group Exhibition



## MAAA Member Exhibit in Newfane, VT

Thirteen artists will be part of our Member Exhibit at the Crowell Gallery at Moore Free Library in Newfane, VT, in July: Kate Beetle, Sue Beetle, Carol Corliss, Mary Iselin, Kathleen Kennedy, Amy Owens, Gail Shelley, Ruth Sterling, Kris Stewart, Marianne Stillwagon, Gill Truslow, Liz Winchester-Larson and Kevin Whitfield. The show will be hung July 1 and the strike date for the show is July 27. A reception will be held on July 6 from 1-3pm.

All MAAA members were invited to participate in this exhibit in the beautiful town of Newfane, VT, a tourist attraction year-round. Watch for the next call to artists for member exhibits—it's a great opportunity to have your art hang with some of our area's most talented artists. Thank you to Kris Stewart for organizing this project. Would you like to help organize a member exhibit at a venue in our region? Email [monadnockareartists@gmail.com](mailto:monadnockareartists@gmail.com).

### ATTENTION CROWEL GALLERY EXHIBITORS

The date to take your art to the Crowell Gallery in Newfane for the July show is Monday July 1 from 11 am until noon. If you have a conflict, please notify Kris Stewart at [krisstewartfineart@gmail.com](mailto:krisstewartfineart@gmail.com) so other arrangements can be made. You will be receiving additional information regarding the reception and the strike date.

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## Membership Renewals and Registrations

Our new Membership system is ready for testing but has not replaced the old system yet. We will let everyone know when the changeover will take place.



## MEMBER NEWS



Robert Collier's pastel is one of many Monadnocks in this wonderful exhibit. MAAA members Jeanne Maguire Thieme and Mary Iselin are featured in the show.

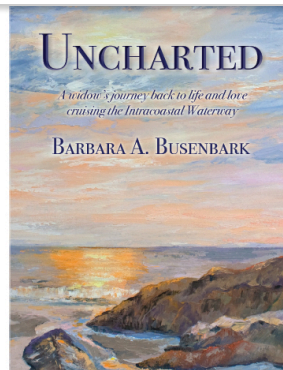
### **“Mountain as Muse” exhibition at the Historical Society**

"Mountain as Muse" the summer exhibition at the Historical Society of Cheshire County, is open now through August 30, 2024. From the earliest sketches of artist explorers discovering the mountain in the in the early 1800s to contemporary Monadnock area artists, this is a great show with lots of painting inspirations. For more information and exhibit hours: <http://www.hsccnh.org>. 246 Main Street, Keene, NH, 603-352-1895. General admission \$5. free for HSCC members.

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### **Barbara Busenbark's Book Talk**

Barbara Busenbark, one-time MAAA Vice-President and website coordinator, has written a memoir and will be in Keene and Peterborough sharing her book. Reading and book signing at the Toadstool Bookstore in Keene on Friday evening, June 21, at 6 PM and Toadstool Peterborough on Saturday, June 22, at 11 AM. She'd love to see some familiar faces!



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## ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

### River Valley Artisans Art Tour 2024

There's still time to sign up for this great show. Space available is outside at the brewery. The tour is September 7th & 8th. The two venues are Summit Winery in Westmoreland and Branch & Blade Brewing in Keene, but spaces are currently available only at Branch & Blade - outside in your own tent. If you would like more information or an application, please contact: [rivervalleyartisanstour@gmail.com](mailto:rivervalleyartisanstour@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.rva-art.com](http://www.rva-art.com) for an application.

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Monadnock Sketchers meets every few weeks to sketch in different locations. The next meetup is June 1st in Hancock.

Our Facebook page is

<https://www.facebook.com/share/it8sje5qdWlkpTJo/?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

A flyer for the Monadnock Sketchers event. It features four small photographs of buildings in Hancock, NH: a black and white building, a red brick building, a white church with a steeple, and a white building with a porch. To the right of the photos is a dark purple box with the text 'MONADNOCK SKETCHERS' in white. Below this, the event details are listed: 'JUNE 1st', '10am - noon', 'Meetup', 'Hancock, NH', 'Hancock Market', '30 Main Street'. At the bottom, it says 'No experience required. Bring your supplies and join us as we sketch around town'.



I plan to participate in the 2024 Art in the Park and would prefer to borrow a fellow artist's display panels or other equipment who isn't planning to exhibit at AIP this year so I can reduce the cost on my end. Please let me know if you would be willing to do this for me as soon as possible. It would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you!

Kevin Whitfield

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Please send your news for next month by the 23rd of this month to [bagel@tpdi.biz](mailto:bagel@tpdi.biz). Please send your news as you want it to read as I will not make edits. If you send photos, **please send as a jpg not a pdf** as Mailchimp doesn't upload pdf's and send as an attachment.

**Please do not send pdf's.**

Thank you

Carol

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