



SALT SPRING ISLAND PRINTMAKERS

December Newsletter 2024



It's December and the holiday season is here! We're busy wrapping up this fall's activities and planning ahead to a full-on Winter/Spring program and shows. Come to the Print Café! Please note the studio holiday hours. And, it's not too soon to starting thinking about how you'll be involved with "Of This Place". More below! Best of the season to you and yours!

Studio Holiday Hours

SIMS will be closed on Sunday December 22nd and 29th. It will also be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, and will close at 3.30 pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Otherwise, regular operating hours will be in place.

Our Tuesday mentors will also be taking a break, until **Tuesday, January 7th**.

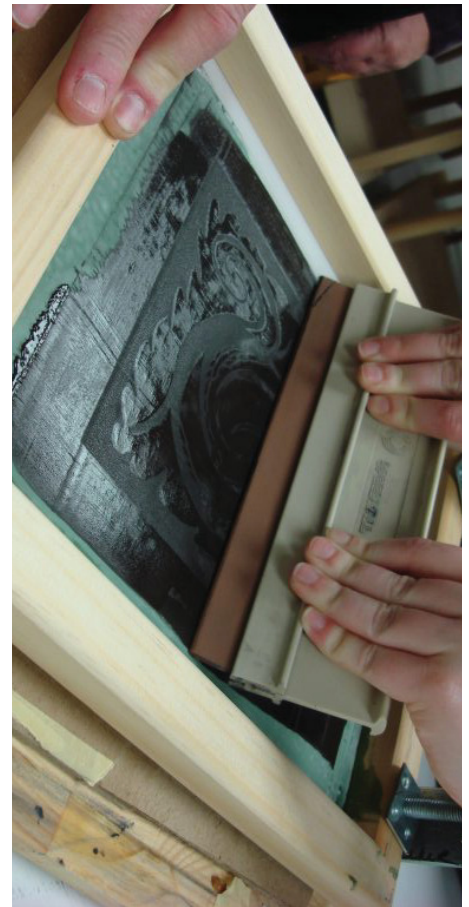
Oh Come all Ye Printmakers..... Tuesday, December 17th!

Let's end the Fall season with a Print Café and potluck! Bring your new, unusual, and/or problem child prints (or not if you are shy) and a finger food lunch potluck contribution and we'll spend the morning being inspired by and learning from each others' printmaking journeys.

When? Tuesday, December 17th starting at 10 am, wrapping up around 1 pm.

See you there!!!!

PS – we'll be unveiling the entire workshop, demo and activity day program!



Of This Place – ArtCraft Showcase in July 2025

Keep an eye on this space – starting in January we'll be announcing more details about the many ways you can get involved. Some big decisions have been made and we're working out some technical details. Show entries will be use a palette of colours inspired by our beautiful local arbutus trees. Check out the colour swatches in the studio for guidance. This requirement includes your mini-prints (4 x 4") and 3-D works.

In early January we will be looking for expressions of interest for designs for the hanging tubes and 3-D works: deadline the end of the month. If you have ideas for a 3-D work, please contact Melanie Thompson. mdthompson@shaw.ca.

The back wall team wants to hear from you if you'd like to help carve. Please contact Pamela Plumb at pamelaplumb80@gmail.com.

The studio will be a busy hive of activity, every Friday until show time, starting at 9.30 am, as the teams work on the hanging tubes and the back wall relief triptych. Bring your mini-print projects too! Come join the fun!



Copper Kettle Fundraiser

Together with the SSI Painters Guild, members created and submitted seasonal cards. The card sets are now on sale at SS Books, \$20 for 5 cards.

Here are the results. Ushi Hopping, Marg Threllfall, Bernadette Mertens-McAllister, Suzanne Prendergast, Inara Wallace and Nora Layard are the winners.

Of course, the postal strike will prevent the cards from being sent by mail but maybe more cards can be given by hand to support a very worthy cause: Copper Kettle, a small but effective group that aids the homeless in this chilly season.

Thanks for your support everyone! Deborah Miller, Coordinator

Seasonal Fairs a Great Success!

Thanks to everyone who helped make the weekend of November 30th/December 1st festive, memorable and, dare we say, lucrative.

Kudos to member, Johanna Hoskins, for her stellar organization of the entire **Fulford Artisan Fair**, and for her constant support for our table there. Members made all kinds of seasonal items to sell as a fundraiser for our schools' program. The Christmas crackers were a spectacular success!

SIMS was the scene of the **Market Craft Fair**, and our studio saw a steady stream of visitors and buyers. We sold about \$1000 in prints and cards, with approximately \$100 coming back to SSIPS in commissions. Just as importantly, many visitors expressed interest in joining us and, in particular, in taking the spring intro course.

