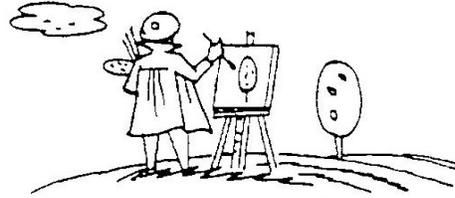


NEWSLETTER



The James River Art League
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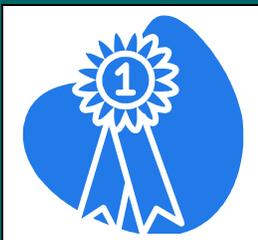
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Next REGULAR
MEETING at the
Bon Air Library

Friday, September 18
At 11:30am

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JAMES CENTER SHOW HUGE SUCCESS

We had a terrific show at the James Center in June with 42 members participating, showing 69 paintings. Ann Chenoweth judged the entries, and winners were announced at the reception on Sunday afternoon, June 14. Ann was very complimentary of all the work and prefaced her individual awards with the following “**Juror’s statement:**”

“This is a professional quality art exhibition. If this had been a curated show with the sole criterion being excellence within each medium, all the pieces of this show would qualify. For the viewer, there is a nice diversity between subject matter – realistic and abstract, as well as media – watercolor, oil and acrylic, printmaking. The members of the JRAL should be proud of themselves and the group as a whole. There is evidence that the individual members are encouraged by the club and nurtured to do their best work. My only regret in seeing this show is that I had to single out “winners.” I wish I had awards to give to everyone!”



The Winners:

First: Anne Negus, [Weathered or Not](#)

Second: Nancy Foley, [Waiting Tables](#)

Third: Gigi Vranian, [Shades of Burano, Italy](#)

Honorable Mention: Sandy Bruton, [Dressed to Kill](#)

Special Mention Awards:

Mary Kent, [Sentinels](#)

Lois Shipley, [Find Beauty Where you Can](#)

Carol Mullen, [Coastal Coral](#)



Anne Negus' First Place Winner



Sandy Bruton accepts her award

New JRAL Board elected in May

The following members were elected at the general meeting in May to serve as our JRAL officers for the 2009-2011 term:

President – Jane Cox

1st Vice President (Program Chairman) – Lois Shipley

2nd Vice President (Parliamentarian) – Gigi Vranian

Recording Secretary – Michelle Rosman

Corresponding Secretary – Sandy Bruton

Treasurer – Nancy Foley

Continuing and newly appointed committee chairmen are as follows:

Exhibit Contact – Karen Witthoefft

Gallery Chairman (“Hangman”) – Collin Hoskins

Historian – Sally Booth

Hospitality Co-chairs – Leslie Schooler & Carol Mullen

Membership Chairman – Kate Towler

Newsletter Editor – Mary Kent

Publicity Chairman – Betty Eddowes; (Lea Emory Website Manager)

Telephone Committee Chairman – Norma Haigh

“Pine Camp” Awards

In keeping with our mission statement, “To encourage the creation and appreciation of good art,” each year the James River Art League sponsors an award to a middle school student entry in the Youth/Teen category of the National Arts Program exhibit in Richmond. This is an annual exhibit co-sponsored by the National Arts Program Foundation and the Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Art Program and the Pine Camp Arts and Community Center. This year there were over 600 student and adult entries in the show, with student work being displayed at the Science Museum of Virginia. Jane Cox and Anne Sampson acted as judges to determine which student would be the recipient of the JRAL award. Shamese Kenny, a middle school student, age 13, was selected as the winner for her mixed media work entitled “The Colorful Dragonfly.” Jane attended the awards ceremony on Sunday, June 28, at the Science Museum and presented the JRAL award, consisting of a \$100 gift certificate to Main Art art supply store.

JRAL member Lois Shipley participated in the adult exhibit, “Creative Reflections,” and received an honorable mention for her oil painting titled “Wyoming Memories.”

A Vote of Thanks

JRAL and its members offer a vote of appreciation to Betty Eddowes for her dedicated work as our president for the 2007-2009 term. It is members like Betty who are willing to step up to the plate who make our wonderful organization what it is today. ***Thank you, Betty!***



“The Colorful Dragonfly”

Current Exhibit Schedule

The James River Art League has not traditionally held exhibits over the summer nor put up an exhibit prior to the first meeting in September; however this year is an exception. Please mark your calendar with the following exhibit dates, and contact Karen Witthoefft, 272-9453, Exhibit Contact, with your questions.

Montpelier Center for the Arts – 17185 Mountain Road, Montpelier, VA

Approximately 27 artists participating

Up Monday, June 29, 9:30-10:00 am

Down Monday, August 31, 9:00-9:30 am

RECEPTION Sunday, July 12, 3:00-5:00 pm

The gallery will take a 25% commission

Crossroads Art Center – 2016 Staples Mill Rd, Richmond

Note – exhibit is full!

Up Saturday, September 12, 10:00 am

Down Saturday, November 14, 10:00 am

The gallery will take a 40% commission

In Memoriam

David Donati Ryan, who was a long-time JRAL member, died on June 7, 2009.

David was an artist, a photographer and an author of nine books on Virginia history. He worked as a reporter and photographer for the Richmond Times-Dispatch and the Richmond News Leader for 23 years, winning many awards for his photography and news stories.

We will miss David and miss having his wonderful paintings and photography in our shows.

Meeting and Newsletter Schedules

The James River Art League holds regular membership meetings at the Bon Air Library on the 3rd Friday of the months of September, November, January, March and May. The Executive Board holds meetings on the 1st Friday of each of these months, unless otherwise rescheduled (see box).

Field trips or similar activities are usually scheduled for the third Fridays of alternate months (October, February and April); and a holiday social event is generally scheduled in December.

Upcoming critique sessions have been scheduled for Friday, August 7 and Friday, October 2 at 11:30 am at the Bon Air Library. For more information or to participate, contact Anne Sampson on 330-3145 or at annesva@comcast.net.

This newsletter is regularly published in official meeting months; although there may occasionally be an extra newsletter (such as this one). Members may elect to receive the newsletter by e-mail or USPS. To subscribe to e-mail, contact Mary Kent at marykent1@verizon.net.



Heads Up, Board Members

The September Board meeting, which would normally be held on the first Friday of the month, has been re-scheduled to the fourth Friday in August in order to avoid the Labor Day Weekend. The meeting will be held on **Friday, August 28 at 1:00 pm at the Bon Air Library.**

Board Members, please note this important time, location and date change!

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MEETINGS

Third Friday of each month
11:30 am
September-May
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WINTER WEATHER POLICY

Our meeting cancellation policy follows the Chesterfield County school closure due to inclement weather announcement; Next meeting will be the following month, unless otherwise notified.

About Our Organization

The James River Art League was originally organized by members of a painting class taught by Helen Bailey. Through Helen's persuasion, an art league was formed south of the James River in 1964. At that time, the

meetings were held in a small white house on the grounds of the Westover Hills School. The members decided to follow the constitution and by-laws of the Petersburg Art League. They organized the James River Art League as a corporation.

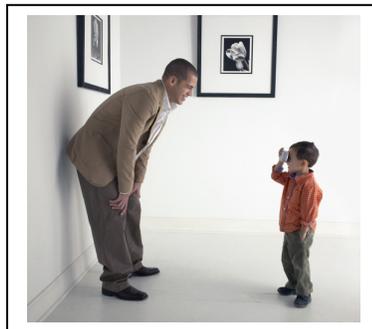
Their membership grew, and soon the League included members from across the James River, and into the City of Richmond.

Thanks to a few who had vision, the James River Art League celebrated their 40th year anniversary in 2005.

JRAL EMBLEM

The design, pictured on page one, was selected by the membership in 1964. Member artist, William Youngblood, depicted an artist at work, on the banks of the James River.

We are grateful for all the contributions that Mr. Youngblood made to JRAL!



Our Mission Statement:

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