

MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
Our NEXT MEETING  
IS TUESDAY, MARCH



5th  
2024

MEETING STARTS PROMPTLY

AT 7:00 p.m.

*Our meetings take place at the  
Mahany/Meininger Community  
Center*

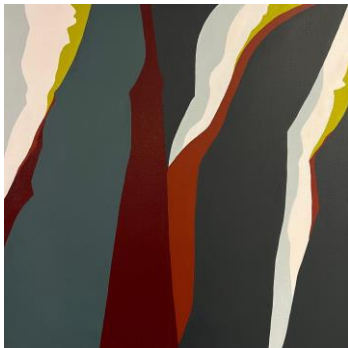
*3500 Marais, Royal Oak  
(North at the light off 13 Mile,  
between Main & Crooks)*

*Meetings usually are on the first  
Tuesday of the month*

A couple more photos of our  
March Speaker's artwork...



**Abstractions by  
Carol Cook Reid**



SOAA  
SOUTH OAKLAND ART ASSOCIATION

# ArtVine

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH NEWSLETTER

## Reflections

By Carol Cook Reid



Carol Cook Reid's paintings are inspired by and reflect nature. During difficult times she finds comfort in natural environments - in outdoor views from windows and through doorways, along walkways and roadsides, in natural preserves, city parks, and formal gardens - wherever she experiences the interrelated elements of flora, earth and sky. Memories of these experiences spark her creativity.

Reid's compositions are responses to visual and emotional encounters with nature. A blank canvas is like an empty stage, ready to receive dancers, actors, and backdrops. She is the choreographer. Sharing one space, all design elements in a composition are interdependent. A patch of sky is defined by the surrounding land; and the land, by intersecting flora. Their shared contours define their individuality as well as their relationships to each other. Arranging the elements to create a balance in two dimensions is an exciting challenge. The entire creative process between remembering, composing and completing her reflections with paint on canvas brings her joy and inner peace.

Reid studied art and education at Michigan State University, and then taught art to elementary school students. Upon retiring, she developed her creative expression. She completed a master's degree in painting at Wayne State University at the age of seventy. Her work has been exhibited in galleries throughout Michigan, and received numerous awards.

### 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

Corresponding Secretary – **THIS COULD BE YOU**

Pat Hughes (248) 709-7388 – Membership/Hospitality

John Rash – Webmaster ([rash.john1@gmail.com](mailto:rash.john1@gmail.com))

Carol Card – Newsletter ([roac.carol@gmail.com](mailto:roac.carol@gmail.com))

To unsubscribe, send an email with subject "Unsubscribe to Newsletter" to Newsletter editor above.

## *President's Message*

Dear South Oakland Art Association Members,

I am thrilled to share the remarkable progress we have made together over the past year as a vibrant artistic community. Our membership has experienced substantial growth, and I am delighted to see so many new faces actively contributing to the creative energy of SOAA.

I sincerely hope each of you is finding fulfillment and inspiration in being a part of our artistic family. Whether you're here for the pure love of art or pursuing a livelihood in the creative realm, I trust that SOAA is proving to be a valuable resource on your artistic journey.

Reflecting on my own journey, a year and a half ago, I made the decision to retire from teaching high school art. This move allowed me to spend more time with my children and embark on the exciting path of creating and selling my own artwork. SOAA has played a pivotal role in supporting me by providing opportunities to showcase and sell my work, and by connecting me with fellow artists facing similar challenges and aspirations.

As members, it's crucial to consider what you hope to gain from your SOAA experience. Whether it's personal artistic growth, professional development, or simply the joy of connecting with like-minded individuals, our association is here to serve your needs. I encourage each of you to contemplate your goals and reflect on how our community can contribute to achieving them.

In the spirit of active participation, I invite you to explore opportunities within SOAA by joining a Committee, taking on a committee chair role, or even considering a position as an officer. Your involvement not only enhances your own experience but also contributes to the strength and vitality of our association as a whole.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting lineup of events planned, including a plein air event, a summer art sale, and more. I am particularly thrilled to announce that my dear friend, Carol Cook Reid, will be presenting in March. Carol will share insights into her artistic process, showcasing her incredible ability to find beauty in an abstract manner. I encourage you all to mark your calendars for March 5th at 7 PM and join us for this enlightening and inspiring event.

In closing, let's continue to foster a supportive and enriching environment for artistic exploration at SOAA. Your participation and enthusiasm are the driving forces behind our collective success.

Wishing you all continued artistic inspiration and growth.

Warm regards,

*Melissa Wilson*

President, South Oakland Art Association

## **Step Right UP – Let's Make SOAA even better!**

A survey has been sent out to all members requesting more participation in our growing organization. If you haven't already done so, please complete the survey at:

### **1) Preferred response format:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQEmL7sfd1VK7UjlvW3A-YxGqRqPwG07zXR5jJCXelyXaBdA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQEmL7sfd1VK7UjlvW3A-YxGqRqPwG07zXR5jJCXelyXaBdA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Questions/Concerns – Contact Melissa.

Thanking you in advance for your support!

Pat Hughes sent the following notice posted by The **Detroit Artists Market** .....

## **“THIS WEEK IN ART” At Motor City Brewing Works**

*Looking to showcase a series  
of artwork and make some sales?*

“This Week in Art” is a one-night pop-up most Wednesdays of the year, in a casual and art-friendly environment at Motor City Brewing Works. Motor City has showcased emerging and established artists of all kinds over the past 20 years and is looking for interested artists for individual shows, group shows and serial curation. It is a great chance to exhibit and sell artwork, with all proceeds going to the artist. Email [Zach@motorcitybeer.com](mailto:Zach@motorcitybeer.com) the following materials (5 images, a bio and a link to socials or website)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2024

- March 5 Monthly Meeting 7 p.m.**  
Carol Cook Reed, Artist  
"Abstraction"
- April 2 Monthly Meeting 7 p.m.**  
Joyce Harlukowicz, Pastel Artist  
'Tips on Working with Pastels'
- Looking ahead:**
- July 6-7 Royal Oak Outdoor Art Fair**
- August Plein Air Royal Oak**
- Sept.-**
- Oct. Southfield Public Library**  
Two Month SOAA Display – Multi Media
- 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.



**The SCOOP** - Happenings, classes, shows, and more...

### **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/Meininger 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**

**Send**

### **"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](mailto: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

## FEBRUARY

### ABSTRACT



Ann Marie Mannino 1st  
"Trees"



Winnie Chrzanowski – 2nd  
"Frozen in Flight"

#### ARTIST OF THE MONTH ENTRY TIPS:

- SOAA members only
- Your work must be your own.
- You may submit up to 2 pieces per meeting in any medium and category
- Artwork brought in previously may not be shown a second time. Once only please.
- Place your art in its proper category area: Representational, Portrait, Abstract or 3-Dimensional

### PORTRAIT



Kathy Pare – 1<sup>st</sup>  
"Pee Wee"



Feroz Khan – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
"My Granddaughter, Sareena"

### 3-DIMENSIONAL



Susan Donnellon – 1<sup>st</sup>  
"Little Birdie"



Erica Davis-Hernandez – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
"Abstract Tile"

### REPRESENTATIONAL



John Rash – 1<sup>st</sup>  
"Marshland #2"



Jean Garrett -2nd  
"Floral Watercolor"

#### *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