

RYE ART STUDY GROUP PRESENTS: BLAIR LABELLA

Join the Rye Art Study group on Monday, March 18th from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in welcoming our March featured artist, Rose Bryant, owner of the Art up Front Street gallery in Exeter, NH. A designer and colorist, Rose's love of the New Hampshire landscape provides the inspiration for much of her paintings.

Traveling up and down the east coast for inspiration, Rose loves to capture color, texture and light in her work. Her process is an organic one, and often begins with a sense of color she wants to depict. Once finding the right canvas, she begins to paint, preferring large gestural movements that allow her to use her full arm. Applying paint to the canvas in this manner is very satisfying for Rose and this sense of freedom is reflected in much of her work.

A self professed lover of color, much of Rose's work is comprised of acrylic paintings. She also creates a few small monoprints and mixed media pieces. Sometimes she works from a photograph, other times she is inspired by a mood. Her subject matters are as varied as the beautiful colors she uses in many of her pieces. Rose also loves to combine different mediums in her work. Paint, paper, fabric, fiber as well as found objects can all become integral elements in Rose's art.

A long time resident of Exeter, NH, Rose has roots and family in southern Virginia. A graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University with a BFA in Communications Arts and Design, she worked for a bit, before finding her husband in Alaska and returning to Virginia where she got a few art jobs. After having children and moving north, she taught private art classes. Starting Salmon House Art when her children were still young, she offered classes and workshops for toddlers through preschool age children. After teaching art classes, Rose's own artistic endeavors emerged and she traveled from Portland to Boston showing her art at festivals and art fairs.

In 2016, Rose and her husband Mal Argondizza, purchased a building in Exeter, NH to start an artists' collective, gallery and community space. That space, called Art Up Front Street, is Exeter's first collective of working studios. With a mission to not only provide a space for artists to work together, but also display their work to the community, Art up Front Street gives the public a rare opportunity to see what truly goes into a work of art. For Rose, this venture is more than just a business, but a way to remain connected to the community and art she loves.

The Rye Art Study Group meets at the Rye Congregational Church at 580 Washington Rd. Rye, NH 03870. Visit www.ryeartstudy.com or e-mail: ryeartstudy@gmail.com for more information.

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