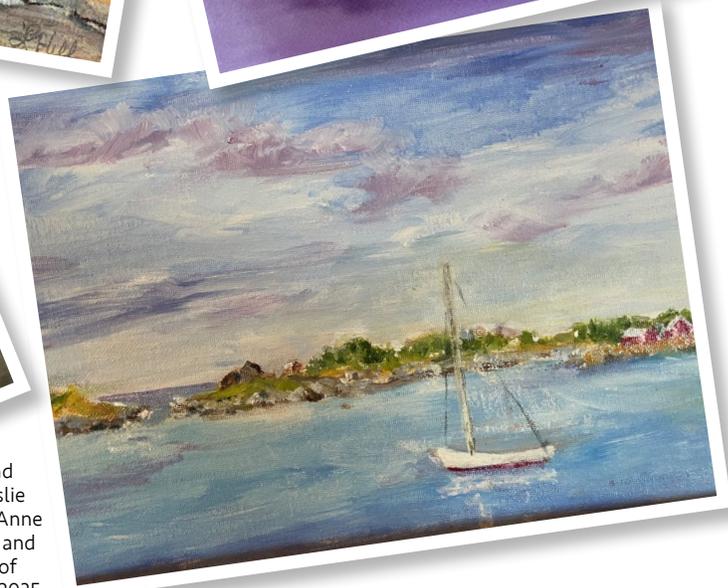
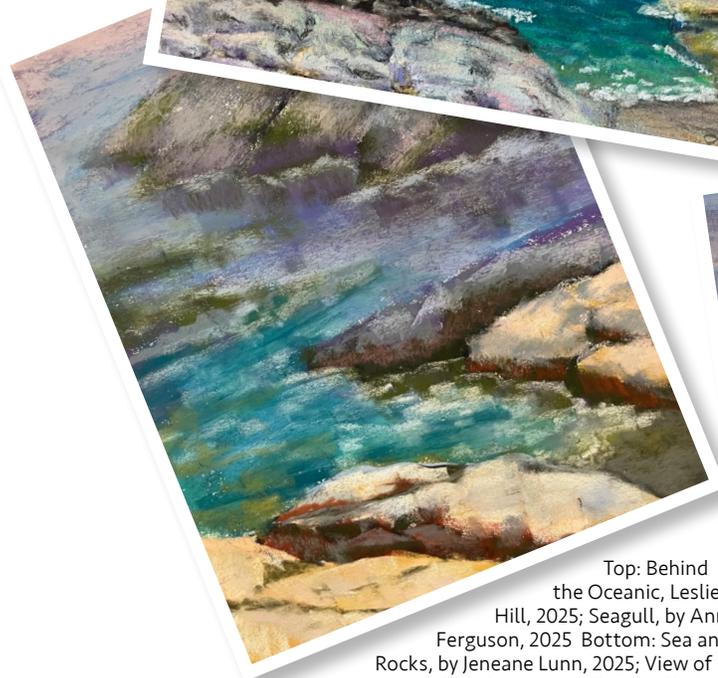


STAR ARTS NEWS

October 2025

Scenes from Star Island

As the weather changes from Summer to Autumn it's nice to be reminded of beautiful Star Island. Here are a few works from the Plein Air Workshop that Jeneane Lunn led in June 2025.



Top: Behind the Oceanic, Leslie Hill, 2025; Seagull, by Anne Ferguson, 2025 Bottom: Sea and Rocks, by Jeneane Lunn, 2025; View of Smuttynose, by Sylvia Cunningham Kolb, 2025

Star Arts 2026
Sunday June 21st to Sunday June 28th
Registration will open in January of 2026



Autumn Letter from the Chair

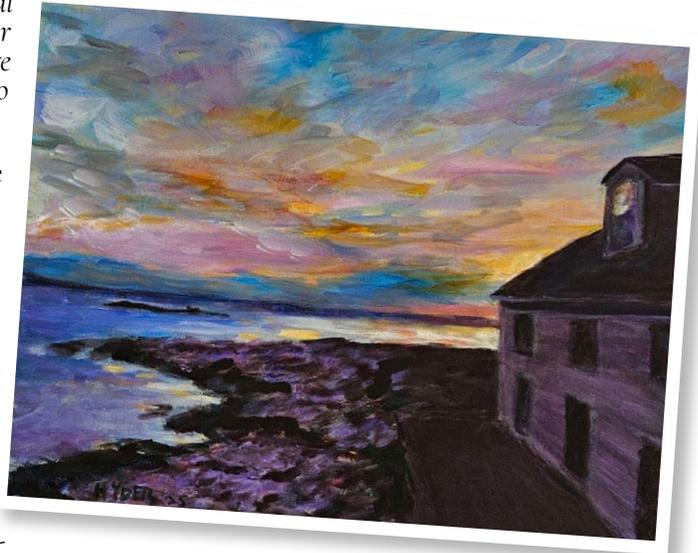
2026 Star Arts Chair Elenita Muñiz's Note

Star Island is within the waters of N'dakinna, the traditional lands and waterways of the Abenaki, Pennacook and other related Wabanaki Peoples past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations.

Are you familiar with this declaration, which heads up the home page of the Star Island website? Maybe your church has a land declaration, too. Mine does:

First Parish Brewster Unitarian Universalist occupies land that was home to the Wampanoag people for thousands of years before European colonists violated their sovereignty and assaulted their people, livelihood and culture. Acknowledging this history, we honor the resilience and strength of today's Wampanoag tribe.

As I tramp around with my dog in this beautiful fall weather, I feel deeply in touch with the land around me. I'm blessed to live in the middle of 800 acres of conservation land, an upland pitch pine and oak woods we share with deer, raccoons, fishers, coyotes and many birds. A former minister at our church gifted us with a history of our property through which I learned that the "praying Indians," or Wampanoag who converted to Christianity, lived in these woods. I don't know where exactly, but I feel an emotional connection with these people who also walked the Ancient Pathway that connects the north side of Brewster with the southern edge.



Sunset Over Rye, Acrylic by Alison Hyder, 2026

And when I am walking the rocks behind the Art Barn on Star Island, I wonder about the Wabanaki people who may have spent time on the shoal we hold so dear today. Was it a fishing place for them? Was it a place of summer gatherings? Did it inspire in them a celebration of the gifts of the earth? Did it inspire creativity and art, as it does for us? Just as we have begun to celebrate Juneteenth during Star Arts, let us also hold close the knowledge that we are only the most recent in the long line of those who have loved and stewarded this island. **Many thanks to all who contributed to the Star Island Annual Fund as Star Arts participants: a total of \$29,242.28!** Your contributions help continue the work of stewarding this magical place.

In other news, our Program sub-committee is already hard at work seeking workshop leaders for the 2026 edition of Star Arts. They have ideas for theater, movement and music, although nothing is set in stone yet. Still to be determined are art, writing, photography... The final array of workshops won't be set until December, so there is still time for you to send us your recommendations or requests! You can reach the Program sub-committee through Peggy White at daymountaindawn@verizon.net.

Meanwhile, I hope you are enjoying the best season of the year (for me) and dreaming about Star Arts adventures to come.

Peace be, Elenita Muñiz, co-chair, Star Arts '26

Ways to help Star Island:

The Island is looking
for Auction and Raffle
Items for upcoming
fundraisers for the
Annual Fund!

Contact Chelsea Haskell
(chaskell@starisland.org)
to find out more!

Deadline for Next Newsletter!

The Deadline for the next Newsletter will be November 1st!
If you would like to include pictures, art, poetry and/or news please submit items to:
stararts.newsletter@gmail.com

(Questions about Star Arts you can email Barbara Reynolds at stararts.registrar@gmail.com)

