

2018 Sea Meadow Studio for the Arts

Sea Meadow Garden & Gifts is excited to announce the sponsorship of a NEW, monthly program in support of the arts in Essex, the Sea Meadow Studio for the Arts. We are inviting fine artists from the region and beyond to take up residence in our town – to become inspired, create, and raise awareness to beauty all around us. The Sea Meadow Studio Artist-in-Residence Program will give emerging artists visibility, time, space, and support they need to grow their craft and develop in an area rich with art traditions and history. As part of the program, each may facilitate workshops and classes, as well as offering their paintings created throughout the month for sale at the Essex Studio.

We are pleased to announce the FIRST artist to christen this new program in May 2018 – Joli Ayn Wood. Joli is an oil painter, working primarily out of doors, “en plein air.” Hailing from the little mountain town of Floyd, VA, Joli spends a great deal of time on our beloved local marshes and beaches. Her favorite subjects include the mountains, rural landscapes, and towns of Southwestern Virginia, the rugged coastlines of New England, as well as the striking Desert Southwest. While painting on location, her passion is to capture value, shape, color, and light quickly - most times within a couple of hours. Joli finds inspiration in the luminous works of Fitz Henry Lane and the abstract modernity of Georgia O’Keefe’s paintings, as well as contemporary plein air painters and illustrators of California and the West.

While during her tenure at the Sea Meadow Studio Residency, the following activities are scheduled, with more to be announced closer to May:

May 19 – Artist Plein Air Day – Cogswell Grant

Grab your art supplies and easel and head to historic Cogswell Grant for an enjoyable day of painting with our Resident Artist and other local artists. There is no fee for this event. 9-4pm

May 20th, Creativity Boost with Hypnosis

Join us at True North Wellness at 5:30pm on the 20th for a special hypnosis session designed to help boost your creativity, no matter your medium. A great way to kick off an artistic week!

May 21-23rd, Essex Plein Air Workshop

This 3-day workshop will cover the basics of plein air painting, but also expands upon it, focusing more in depth on color theory, composition, and values. We will begin the workshop in the studio with a review & discussion of materials and techniques, then venture out of doors the remainder of the workshop, setting up to paint the marshes, beaches, and town. Places TBA based on weather and where the group desires. Schedule will consist of demonstrations, individual assistance, and a group review each day. This workshop is geared for the intermediate to advanced artist working in oils, acrylics, or gouache. For more information and to register, contact Joli Wood directly through her website www.joliaynwood.com.

Sea Meadow Studio Open Hours

Participating artists will be in the Sea Meadow Studio to greet patrons, discuss work, and to offer “fresh” paintings for sale throughout the month of May. Studio location at 7 Main Street (rear, behind Sea Meadow Gifts), Essex, MA – Entrance & parking on Pickering Street (across from #36).

Open Hours: every Friday from 3-7pm, Saturdays from 2-6, and Sundays from 11-3

If you would like to join Joli for the residency workshop, registration forms and information may be found in the Events page of her website at www.joliaynwood.com.