



It's hard to find a more beautiful place than *Richmond in the Spring*. It should inspire us all to get out our paints.

Our May 16 meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. and will be a busy one. It's an election year. The nominating committee will present their slate of officers for the years 03-05.

Our speaker will be Ruth Whittig. She will tell a story with an artistic twist. Refreshments will be provided by Fran Edwards, Lunette Edwards and Ann Twisdale.

This is important!

There will be several chances to exhibit during the summer months. **You must contact Meg Groat 323-1237 in advance if you are interested.** This is so we can determine how many pictures to bring.

Deadline for the James Center Show is May 23rd. The show is held in the ATRIUM, which is connected to the OMNI HOTEL. The entrance is on Cary Street. The show goes up Saturday May 31st at 9:00 a.m. and comes down at 9:00 a.m. June 21st. We need 60-65 paintings. We will call everyone that signed up and let them know how many paintings to bring.

Our reception is scheduled for Sunday June 8th at 2:00 p.m. The club will provide wine, soft drinks, and paper products. Each show participant should bring a party food, what ever you think people might enjoy. The show will be judged by Jill Chaffin and 1st, 2nd , 3rd and honorable mention ribbons will be awarded at the reception. Should be fun for everyone. Invite your friends and family.

We have a show at St Mary's Hospital in July. Deadline to sign up is July 12th. Show goes up at 9.00 a.m. July 26th and comes down 9:00 a.m. August 30th. Up to 30 paintings are needed. *Be sure and call Meg.* You might want to get out your GALLERY RULES and review them. It saves a lot of time when paintings are carded properly when you arrive.

A paper will be passed around at the meeting requesting your suggestions for program ideas for the future. Do you want painting demos, slide presentations, program on framing, painting trips? Give us your ideas.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each of the officers and committee chairmen that have helped me through the past two years. Everyone did a great job. I couldn't have done it without each of you. You're a special group! THANK YOU.

Your outgoing president, Suzie Counts.

Here is a list of new members to be added to the list in your book. Please include them in the back of your book.

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