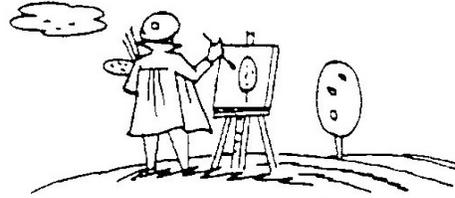


NEWSLETTER



The James River Art League
Richmond, Virginia

JULY - AUGUST
2010

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APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE FOR ART AT THE ATRIUM

There were plenty of awards and rewards for JRAL members and guests who attended the reception for the June show at the Atrium at the Omni on Sunday, June 13th.

Congratulations to everyone who participated – especially those who garnered ribbons; thanks to our juror, David Tanner, for providing his insightful critiques; kudos to the artists who sold artwork; and last, but certainly not least, thanks to all who brought delicious refreshments to share!



Nancy Foley
with
Best in Show
"Shakers"



Barbara Duval's "Secret Pasture"



Gigi Vranian's "Visions of Venice"



Kate Towler's "NYC Wise Guy"

The Winners

Best in Show: Nancy Foley, "Shakers"

Oil/Acrylic

- 1st Place: Barbara Duval,
"The Secret Pasture"
2nd Place: Sandy Bruton, "Flick of a Tail"
3rd Place: Elizabeth Eubanks,
"Apres Lumiere"

Watercolor/Watermedia

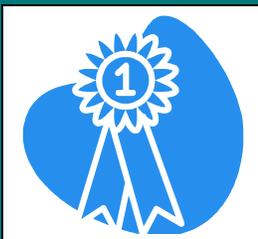
- 1st Place: Gigi Vranian,
"Visions of Venice"
2nd Place: Anne Negus,
"All That Jazz"
3rd Place: Tim White, "Gifts"

Other (Pastel, Pen & Ink, etc.)

- 1st Place: Kate Towler, "NYC Wise Guy"
2nd Place: Beth Bradford, "Magic"
3rd Place: Bonnie Shelor, "Paint"

Next REGULAR
MEETING at St
Matthews Church

Friday, September 17
At 11:30am



More pictures from the Atrium



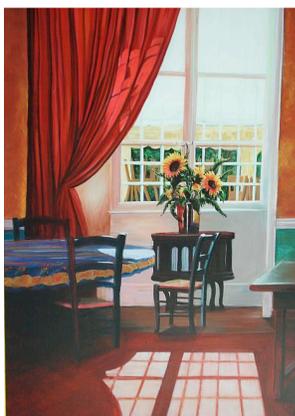
**Sandy Bruton's
"Flick of a Tail"**



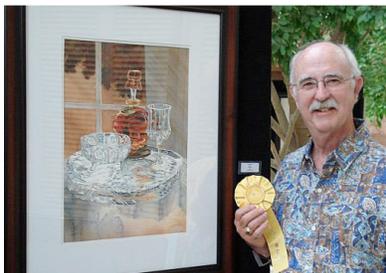
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More about the show

By all accounts the annual juried show was a huge success with many compliments on the artwork and enthusiastic appreciation for the in-depth feedback and explanations of the juror.

Forty-five JRAL members participated with one painting apiece. The breakdown of artwork by medium was as follows:

Watercolor	42%
Oil & acrylic	47%
All other	11%

Another measure of the impact and success of the show was some lively activity in sales. Sales were reported for the following artists:

- Fran Edwards
- Collin Hoskins
- Barbara Lange
- Paulette Nesbitt
- Kate Towler
- Gigi Vranian

(If your name belongs on this list, we are sorry we missed it, but we didn't know.)

“Pine Camp” Awards

In keeping with our mission statement, “To encourage the creation and appreciation of good art,” each year, for a number of years, the James River Art League has sponsored 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 we elected to give two awards in the amount of \$50 each. Sally Booth and Lunette Edwards acted as our judges to determine the recipients of the JRAL awards.

The winning students were brother and sister, Sam Martin, age 13, for “Radishes” (watercolor) and Liza Martin, age 11, for “Ballet Slippers” (pastel). Sally attended the awards ceremony on Sunday, June 27, at the Science Museum and presented the JRAL awards, consisting of two \$50 gift certificates to Main Art to be used for art supplies.

Recent Publicity Enhancements

Thanks to the efforts of Gigi Vranian and Elizabeth Hood, working together with Lea Emory, we now have expanded information on our website. Please take the time to visit www.jamesriverartleague.org to see what’s changed.

You may have also noticed that Gigi has been creating and sending us online e-invitations for upcoming shows with receptions, providing a wonderfully convenient way for us to notify our friends about these events.

Places that folks can go to the internet to see our publicity include the following sites:

Richmond.com/Richmond-va/events/show

ConnectRichmond.org at the calendar listings

We will be sending notices regularly to: Times Dispatch weekender, WCVB NPR radio announcements, and Style Weekly.

JRAL Logo Challenge

The logo design pictured on the banner of this newsletter was selected by the membership in 1964. Founding Member artist, William Youngblood, depicted an artist at work, on the banks of the James River. Five years from now, our Art League will be 50 years young, and our Board has issued a challenge to the members to come up with a new logo that reflects our current image.

Members wishing to respond to this challenge may submit up to three proposed designs for a new logo at the September or November 2010 general meetings. The board will choose 3-5 finalists at the January 2011 Board meeting, and the membership will make the final selection at the January general meeting. (Opting in favor of keeping the current JRAL logo will be included as one of the choices on the ballot.)

Anyone needing copies of the rules for the logo challenge or the document on “Characteristics of Effective Logos” should contact Elizabeth Hood or Collin Hoskins.

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 27 at 11:30 am at St Matthews Church.**

Board Members, please note this important date!

“Art is like a little vacation.”

July – December 2010 Exhibit Schedule

Montpelier Center for the Arts – 17205 Mountain Road, Montpelier, VA

60 paintings/30 artists
 Drop off Thursday, July 1, 9:00-10:30 am
 Pick up Monday, August 2, 9:00-10:30 am
 JRAL sponsored reception Sunday, July 11, 3:00-5:00 pm
30% Commission

Bank of America Center – 1111 East Main Street, Richmond

60 paintings/15 artists/4 small paintings each (thematic)
 Up Saturday, August 7, 2010, 10:00 am
 Down Saturday, August 21, 2010, 10:00 am (two week show)

SunTrust Bank – 919 East Main Street, Richmond

60 paintings/30 artists
 Drop off Wednesday, September 1, 10:00-11:00 am
 Pick up Thursday, September 30, 10:00-11:00 am

Cultural Arts Center of Glen Allen – 2880 Mountain Road, Glen Allen

50 paintings/25 artists
 Drop off Saturday, October 2, 9:30 am
 Pick up Tuesday, November 2, after 9:30 am

Tuckahoe Library – 1910 Starling Drive, Richmond

60 paintings/30 artists
 Drop off Wednesday, December 1, 9:30-10:00 am
 Pick up Wednesday, December 29, 9:30-10:00 am

Exhibit/Contact Chairman:

Karen Witthoefft
272-9453 (h)
380-0173 (c)

The Exhibit/Contact Chairman is in charge of procuring new and existing exhibit areas and shall be the liaison between the League and the public.

Gallery Chairman a.k.a. “Hangman”:

Collin Hoskins
677-7542 (c)

The Gallery Chairman is in charge of hanging all art shows and exhibits. The membership is required to aid the Gallery Chairman when called upon to do so.

Gallery Rules require that all paintings must be in ready-to-hang condition with picture wire firmly attached (not strung too taut, please). Clip type hangers are not acceptable.

In consideration of your fellow artist members, please do not deliver paintings late, pick up paintings early or neglect to pick up paintings from any exhibit or from any other member you have made an arrangement with!

A new “Buddy System” has been instated to help members who may have difficulty getting paintings to exhibits. Call Karen Witthoefft or Gigi Vranian if you need someone to help you get your painting to a show. Our goal is for every member who wants to participate in a show to have the opportunity to do so.

Meeting and Newsletter Schedules

The James River Art League holds regular membership meetings at St Matthews Church 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 on page 3).

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.

This newsletter is regularly published in official meeting months (bi-monthly); 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 mary.kent1@verizon.net.

Member News and Announcements

At the May Meeting

The featured program was an informal “show & tell” by nine JRAL members who had traveled to and painted on the Greek island of Kalymnos. The artists brought artwork, stories and photography to share, as well as a video of an outdoor art reception and interview with Helen Sanders (in Greek, no less) by the anchor of the local TV station on the island.

Jane Cox was the lucky winner of the drawing for Mac Okada’s painting of a pair of swans that was generously donated by Suzie Counts.

The Art League earned a total of \$185 from the sale of Mac Okada’s art supplies.

In July

JRAL member, Anne Sampson, was the Featured Artist at For Art’s Sake Friday Night reception on July 2. On display were scenes of Peggys Cove, Nova Scotia, as well as some of Anne’s lovely florals. Some other JRAL members’ paintings were included in artwork on display in the side gallery.

The Montpelier show was hung on Thursday, July 1 and will be up until the end of the month. Pick-up is on Monday, August 2.

Don’t forget the reception on Sunday, July 11 from 3 to 5 pm, sure to be lovely and a great way to beat the heat.

Speaking of Summer in Virginia

Four JRAL members were among those who enjoyed the Nimrod experience this summer: Seasoned regulars Betty Brinser and Helen Sanders, third timer, Mary Kent, and first time attendee, Arlene DeConti.

We want your news

We’d love to hear about your art adventures, shows, sales and successes. We can’t write about it, if we don’t know about it.

Please submit news to Mary Kent via e-mail at mary.kent1@verizon.net or telephone at 278-8917 for inclusion in the newsletter.

The deadline for news to be included in the September newsletter is Friday, September 3.



Three happy painters, Mary Kent, Helen Sanders and Arlene DeConti, (from l to r), had the opportunity to participate in a plein air watercolor workshop in Yosemite Valley in May. Not a huge number of paintings were completed, but the scenery and photo ops were spectacular! And Mary was pleased and surprised to sell a painting of Yosemite Falls to a couple of hikers.

Condolences

The James River Art League and its members extend sincere condolences to President, Jane Cox, on the loss of her husband and “best buddy”, Charles, who passed away on July 2nd after a long battle with heart disease.

Art workshop in Santa Fe

Anne Chaddock is offering a painting workshop in Santa Fe, New Mexico, October 10-16, 2010, staying at the historic St. Francis Hotel. For information contact Diana Robinson at 740-1400.

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MEETINGS

Third Friday of each month
11:30 am
September-May
St Matthews Church

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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. Over the

years, their membership grew, and soon the League included members from across the James River, and into the City of Richmond and beyond. Today we are 68 members strong and growing. We welcome inquiries and applications from artists in the Richmond area seeking to make connections.

www.jamesriverartleague.org

Our Mission Statement:

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