

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Our NEXT MEETING
IS TUESDAY, APRIL



2nd
2024

MEETING STARTS PROMPTLY

AT 7:00 p.m.

Our meetings take place at the
Mahany/Meininger Community
Center

3500 Marais, Royal Oak
(North at the light off 13 Mile,
between Main & Crooks)

Meetings usually are on the first
Tuesday of the month

*A Very Generous Gift
from this month's speaker...*

Will be raffled off as a
fundraiser for SOAA at the
April 2nd meeting. Be sure to
bring some raffle cash to buy
your tickets. Tickets will be
on sale before our meeting
starts & during Artist of the
Month voting.

Single matted, 11x14 ready to
frame



SOAA
SOUTH OAKLAND ART ASSOCIATION

ArtVine

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

APRIL NEWSLETTER

SUCCESS WITH PASTELS

Joyce Harlukowicz



Joyce Harlukowicz has been involved professionally with art classes, workshops, commissions and shows for more than thirty years. She is a proud "Augusteer", one of the many students who studied with August Gloss at Starkweather Alley Gallery in Romeo, Michigan during the 1990's and early 2000's. She credits him with making pastels painting an accessible and attainable form of creative expression in her life. The fields, pastures, farm outbuildings and shorelines of Michigan provide the landscape inspiration for her work.

Joyce regularly enters and is juried into art shows at the local and national level, and has won numerous awards for her work. A member of the Great Lakes Pastel Society and Romeo Guild of Art, Joyce is represented by White Church Gallery in Port Austin, Michigan.

2023-24 SOAA BOARD

Melissa Wilson – President, Meetings

Mardi Chapman – Acting Vice President

Carol Card – Treasurer

Joyce Knight-Coyne – Recording Secretary, Artist of the Month, Awards

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President's Message

Dear South Oakland Art Association Members,

Spring is finally here and we have lots of exciting things going on at SOAA. We had a wonderful presentation in March by Artist Carol Cook Reid.

At our April 2nd meeting, artist Joyce Harlukowicz will present a demo and hands-on workshop using the pastel medium. Her work is phenomenal, so you will not want to miss this program. **NOTICE: Joyce is donating a piece of her Artwork to SOAA and it will be raffled off at this meeting.** Get a sneak peak of this beautiful piece of artwork generously donated on page 1. So, bring your cash and buy some tickets. Funds collected will be donated to SOAA. **Thank you Joyce!**

You will also be introduced to candidates running for the Executive Board and Committee Chairs. Nominations remain open, so if any member is interested in running, nominations can still be made from the floor at this meeting.

In May I will be leading the program portion of our meeting. Dive into a workshop to learn everything you need to know to exhibit art work, where art meets technology and creativity knows no bounds! Join us for an immersive experience where we'll unravel the mysteries behind Giclee Prints, master the art of mat cutting, capture your creations through professional photography techniques, explore the world of limited-edition prints, decode the secrets of pricing your work, navigate the digital realm of file formats, and uphold the ethics of originality in art. Whether you're a seasoned artist or just starting your personal journey, this workshop will empower you with the skills and knowledge to elevate your artistry to new heights. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to unleash your creativity and join us in shaping the future of art!

Congratulations to nine of our members who together will be representing SOAA in the Palmer Park Art show June 1-2. Please try to make it out to support these artists and start telling all your friends about the show. We have more opportunities coming up, for all SOAA members to join in.

Melissa Wilson, President, South Oakland Art Association

MEMBER FEATURE – SHOW YOUR ARTWORK ON OUR WEBSITE

Another advantage of membership – our member artwork section on our SOAA website – southoaklandart.com. It's easy to do and allows us to show off the talents of our membership.

- Take a photo of each artwork you would like to display and send along with a short bio and possibly a photo of yourself to be used in your section. Photos should be in jpeg format – 8 or fewer photos.
- Send to webmaster John Rash @ rash.john1@gmail.com with your contact information.

It's time for Facebook Fame!!!

We'd like to start a new feature on our Facebook page where we feature the art and a short bio of each of our artists. Only one artist will be featured at a time. Once it's posted, feel free to share it on your FB page or anywhere you like. Let's promote the fine artists we have here in the South Oakland Art Association.

If you'd like to participate, please go to <http://nagridge.com/soaa>. There will be a pdf for you to download with the instructions.

My hope is to feature an artist once or twice a week. I look forward to featuring you. Let me know if you have any questions or problems submitting the art or the form. --- **John Nagridge**

Running for Executive Board or a Committee Chair to date are the following. The candidates and any additional nominations will be introduced at the April Meeting. We will vote in May.

President- Melissa Wilson
Vice President- Rachel Kaltner
Treasurer- Carol Hanchett-Card
Corresponding Secy- Susan Donnellon
Recording Secy- Joyce Knight-Coyne

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Awards Committee
Joyce Coyne Knight

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Melissa Wilson

Fundraising Committee -
Melissa Wilson

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Melissa Wilson

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John Rash

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

- April 2 Monthly Meeting 7 p.m.**
Joyce Harlukowicz
Artist, Author, Educator, Great Golfer
'Success with Pastels'
- May 7 Monthly Meeting 7 p.m.**
Melissa Wilson - "Everything you need to know about exhibiting your artwork"
- June 1 & 2 Palmer Park Outdoor Art Fair**
- June 4 Monthly Meeting 7 p.m.**
- Looking ahead:**
- July 6-7 Royal Oak Outdoor Art Fair**
- Aug. 9 Royal Oak Art Walk 5-9 pm**
- Sept.- Oct. Southfield Public Library**
Two Month SOAA Display – Multi Media
- Oct. Plein Aire Contest & Show**
- Nov. 2-16 Art at the Museum Show & Sale**

AT OUR MEETING: (please be on time)

- Please sign in and take a name tag
- If you bring a guest, have them sign in and introduce them to some of our members.
- Place your snack item in the provided space
- DON'T FORGET – Members - Set up your Artwork for our Artist of the Month competition.

GENERAL INFO -

PAINTING CLASSES WITH JOHN RASH

Painting - All Media

Thursday, 9:15 - 11:45 am

Painting - Watercolor

Friday, 9:15 - 11:45 am

Generally, 8 classes - \$65. These classes are held at the Mahany/Meiningor Community Ctr., 3500 Marais, Royal Oak. Information: 248-246-3900

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISPLAY PLANNED FOR NEXT FALL

We have booked a display opportunity at the Southfield Library for the months of September and October. If interested in participating and being a part of planning & setup, contact Melissa @ 248-770-8520 or signup at our monthly meetings.

GET ON THE SOAA REMINDER APP

You can now receive SOAA meeting and activity reminders on your phone by adding the **REMINDER APP** now.

Type in address: **#81010**

Text in message: **@soaaremind**

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"Unlock Your Artistic Potential with Private Lessons by Melissa Wilson!"

Are you interested in private art lessons? Look no further! Melissa Wilson, an award-winning art teacher, is here to guide you on your artistic journey. Melissa specializes in a variety of mediums, including Oil, Watercolor, Encaustic, Ceramics, Photography, and so much more. Her expertise and passion for art have earned her the title of Michigan High School Art Teacher of the Year in 2020.

Whether you're a beginner eager to learn or an experienced artist looking to refine your skills, Melissa offers private lessons tailored to your needs. You'll receive personalized attention and guidance to help you reach your artistic goals.

Each private session lasts 2.5 hours, providing ample time to dive deep into your chosen medium and make meaningful progress.

Take the first step towards realizing your artistic dreams with private lessons by Melissa Wilson, available for just \$50 per session. Contact Melissa today to schedule your private art lesson and unleash your creativity!"

melissawilson192@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

We hope you will consider joining us as a member. Annual Dues are **\$30 individual or \$35 to include a second adult family member at the same address. Your dues go for programs, shows, awards and supplies.**

Check or Cash preferred. If paying by check: Please make check payable to: **SOUTH OAKLAND ART ASSN.**

We'd love to have you join us!

Artists of the Month

MARCH

PORTRAIT



Susan Donnellon - 1st
"Happiness is an Open Field"



Janice Schulte - 2nd
"Hockey Player"

REPRESENTATIONAL



Melissa Wilson - 1st
"Once a Church"



Jim Anderson - 2nd
"Tulips for Elaine"

ABSTRACT



Melissa Wilson - 1st
"Train"



John Rash - tie 2nd
"Abstract #1"



Joyce Knight-Coyne - tie 2nd
"Mushroom Rain"



Susan Donnellon - 1st
"Sweet Carolina Wren"

UPDATED SOAA ARTIST OF THE MONTH CONTEST RULES

1. You must be an SOAA member in attendance to enter artwork in the monthly contest held during each General Membership meeting.
2. All artwork must be submitted by 7:00 pm. Voting ends at 7:10 pm
3. Artists may enter two pieces of art each month. They do not need to be entered in the same category. Categories include Portraits, Representational, 3-Dimensional & Abstract
4. First & Second Place Awards will be given in each category. In the event of a tie, both winners will receive an award.
5. Anyone attending the meeting may vote for the Artist of the Month.
6. Winners are announced at the end of the meeting and will have their photo taken for the SOAA newsletter.
7. Once a piece of art has been entered in the Artist of the Month contest, it cannot be entered again.
8. When a piece of art borders on two categories, the Awards Chair may assist with category selection with artist agreement. Some art would fit in multiple categories.