

SSI PRINTMAKERS

NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Chair

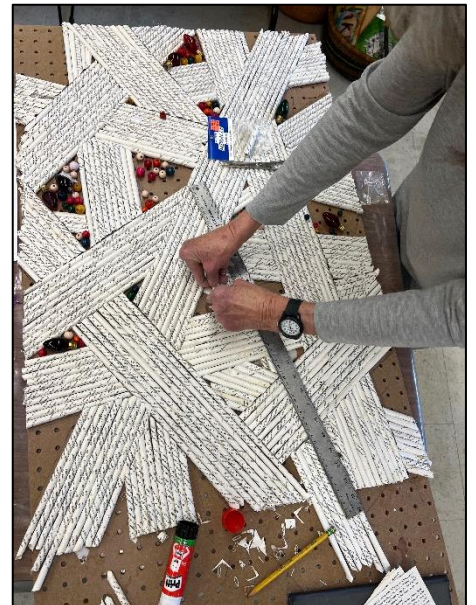
In just a few weeks we'll be welcoming all of Salt Spring to ArtSpring for our show, Re-Imagined! Judging from the entries, it's going to be lively, instructive, and inspirational. Please join the fun by helping out with the show (hanging, sitting, opening), and by inviting your friends and family.

We want to learn more from you, especially if you are a new member, to find out how we can plan our future events (courses/workshops/shows) to best welcome you to the studio and our printmaking world. Please complete the short survey when it arrives in your inbox. With thanks.

There's lots to take note of in this newsletter.... Mark your calendars for the workshops and shows and come work in the studio soon! See you there!

Nora

RE-IMAGINED SHOW – Building momentum!



Making art from waste – here we go! As of the deadline on Friday, February 10th, we have 26 artists and 35 works to be considered by our jury. If you entered, stand by to hear more

by the end of this week. What we do know is that this promises to be a superb show of Salt Springers' talent for innovation.

Please mark your calendars for the **opening on Wednesday, March 15th, 3 to 6 pm**. This will be a family friendly event and we hope you will come and share the fun. If you can, please bring some finger food to share!

We're **looking for sitters** for the show. If your works are in the show you'll need to sign up soon for two sitting times. And, if you are not in the show and would like to help out, please sign up for a time too. You can do this at our website, www.ssiprintmakers.ca, in the Shows section.

Finally, your help with **promoting the show** will be appreciated. We know that word of mouth is very effective, so please let everyone in your circles of family and friends know about it. We'll be sending out the poster and some wording that you can use to get the word out! Thanks!

The RE-IMAGINED Show is at ArtSpring, and is open Tuesday March 14th to Monday March 27th, 10 am to 4 pm.

Workshops



The **gel plate workshop** with Jennifer Love on February 25/26 is full and there are several people on the waitlist. If there is enough interest we'll try to schedule a second one later this year! So, if you would like to take this workshop in the next round, please contact us at ssiprintmakers@gmail.com

Sign up now for our three fun and interesting workshops this spring:

April 22	Gabrielle Jensen - monotype workshop
May 27 th	Susan Underwood – tetrapak workshop
July 7th	Alison Bigg - solar plate workshop

Look for descriptions on our website and sign up soon as they will fill up.

Since our last newsletter we've hosted 3 workshop events. Our time with Rolando Lamptioc making silk screen monotypes was great fun! As one participant said, it's a very freeing way to work with colour and ink. Thanks Rolando!

In the lead-up to Re-Imagined, we hosted two special days at the studio. On January 28th, Stephanie Denz and Pamela Plumb described to about 24 people their inspiration and processes for their work using reclaimed wood and construction materials. On February 4th the studio buzzed with about 30 people working on their submissions and learning about printmaking. Our thanks to **Salt Spring Arts** for their grant making these possible!

Collagraph Online Learning/Studio Sessions

Over the past 6 weeks, Fridays at the studio have seen a group of keen printmakers working through an online course with Sally Hirst (UK printmaker). Her informal, infectious style paired with learning about collagraphs led to many fabulous prints. We completed Part One of three modules and intend to start on Part Two in early April. The cost is approximately \$130 CDN, with thanks to Sally for a discounted fee. If you are interested in joining us, you can:

- Do Part One on your own and come to studio days (Tuesdays) to try out the different techniques with our help as desired.
- Join us for Part Two, if you already have some printmaking experience.

Contact Nora for more details, and check out Sally's website at

<https://sallyhirst.co.uk/makeplates-makeprints/>

Upcoming Shows & Events

March 17 – **SIMS (Salt Spring Island Multi Space)**, our studio home, is planning an open house to showcase all the groups in the complex. Stand by for more information!

May 23-28 – **The Multi Guild Show** will be at Mahon Hall starting May 23. Printmakers will join the weavers, the potters, the photographers, the basket makers and the woodworkers for a great week-long show. You will be invited to submit 2 framed pieces which can be new or previously shown. Mini prints, cards, shrink wrapped pieces are also welcome. \$25 entry fee. We'll be sending out a Call for Entries in late March.

August – Our show at the **ArtSpring Lobby** will run for the month of August.

October 19 – November 8 – Our annual show, **Impressions 8**, will be at the Salt Spring Gallery.

?? Do we printmakers want to create a **themed show for the ArtCraft Showcase in 2024??**
Send your ideas to your directors! The deadline for entries is June 30th.

And, our fellow artists, **the SSI Painters Guild**, will be hosting their annual show in the Lobby at ArtSpring during the month of March. Do take it in!

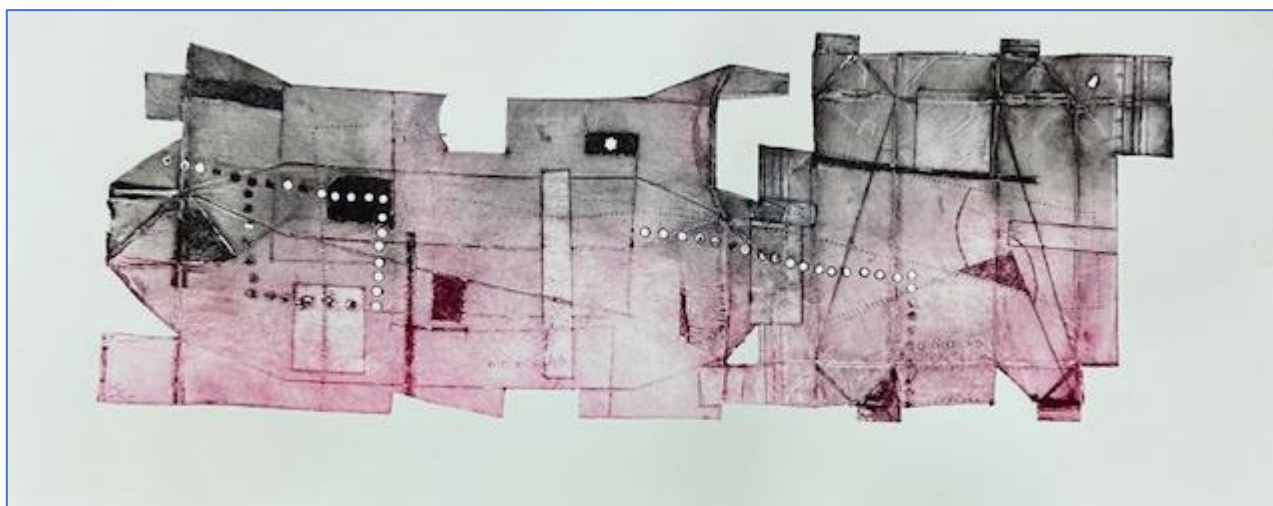
Off Island Shows and Opportunities

The **Dundarave** printmaking studio in Vancouver has put out a call for entries for a new show in March 2023. The **deadline is March 3rd** and there's no charge for entering. <https://www.dundaraveprintworkshop.com/opencall>

The **Printmakers of the Salish Sea** are looking for new participants. Check out their website at www.printmakersofthesalishsea.com.

2024 – Island Printmakers Biennale, June 2024 – Cowichan Valley Arts Council

A Tetra Pak print by Pamela Plumb



Memberships & Studio Access

Amazing – **we now have more than 50 members!** Wow!

If you are not yet a member, starting March 1st you can join for a half/year rate of \$20.

If you are a new member and would like to become a **full access member**, by which we mean that you can use the studio anytime there is not a scheduled SSIPS event, the rate as of March 1st will be 1/2 price or \$127.50.

We are wondering how to make the studio **more welcoming to new members**. We'll be sending out a survey to get your thoughts on this. What would you like?

Remember that there will be **a 'mentor' at the studio every Tuesday from 10 – 2.30**. This is a great time bring your questions and to work on your projects with an experienced printmaker

If you have not yet had an orientation to the studio (required for all members in order to use the studio), please contact Nora or Johanna to schedule a time ssiprintmakers@gmail.com



Artists in the Classroom

With Johanna's leadership, we have now hosted 6 classes (K-7), with more to come including the senior high school art classes. This program has been made possible by the Salt Spring Arts, Artists in the Classroom program for the K-7 students, and by the ArtStarts Grant for the senior classes. Little faces bursting into smiles at their prints is worth the clean up afterwards!

Thank you!

Salt Spring Arts and the **CRD** are making our Re-Imagined show and the lead-in events possible. Their grants are covering many of our costs, meaning that we can offer the show and events to our community free of charge!

The **Artists in the Classroom program at Salt Spring Arts**, and the **ArtStarts Program** have meant that we can introduce students (K-12) to our passion for printmaking.

Hot off the press, **Helen Ormiston Smith and Ron Smith** have offered us a beautiful, quality, well loved press for the studio. This donation is very welcome and it means we have a very good range of presses now for most size and use needs.

Donna Hall has offered us an 8 drawer paper cabinet to provide storage for our paper to sell and prints.

And, the guys at **Mica Interiors** in New Westminster have donated wallpaper in support of our printmaking projects. To our members, these papers have wonderful textures you can work with! (And thanks to Suzanne for asking!)

A heartfelt thank you to everyone.

We are still looking for....

- A small fridge, like a bar fridge
- A water stand for drinkable water
- A industrial sized wide broom

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