

Dear Midcoast Maine friends,

Please join us **this Saturday July 29 @ 4pm at The Parsonage Gallery** (8 Elm St, Searsport) for the opening reception **for the exhibition *That Queer Fish*, by Brian Smith.**

That Queer Fish imagines a not-so-distant future in which land creatures must undergo transformative adaptations in order to thrive underwater. After centuries of changing the environment, Smith ponders how the environment might change humans in strange ways, blurring boundaries between species and challenging assumptions about identity and habitat.

Smith is one of Maine's most experimental and promising young artists, tackling challenging themes and working across multiple media including sculpture and painting to realize visionary installations. His work was included recently at the Center for Maine Contemporary Art 2023 Biennial and is on display currently at the MDI Biological Laboratories' Art Meets Science exhibition.



Brian Smith, *Deepest Waters*, 2023.

Saturday is also a great chance to check out our extended 2nd Annual Summer Group Exhibition as well as Sarah Faragher's series of intimate Maine landscapes, entitled *Devotions: Maine Churches and Chapels*.



Sarah Faragher, *St. Mary Star of the Sea, Stonington, Maine*, oil/panel, 7 x 5"

As ever, we are a not-for-profit, and any proceeds from sales go back to artists and to support our free exhibitions & programming.

Hope you're all enjoying the improved summer weather!

All the best,
Aaron & Carolyn

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Aaron Rosen, PhD (Cantab)

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Some of my books: [What Would Jesus See?](#); [Art & Religion in the 21st Century](#); [Journey through Art](#)