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Salem Art Association November Exhibits

All of the events listed below are free and open to the public unless noted.



Artwork by Brooke Stone

November 5-December 24 > Holiday Showcase

Beginning Saturday, November 4, dozens of new artisans will join your favorite regional artists in offering hundreds of works of art and handmade gift items to make your seasonal shopping fun and rewarding.

This season, SAA's Bush House Museum and Community Arts Education programs will also be in on the action with their own areas of the showcase in which they will spotlight artists and crafts people affiliated with the mission of their programs. In a dedicated area of the A.N. Bush Gallery, the Bush House Museum will present a Traditional Crafts Bazaar featuring the work of contemporary artisans using traditional methods such as candle making, metalsmithing, and basket weaving. Meanwhile, in the Focus Gallery, the Community Arts Education's Artist-In-Residence Sonia Allen will exhibit new works through December 3, followed by ArtMarket, a fun, contemporary art venue featuring affordable "indy" crafts and edgy art by regional artists. The ArtMarket will open on December 9, 2011.

On Friday, November 4 from 6-9 pm, the Bush Barn Art Center will host an island-style party to celebrate the opening of the Salem Art Association's annual Holiday Showcase. Gala tickets are \$10/SAA members and \$20/non-members in advance or \$25 at the door for everyone. The ticket price includes appetizers and a complimentary Mai Tai, glass of wine, or a non-alcoholic beverage.

The theme for this year's gala is "Hawaiian Holiday." Attendees will enjoy wine, pupus, (Hawaiian appetizers, pronounced "poo poos") and tropical cocktails at an indoor tiki bar while listening to holiday music with a tropical beat. Attendees are even welcome to bring their own ukuleles! Prizes will be awarded for guests sporting the best Polynesian-inspired attire.

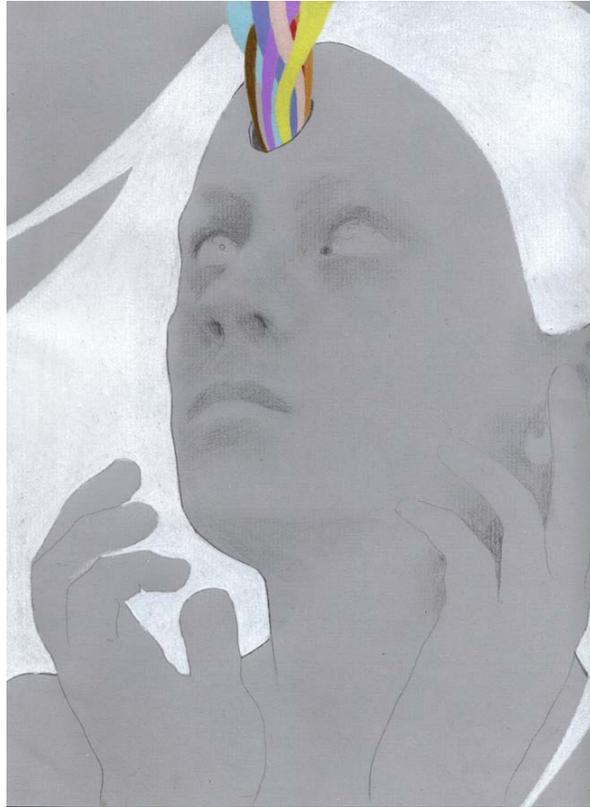
For more information or to volunteer in the galleries this holiday season, contact Catherine Alexander, SAA Gallery Director, at 503-581-2228 x302 or at catherine@SalemArt.org.



Odyssey by Sonia Allen

November 5-December 24 > Remarques: Recent work by Sonia Allen

Remarques: Recent Work by Sonia Allen features original monotypes ranging from printmaking to water media from Sonia Allen's collection created during her time as the Summer Artist-In-Residence at the Bush Barn Art Center's Studio Annex. Allen's works explore the theme of "strength amidst adversity," and will be on view in the Focus Gallery in the Bush Barn Art center from November 5-December 24. An artists' reception will be held on Friday, November 4, from 6:00-9:00 pm during SAA's annual Holiday Gala. Gala tickets may be purchased for \$10/members or \$20/non-members or \$25 at the door (for everyone). The SAA Members Show was generously sponsored by State Farm Insurance. For more information, please contact Catherine Alexander, Galleries Director, at 503-581-2228 x302 or at catherine@SalemArt.org.



Fog, Fire and Fury by Boz Schurr

Through November 30 > Artist-In-Residence: Boz Schurr

Boz Schurr, SAA's October/November Artist-in-Residence, will be on-site and available to the public in SAA's Studio Annex on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11:30 am-4 pm through the end of November. Please feel free to drop by during her open hours and experience the Artist-in-Residence program in action!

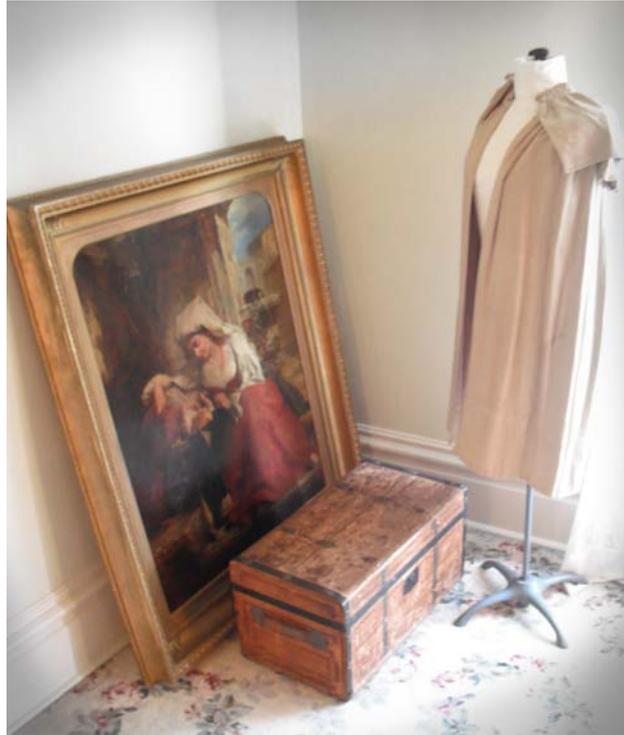
Salem Art Association's (SAA) Artists Services Program has revitalized its Artists-in-Residence Program. *This program aims to serve professional artists by providing a flexible space for artistic development.* There are three *Artists in Residence (AIR)* sessions per year which last six weeks. All artists including literary, visual, and performing artists may apply. The goals of the AIR program are to provide a positive and supportive environment for artists, as well as space for experimentation in order to further the development of an artist's work. If you are interested in learning more about the *Studio Annex Artist in Residence Program*, please contact Kathleen Dinges at Kathleen@salemart.org or visit our website at www.SalemArt.org.



Artwork by Cynthia Herron

Through December 3 > SAA Members' Show

This juried, all-media group exhibition in the Camas Gallery at the Bush Barn Art Center will feature artists who are current SAA members. These are original works completed within the last 12 months that were not produced under classroom supervision or previously exhibited in a 25-mile radius of Salem. An artists' reception will be held on Friday, November 4, from 6:00-9:00 pm during SAA's annual Holiday Gala. Gala tickets may be purchased for \$10/members or \$20/non-members or \$25 at the door (for everyone). The SAA Members Show was generously sponsored by State Farm Insurance. For more information, please contact Catherine Alexander, Galleries Director, at 503-581-2228 x302 or at catherine@SalemArt.org.



Through December 23, 2011 > Documenting the Bush House Museum Permanent Art Collection

The Bush House Museum opened in the fall of 1953 as Salem's first museum of history and art. Over the next few decades the museum received donations of fine and decorative art to display in the house and the proposed Salem Art Museum in Bush's Pasture Park. While the art museum never materialized, this art is an important complement to those pieces collected and commissioned by the Bush Family from the 1870s to the 1940s. Enjoy this informative and inspiring exhibition during the museum's regularly scheduled guided tours. For more information, contact Ross Sutherland, Museum Director, at 503-363-4714 or at bushhouse@SalemArt.org.

The Salem Art Association (SAA) is a nonprofit cultural organization dedicated to art education, art appreciation, and historic preservation in Salem and surrounding communities and is one of the largest community arts organizations in Oregon. SAA operates the Bush House Museum and gardens and the Bush Barn Art Center in historic Bush's Pasture Park. The Bush Barn Art Center features contemporary artwork in the A.N Bush, Focus, and Camas Galleries.

SAA also runs Community Art Education programs that bring art classes to over 11,000 school children in Marion, Polk, and Yamhill Counties each year. SAA creates and runs the annual Salem Art Fair & Festival. The Art Fair reaches all segments of the community on the third full weekend in July each year in Bush's Pasture Park. This major community event includes the 200-booth Artist Marketplace, two stages, hands-on arts activities for children and adults, artist demonstrations, information booths hosted by approximately 35 cultural organizations, and food booths run by other local nonprofit organizations. For more information, visit www.SalemArt.org.