



SALT SPRING ISLAND PRINTMAKERS

Newsletter November/December 2023

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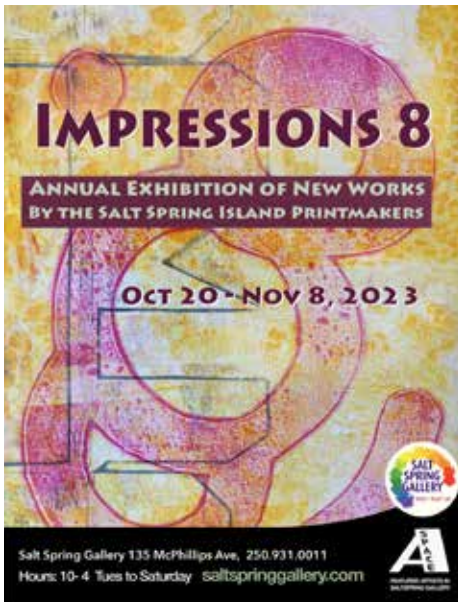
The winter rains are upon us and what better time than to head to the studio at SIMS and make a plate, choose some inks, and roll it out? Especially if you are making nature related prints for the upcoming "Deck the Walls: Nature Prints" show at the Library in December! See you there soon! Nora

Deck the Walls: Nature Prints

This is a show with a twist... no framed prints but lots of them, garlands of holly, a celebration and a sale! The Call for Entries is now out (see the website), and we're hoping that you will join the fun. You can submit up to 4 small/medium sized prints in plastic sleeves for the show. Tell us if you want to have prints for sale on December 9th. And please plan to join the festivities that day, between 10.30 and 2.00 as we celebrate the show and the season.

Speaking of Shows... Impressions 8

A very special and well-received show! With thanks to the 15 printmakers who submitted their works to our 8th annual show, this year at the **Salt Spring Gallery**, and to all those who made the show happen. It's always a pleasure working with the Gallery team. The show ends on November 8th – don't miss it!



Memberships remain at \$30,
and full access to the studio
is now \$275/year.

If you want to pay in two
installments, half is payable now
and half in February.





Seasonal Card Fundraiser

A reminder that deadline for the **Seasonal Card Challenge** is November 10. Put your entry into the envelope at Apple Photo in the Community box. Don't forget your \$5 entry fee per card. Five cards will be chosen to be printed by Apple Photo and sold through their store and SS Books. All proceeds to Copper Kettle.

2024 Workshops

To start the year we have 2 events lined up. Mark your calendars! Watch for more announcements soon!



On Tuesday, January 16th, **Golden representative Sara Robichaud** is coming to do a demo/presentation about **Golden products and printmaking/mixed media**. We'll have the registration info soon on the website, and while there is a \$10 fee, we understand you will go home with a "goodie bag" full of sample products to try out. We're inviting the Painters Guild members to join us too.

On February 24/25, **Richard Tetrault** is coming back to Salt Spring to do a **2-day woodcut reduction printmaking workshop**. He's been here many times before, at the former Duthie Gallery, and this is sure to be a sell-out. More info to follow very soon.

2022-2023 Annual General Meeting



Our AGM was held on November 1st by zoom with 10 members participating, and we passed a series of resolutions approving our financial statements and the 3 resolutions that were circulated to change our Society's purposes and add to our bylaws. With these resolutions in hand we can now reapply to Canada Revenue Agency for charitable status.

The Directors for 2023-2024 are: Nora Layard, Johanna Hoskins, Suzanne Prendergast, Deborah Miller, Pamela Plumb, Mandy Scanga and Lynda Laushway. Welcome to Mandy and Lynda, new members of the Board.



It takes an active membership to keep all the balls in the air. We thank everyone who contributed expertise, time, funds, energy, and materials to get the studio up and running and to manage our extensive show, workshop and school programs. Going into this year, please don't hesitate to get involved!



Studio Doings

We've been reminded by the SIMS team to make sure that all outside doors are kept closed. They are working to control the temperature settings for our comfort.

A reminder that if you are using our materials, like inks, paper, etc, please make a donation to the coffers so we can keep the supplies going.

This might sound like a broken record, but cleanliness is next to godliness in the studio. Please ensure that everything is cleaned up before you call it a day. This includes wiping the ink jars and double cleaning the glass and palettes. Some inks leave a nasty residue: the next person may not like your choice of colour!



Our School Program

Once again we will be offering printmaking classes to school classes K-12, as a result of our enthusiastic connection to **Salt Spring Arts' Artists in the Classroom program**. The first class will be arriving in December to make seasonal cards. We are hoping to increase the hours and skill development sessions for high school class, if our application to **ArtStarts in Schools** is successful.

And here's some fantastic news... the **Salt Spring Foundation** is providing a grant of \$2500 for us to purchase class sets of tools for the school program. Thank you! No more using old nails to carve with! Their generosity means we can ensure that students can have the appropriate tools needed for lino and wood carving, dry point and gel plate prints. Thank you too to **Salt Spring Arts** for facilitating our application to the Foundation.

If you are interested in helping out with the school classes (and it is A LOT of fun!), please contact Johanna at ssiprintmakers@gmail.com. You need enthusiasm and criminal record check (which is easy to do).

Looking to the Future: More Show Talk

After the AGM we talked about future shows and while nothing was decided we will be nailing down ideas for an **ArtCraft Showcase** in 2025 at an in-person session, to be held soon. We talked about thinking BIG, changing perspectives through our art, and magnifying the little. If you are interested in getting involved in this exciting project, please contact Nora. nlayard@shaw.ca

The **2024 Printmakers Biennale** will open its Call for Entries in January. See the poster for details! Please think about what you can enter for what promises to be an outstanding show in Duncan, hosted by the *Printmakers Only Group* in June/July 2024.

And we will be working towards being the host community/group for a show in 2026 or 2028. Stand by for details!

More Kids/Family Events

If you are in town on Saturday, December 2nd, drop by **WinterCraft** where we will be working with kids to create seasonal cards!

And **Salt Spring Arts** is planning a Family Day event on Monday, February 19th, 2024 at Mahon Hall. Stand by for more details!



THE FIRST

Islands Printmaking Biennial

A show connecting printmaking groups and societies on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

June 8th - July 6th 2024

at the **Cowichan Community Arts Council Gallery** in Duncan, BC

Exhibition theme

AFFINITY: connected relationships

Call for registration of 2 related prints will open January 15, 2024 and close on March 1, 2024.

All forms of printmaking are welcome including lithography, intaglio, relief, screenprint, monotype, and other expanded and mixed media practices in printmaking. 2D works must be framed and ready to hang. 3D works are welcome. Larger sizes may be accommodated.

Works must have been completed in the last two years and incorporate 70% printmaking mediums.

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