



# SALT SPRING ISLAND PRINTMAKERS



## April / May Newsletter

There are flowers and mini-prints everywhere! The studio has been abuzz with carving, printing, lots of laughter and juicy colours! In this troubled time, the studio is our refuge ... use it, make prints, and no matter how serious you are about your art, have fun too!

## 2025

## Mark your Calendar

**Saturday, May 3rd is Print Day in May – 9.30 am – 3.00 pm**

This international print fest is coming to Salt Spring! We'll be at the studio all day making mini-prints, working on tubes, and generally printing up a storm. It's all free and we can enter their draws and join the fun! <https://>



## Field Trip to “Then, Now, Today”, May 8th

The **Printmakers Only Group's retrospective show, Then, Now, Today**, in Duncan is on until May 31st and on Thursday, May 8th, SSIPS members will be going to see it! Contact Pam at [pamelaplumb80@gmail.com](mailto:pamelaplumb80@gmail.com) to reserve your spot and for more info. The show is on at the Cowichan Public Art Gallery, Tues – Sat, 10 am – 4 pm.



## **Guild Show – May 12 – 19th at Mahon Hall**

May 13th – 4 – 7 pm – Guild Show Opening Reception!

The Guild Show will open for a week-long extravaganza of works by SSIPS members, plus works by potters, basket makers, painters, woodworkers and spinners/weavers.

Sitters are needed! If you have a morning or afternoon to help sit the show, please contact Deborah at [deborahmillerssi@gmail.com](mailto:deborahmillerssi@gmail.com).

**basketmakers**

**printers**

**printmakers**

**weavers & spinners**

**woodworkers**

**Guild SHOW**

**MAHON HALL**  
114 Rainbow Road, Saltspring

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**May 13**  
Hours: 10:00am to 7:00pm  
Grand Opening 4:00-7:00pm

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**May 13 - May 19**  
Daily hours: 10:00am to 4:00pm

## **Impressions 10**

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Can you believe it? Our annual show is 10 years old this year! To celebrate this, let's create prints featuring '10' on them. We'll choose one or more for the show poster and promotion in November! Stand by for more details soon.

# SHOWS

## **Of This Place – Call for Entries & Revised Drop-Off Dates**

**A reminder that the mini-print entry deadline was changed:**

- Entries: mini-prints and 3-D works – May 30th at 4 pm. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MINI-PRINTS MUST BE DROPPED OFF AT THE STUDIO BY MAY 30TH.**
- Tubes – concept drawings– contact Nora at [nlayard@shaw.ca](mailto:nlayard@shaw.ca)

ArtCraft is hosting an opening reception for us on July 4th, and we'll do an Artists' Talk on the 6th. More details later!

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SHOWCASE EXHIBITION

Salt Spring Island Printmakers

Of This Place

July 4 to 28  
Mahon Hall

**art craft**

## **Th-Ink! 2nd Islands Biennale, April 2026**

If you would like to help the show committee with organizing and promoting this important show, please contact Nora at [nlayard@shaw.ca](mailto:nlayard@shaw.ca).

## Studio/SSIPS News

And thanks to everyone who keeps the studio clean, functioning and such a great place to work!!!

A little reminder to please keep the brayers (rollers) clean and put away. If they need to dry a bit first, please put them on a towel, **roller up**.

Your help with keeping the sink trays cleared and tools put away, and the garbage and the compost taken away will be much appreciated by those of us who do it too often. Let's share the load!



Frances, Cathy, Wendy & Donna in the Dry Point Course

## Website

[www.ssiprintmakers.ca](http://www.ssiprintmakers.ca)

We hope to hear news by the end of May about our application to the Salt Spring Island Foundation to redo our website. Fingers crossed and we'll keep you posted!

## Workshops, Demos and Activity days

We'll start planning the fall workshops very soon – what would you like to learn about?

## School Programs

The Artists in the Classroom program is underway. Classes (K-7) will participate in studio or classroom sessions, learning a variety of age-appropriate printmaking techniques. Our thanks to Salt Spring Arts for making this program possible.

Please note that when classes are in the studio it is closed to other activities. Please check the website calendar!



Grade 6 Salt Spring Elementary, gelli plate



Fernwood Grade 1 & 2 class, block printing

## Past Events & Workshops

Our **Spring Print Café & Potluck Lunch** saw our members welcoming 6 members of the **Printmakers of the Salish Sea**. We viewed and discussed recent works and ate a lot of yummy food. What good artists and cooks we are!

PS – check out their website at <https://printmakersofthesalishsea.com/>



Lunch time at the Print Café!  
Photo by Bernadette Mertens-McAllister.



Nora – Print from old metal advertising plates.  
Photo by Bernadette Mertens-McAllister.



Trish with her raven!  
Photo by Bernadette Mertens-McAllister.



Printmakers of the Salish Sea members.

Anne Jones of Blue Wave Studio led a Monotype workshop on April 23/24th that saw 10 members and helper, Pam Plumb, learn two different techniques for making monotypes. The first day we worked with black paper and stencils and the second day saw us creating two plates, one carved and the other used for adding colour. This complicated process resulted in some colourful, exciting works!



Anne Jones & Linda



## Library News

From the library...We have a new book on sharpening your tools, titled ***A Sharpening Handbook***. We also have the Lee Valley guide to ***Sharpening by Hand***. We ask that you use these two handbooks in the studio only for the time being. AND we have the latest issue (#29) of Pressing Matters. Please enjoy responsibly!

## Members' News

Check out **Lori Waters'** beautiful On the Wall mixed media work. It's a large artwork that combines painting and printmaking, and depicts indigenous plants and pollinators. See it at Mahon Hall, outside by the main entrance, until September!





## Out into the World Towards a New Work May 3rd and 4th

**Melanie Thompson** is doing a pop up art event in the Mahon Hall Annex Gallery, and she invites you to drop by to see the work. She says: "My idea is to give away my art work through a random draw. This will lead towards a new conceptual work. My joy was in making the work, my further joy will be to see the work go out into the world hence the give away. Some work has been seen before and some has never been shown.

The gallery will be open to view the work Sat. May 3 and Sun. May 4, 10-4. Tickets for the draw are \$20ea and ticket sales will run Sun. till 4:00. On Sunday May 4, 5:00-7:00 there will be a random draw for the work.

Ticket holders will choose any work they wish when their name is drawn. The proviso being that the ticket holder will be photographed with the work chosen and they will later send me a photo of the work in situ. In future I will print and make new work with all the photos I collect. I will manipulate the photos with stitch, paint, collage or other techniques. These works will form a new exhibit. Once costs have been covered the remaining monies will be donated to the SPCA.



Tickets for Melanie's art raffle!

## East West

## Expression in Cultural Aesthetic

**Rolando Lampitoc** is showing new works at the Coast Gallery, May 2nd – 18th. Join him at the opening reception on May 2nd, 5-8 pm! The Coast Gallery is part of Gallery 8 in Grace Point Square.

# EAST WEST | Expression in Cultural Aesthetic

featuring the work of **Rolando Lampitoc**



 Coast Gallery

Join us at the Opening Reception  
Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025 • 5pm - 8pm  
Show Runs May 2<sup>nd</sup> - May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Grace Point Square - 3103 - 115 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island V8K 2T9  
619-890-7474 | coastgallerysaltspring@gmail.com | coastgallerysaltspring.com

## Interesting Sites

### ***This Box is for Good***

Melanie reports that she took part in a fun collaborative project from print makers in Ontario that she found in Pressing Matters. You request a box and it comes filled with goodies, you keep the goods and pack the box with more and send it off to someone else who will do the same. Register your box on the site.

I received printed bookmarks, papers, and a shell, I filled mine with prints, collage papers, and a flicker feather.

<https://thisbox.info> and on instagram here

<https://www.instagram.com/thisboxisforgood>

## Want to make a stand for mini-prints?

Scroll half way down to find the process: <https://tonihartillart.blogspot.com/2025/03/how-to-make-mini-stand-for-mini-artwork.html>. Thanks Melanie.

## Studio Hours

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Monday – Friday: 9 am – 7 pm

Saturday & Sunday: 9.30 am – 4 pm. Note even though the sign says Sundays are closed, the studio is open.

SIMS will be closed on Monday, May 19th for Victoria Day.

## Contact us: (\* indicates SSIPS Board Members)

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