



SALT SPRING ISLAND PRINTMAKERS

August Newsletter 2024

ON A ROLL!!!!

It's summer time and the livin' is easy! Ink is flying and the paper is wet ...

Well, it may be summer but there's no rest for the wicked, as we plan our fall activities and get ready for a new year of projects and financial doings.

Big news! We've been accepted by the Salt Spring Arts Council to create a showcase for July 2025.

There's a lot of news in this issue, so please read to the end and mark your calendars now for upcoming events.



Membership Renewal Time

September 1st is the start of our new year and your membership is up for renewal! No increases this year! \$30 gets you a full year of benefits including receiving this newsletter, reduced workshop fees, access to the studio, discounts at some businesses, and more. The website will be open for business on August 15th and you can renew online, or by filling out the form, emailing it to our membership coordinator and then e-transferring your \$ to our treasurer. All details are on the website. Be warned that all memberships **are due by October 1st**.

Studio Access Fees Renewal Time

Members can pay-as-you-go for time in the studio for a fee of \$15/day or \$20/day if it's a mentored day. And, once again we're offering a great deal for full access to the studio. For less than the price of a lunch once a month, members can pay \$275/year to have access anytime the studio is open (except when classes are running) and for a cubby hole and drawer to store projects and materials. There's an early bird special of \$260/year, payable between August 15th and September 15th. There is also the option of paying the full fee in 2 installments. All these fees are available to be paid online starting August 15th.

Year End & AGM

Once all the financials have been sorted out into a year-end statement, we'll host an Annual General Meeting. Stand by for more info! Johanna and Trish (our incoming Treasurer) will be working on a smooth transition of duties over the next 2 months.

Fall Program

The Fall Program will go live on September 1st, and members will have first dibs on workshops, courses and events until September 8th! Sign up soon! Along with this newsletter you'll see a complete listing, so get out your calendars and make your plans!



Print Café & Potluck and Frame Sale

Tuesday, September 3rd, We're going to start the year by gathering at the studio at 10 am to share new prints and projects, followed by a potluck lunch and frame sale. With appreciation, we received a donation of many frames from Judy Nurse's estate. And, bring any frames and mats you'd like to sell, marked with your name and price!

NEW: Introductory Course

Over 3 Saturdays Trish Meyers and assistants will be introducing members to relief and intaglio printmaking methods. This is a perfect way to develop skills and get to know the studio.

Mentored Tuesdays

Experienced members will once again volunteer their time and expertise each Tuesday starting September 10th. This fall we're going to put their names and the techniques they like to work with on the website calendar and on the studio paper calendar at the back. This way, if you have a particular project in mind and need some support, you'll be able to match your interests with the mentor in attendance. Our thanks to all mentors for donating their time and expertise!

All Hands on Deck!

Weekend of November 30th/December 1st!

Please, please mark your calendars now so you can sign up later for a shift at each of the following holiday fairs. More details later.

- **Fulford Artisan Christmas Fair.** This is a fundraiser for our group, with sales of cards, Christmas crackers, gift boxes and wrapping, etc. We'll be getting together on Tuesday, November 19th to make all these and more!
- **Christmas Market at SSIMS.** Last year this indoor market over two days drew hundreds of people, and we sold lots of prints and cards. Let's do it again, and we have some ideas about how to get more people in to see our works and buy, buy, buy!



Copper Kettle Fundraiser

Make a card to submit to the selection jury for the Copper Kettle fundraiser, an annual event we share with the SSI Painters Guild. Deborah will lead a session to make cards on Tuesday, October 1st. Details on the website starting September 1st.



2025 Program Demo Days

We're starting to plan the 2025 program and we'll be introducing a new concept. Demo Days will feature one of our members doing a demonstration of a technique. These low-cost morning sessions will provide lots of learning and inspiration. The afternoon can be spent trying out the technique, with a mentor in attendance.

Definitions

Here's a brief outline of the various types of program offerings. Each has its own pricing structure and timing. Keep this handy for future reference!

Workshops: 1-2 day workshops are offered by instructors recognized within the printmaking community for their teaching and printmaking experience. These will now be labelled: introductory, all levels, experienced. Cost: TBD for each workshop to take into account instructors fees and travel, materials, and assistants' fees.

Demo days: These 1-2 hour morning sessions will feature demonstrations of printmaking techniques offered by our members. Follow-up activities may or may not be offered in the afternoon. Cost: \$10

Mentored Tuesdays: From September through June we offer support to you for your projects. An experienced member will be at the studio from 10 am – 2 pm to help with any projects. Look to the website calendar to see who is in attendance and their area of interest. Cost: Members (not full-access) \$20.00. Non-members \$25.00. Full access members no charge.

Activity days: From time-to-time we will gather at the studio to do a joint project. These will be announced ahead of time and will usually be free of charge as the project will benefit SSIPS.



Supplies

A reminder that all members need to contribute to the coffers when materials are used. Some materials have a price tag, others are by donation. Think about what you use and what it costs to keep studio supplies topped up! (E.G. a jar of AKUA ink is about \$30.

SHOWS

Artcraft Showcase July 2025

We are thrilled to tell you that our submission for a showcase at ArtCraft in 2025 has been enthusiastically accepted by SS Arts. **Of This Place** will be a collaborative project by SSIPS members, and we hope to engage the high school art classes as well. Stand by for more information about how to get involved!



Impressions 9

A reminder that **September 30th is the deadline for submissions for the poster contest** for our annual show in November at the SS Art Gallery. Your print must feature the number '9' as this is our ninth show! The chosen print will be displayed at the gallery but will not count in your total entries for the show.

Island Printmakers Biennial 2026

We're going for broke: we've booked ArtSpring (lobby and galleries) for the month of April 2026. Currently, we're working on a theme and name for the show. Stand by!

In mid-July we welcomed Janine Duns, curator of the 2024 show in Duncan, to our studio to meet with our board and volunteers to learn about how they put on a really successful show. Thank you, Janine! Now it's up to us to lay the groundwork for an outstanding show in 2026.

Speaking of which, their visitors' choice awards went to Anne Jones, Clive Posey and Janine Duns. They have sent thanks to all our members who participated!



Studio News

Our new rollers are now available for use by experienced printmakers. There's this very large one, a smaller one, and 4 mini narrow rollers. If you wish to use them, please enter your name and date on the sign-out sheet, and please read and use the cleaning instructions. These were a big investment and we want to keep them rolling beautifully for years to come!

Country Grocer is amazing! In the past year we have received \$693 as a result of the **Save-A-Tape** program. Please save those tapes and bring them to the studio or put them in the box (bottom row) at the store. Note – if you leave the tapes too late, sometimes the printing disappears on the receipt! Thank you Country Grocer and everyone who drops off their receipts!

Kidz Programs

This summer both SS Arts and PARC at SIMS have offered summer camps and we've been hosting kids at the studio for short printmaking sessions. Great fun!

SEE BELOW and other email FOR CHOICE FROM 3, OR AS MANY AS YOU WANT!

Website

A reminder that we have a **gallery on the website** for you to show your works! Each member can have a page to showcase your prints and your short write-up.

Library

There's a wealth of printmaking information and inspiration in our library at the studio. You can sign books out for 2 weeks!



Members' News

Pamela Plumb has received the Jan Johnson Memorial award for Social Commentary for Dendrochronological Blues at the Sooke Fine Arts Show! Congratulations Pam!



JAN JOHNSON MEMORIAL AWARD FOR SOCIAL COMMENTARY

Pamela Plumb "Dendrochronological Blues"

Sponsored by Mary-Alice Johnson & the Jan Johnson Memorial Fund

In Other News

Thanks to the generous support of The Wilding Foundation, **SSNAP** is launching an annual **Catalyst Grants program** to help visual artists complete active projects and develop new concepts. Funding of \$100,000 per year will be available for each of the next three years for grants in the range of \$3,000 to \$10,000. The Catalyst Grant also provides an opportunity for local artists to prepare a future submission to the SSNAP or contribute to other SSNAP-related community activities.

A full program description and application form will be available on the SSNAP website in August 2024. The grants will be open to visual artists based in the Southern Gulf Islands region. <https://saltspringartprize.ca/>



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Remember to follow us on Instagram at **ssiprintmakers**. Your submissions are welcome! Send photos to Bernadette and Pam!

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