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1 Saxtons River Art Guild celebrates its 50th anniversary

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4 The Saxtons River Art Guild (SRAG) is celebrating its 50th  
5 anniversary with events and exhibits.

6 A members' exhibit is currently at the Dartmouth-  
7 Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire, through  
8 June 29 in the Rubin Gallery in the Level 3 hallway between the  
9 Main Entrance and the Cancer Center Clinical Space.

10 Twenty SRAG members are participating, showing work  
11 in a variety of media: oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, print-  
12 making, and colored pencil.

13 Exhibiting artists from New Hampshire are: Donna Cary,  
14 Alicia Drakiotes, Sandy Greene, Christine Justice, Sarah M.  
15 Larson, Marj Layman, Donna Bascom Lund, Judy Sylvester, Liz  
16 Winchester-Larson, and Lynn Zimmerman.

17 Exhibiting artists from Vermont are: Clare Adams, Cathy  
18 Conkling, Nancy DiMauro, Lori Ebare, Barb Greenough, Kathy  
19 Greve, Barbara Gutheil, Carolyn LaVoie, Mary Lea, and Linda  
20 Rothschild.

21 Saxtons River Art Guild has exhibited at Dartmouth  
22 Hitchcock Medical Center previously, in 2017 and 2019. A  
23 reception with light refreshments for the new rotation of seven  
24 exhibits in all gallery spaces at DHMC is planned for Thursday,  
25 April 9, from 5 to 6:30 p.m, in the fourth-floor Williamson  
26 Gallery near the Main Entrance. There is a link to Google maps  
27 on the DHMC website.

28 How did SRAG get its start? In the 1960s, a group of  
29 artists who lived in Saxtons River or nearby got together for  
30 painting classes at one of the artist's studio in Saxtons River. In  
31 the summer of 1976, these artists made plans to form a new art  
32 association called the Saxtons River Art Guild. The first meeting  
33 was in September 1976 at the Inn at Saxtons River, with 22  
34 members attending.

35 Now in 2026, Saxtons River Art Guild is a nonprofit  
36 organization whose purpose is to promote and encourage the  
37 advancement of the fine arts, with about 80 members throughout  
38 the Monadnock region in New Hampshire and the Southern  
39 Connecticut River Valley area of Vermont.

40 SRAG's activities include exhibit and sales venues,  
41 workshops, open studio time September through May at the  
42 United Church of Bellows Falls, plein air gatherings June through  
43 August at various locations on either side of the Connecticut  
44 River, a monthly members' newsletter, luncheons with guest

45 speakers, and occasional trips to museums. An art scholarship is  
46 awarded yearly to a qualified local high school senior planning to  
47 enroll in a four-year major in the arts.

48 Membership in SRAG is open to anyone interested in the  
49 fine arts. For more information, contact Liz Winchester-Larson at  
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