

This Year's Theme: Connecting with Nature, People, and Art ...

Song of the Wild: Honoring the Natural Beauty and Wildlife of Maine

June 18 - July 26. Opening reception Saturday, July 20, 4:30 - 6:30pm

Maine Art Gallery is excited to present an exhibition of the work of ten esteemed Maine artists in celebration of the natural beauty of Maine. Artists and co-curators Emily Sabino and Jane Dahmen have chosen work showcasing a variety of visual homages to wild places in Maine, including: aerial views of ocean and islands; terrestrial immersion in birches and white pine groves; close-ups of insects, healing plants and amphibians; and abstract visual interpretations of Maine fields and forests. In addition, they have partnered with Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust to present an educational component in the programming. This show is bound to appeal to art and nature lovers alike.

The ten artists representing various mediums are: landscape painters Eric Hopkins, Jane Dahmen, Sarah Farragher and Matt Barter; fresco artist Barbara Sullivan; mixed media artist Lesia Sochor; photographer Liv Kristin Robinson; and abstract painters, Katherine Shagas, Joy Vaughan and Emily Sabino.

Special Events:

- **June 20, 4:30pm - 6:30pm:** Music by "The Flying Seeds," at the opening reception.
- **July 11, 4:30pm - 6pm:** Environmental talk, "The Impact of Air," by Sara Gladu, Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust's Community Science Director.
- **July 16, 4:30pm - 6pm:** Panel discussion, "Nature As Muse" featuring author Kay Tobler Liss, photographer Jonathan Lavan, and painter Emily Sabino.

"Art to Table: Visual Sustenance" Offered Delectable Artistic Treats

Our first big exhibition of the season, "Art to Table: Visual Sustenance," May 7 - June 14, was a delightful show well-received by all who saw it. It was a fascinating artistic exploration of food in all its manifestations in our lives - the growing, harvesting and enjoyment of it around a table. Artwork spanning all genres, from painting to sculpture to assemblages, depicted everything from Holstein cows to lobsters, fields of blueberries to folks sitting around a table drinking wine and having a meal. We were honored to have as juror of the show internationally known artist Tina Ingraham.

In conjunction with the exhibit, the gallery hosted a panel program on sustainable agriculture in Maine, featuring three different entities: Maine Farmland Trust, which has saved thousands of acres of farmland in the state; Veggies to Table, a non-profit that donates all of its produce to local food pantries and people in need; and Morning Glory Natural Foods, an organic market in Brunswick in business for over 40 years. Also joining the panelists was one of the new owners of the Commons at Morris Farm, the organic farm in Wiscasset that was resurrected through the efforts of MFT and local supporters of the farm.

Upcoming Exhibits and Their Related Events:

"Plein Air: Paint it Maine," our annual plein air painting event, July 30 - September 6 (1st floor)

- **August 1, 4:30pm - 6:30pm:** Opening reception with music by Sean Fleming, jazz pianist.
- **July 30 and August 27, until 7pm:** Open late for Wiscasset Art Walk.
- **August 13, 4:30pm - 6pm:** Panel talk on "Why We like Painting Plein Air" by artists from the show.

"The Art of Alchemy: Collage/Mixed Media Exploration," July 30 - September 6 (2nd floor)

- **August 1, 4:30 - 6:30pm:** Opening reception with music by Sean Fleming, jazz pianist.
- **July 30 and August 27, until 7pm:** Open late for Wiscasset Art Walk.

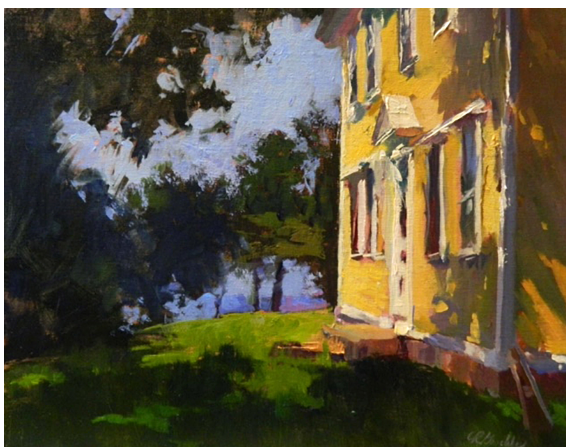
Calls for Art are now open for both exhibitions. Check our website for further details: maineartgallerywiscasset.org.



Above: Jane Dahmen, "Fall." Below: Eric Hopkins, "Over the Horizon." Both artists are part of the Song of the Wild exhibit, June 18 to July 26.



Opening reception of "Visual Sustenance." L - R: Board Member Jonathan Lavan and dog Toast with artist Jean Kigel standing in front of her sold work "Close Comfort." photo by Bob Bond.



L - R: Plein Air painting by Roberta Goschke, "Bowman House;" collage and mixed media by Debra Arter, "Truth Dissection;" member artist painting by Holly Berry, "Along the River."

“Made in Maine: Annual Members Show,” September 10 - October 18

This year’s artists’ member exhibit will also highlight work from some early members of the gallery, emphasizing their important role in the history of the visual arts on the coast of Maine.

- September 12, 4:30pm - 6:30pm: Opening reception with music by jazz pianist Sean Fleming.
- September 19, 4:30pm: Celebration of staircase and historic timeline projects. Read more about this below ...

Great Classes and a Demo Offering This Summer!

- June 23: How to Shoot Better Photos with David Griffin
- July 1: Discover Your Inner Artist with Kat Logan
- July 8: Drawing and Painting our Feathered Friends with Kat Logan
- July 9: Gytaku - Demonstration of Asian Fish Printing with Jean Kigel (For details, visit [maineartgallerywiscasset.org/special events](http://maineartgallerywiscasset.org/special%20events))
- July 15: Composing with Color: Pastel and Mixed Media with Jude Vale
- July 22: Charcoal and Line Drawing: Drawing the Landscape with Jude Valentine
- Aug. 4: Chasing Light and Color: Loose, Lively Watercolor on Location with Deena Ball
- Aug. 18: Letting Loose with Tissue and Glue with Debra Arter



Gytaku fish print by Jean Kigel

For details, visit: maineartgallerywiscasset.org/classes

A Celebration of Our Renovated Staircase and New History Timeline

We are so pleased with our renovated staircase and new history timeline that we’re throwing a party! The gallery’s illustrious history is now in one place where visitors can walk in and see a timeline, from 1958, and some of the impressive artists’ names associated with the gallery with great photos from the past and present. Plus, we have a handsome and much safer new banister gracing our stairwell. We will be thanking all involved, along with our generous grantors, like Maine Preservation, who have helped fund the building’s restoration projects. Put Saturday, September 19 at 4pm on your calendars!



L- R: New installation of gallery’s history timeline. Board Member Christine Aston with husband Donald, appreciating the new railing on our staircase.



Volunteers Are Always Welcome

Many hands make light work. We have lots going on, and volunteering is rewarding and fun! Email info@maineartgallerywiscasset.org to learn more.

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