

NEWSLETTER

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**Next REGULAR
MEETING at St
Matthews Church**

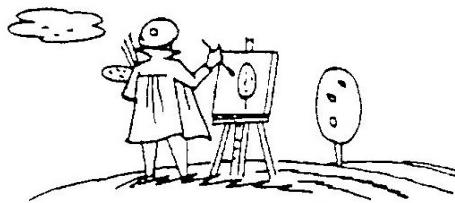
**Friday, September 17
At 11:30am**

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**IMPORTANT
REMINDER**

IT'S THAT TIME!

**Annual dues of \$30
are now due. Make
checks payable to
JRAL. Send or give
to Nancy Foley at the
September meeting.**



The James River Art League
Richmond, Virginia

LOGO CHALLENGE

We hope there are lots of talented members out there feverishly working on creative designs for the new JRAL logo. Remember, contest entries will be accepted at the September and November meetings.

Members wishing to participate in the challenge may submit up to three designs, which could be in color or in black and white. Work must be original— no clip art or copyrighted or trademarked images allowed.

Anyone needing copies of the rules for the logo challenge or the document on "Characteristics of Effective Logos" should contact Elizabeth Hood, 784-5868 or elizabethhood@comcast.net.

JRAL

Picture your design here.

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

At the September meeting, we will have a presentation by Slash Coleman about storytelling through art.

Slash is a professional storyteller who is best known for his award winning PBS special and Off-Broadway storytelling concert, "The Neon Man and Me." So far, his productions have helped raise over \$90,000 for non-profits around the country. Descended from a grandfather who was a dancer at the Moulin Rouge, a grandmother who was a painter, and a father who is a prolific sculptor, Slash draws much of his material from being raised by an offbeat, creative family. As a lively interview guest, he's appeared multiple times on NPR, and has been featured in "American Theater Magazine", The "Washington Post", and "Backstage Magazine". Coleman, who has also

made his living as a visual artist and jazz pianist, currently lives in Richmond, VA where he continues to develop new stories for stage, film and television projects.

According to Slash, discovering the story that you want to tell through your art can be a lifelong journey. For those who are fortunate enough to discover this nugget, it can be like finding a gem. But how do you find it, maintain it, market and sell your vision once you've found it? Through this inspiring presentation, you'll get a glimpse into what it means to "make it," and how to know when you've reached your destination.

For more information about Slash Coleman, go to www.slashcoleman.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to a new JRAL year! Although it was summer and vacation time, many of our members were busy with our league's activities.

Our publicity, hospitality, exhibit, and gallery chairmen and committee members never get time off as evidenced by the impressive show at Montpelier, July 1 – August 2, and the delicious reception on Sunday, July 11. Another exhibit opened at Sun Trust Bank on September 1. The “unofficial” show that was scheduled for Our Lady of Hope this summer was postponed to November.

On June 27, Sally Booth presented the Pine Camp awards to two middle school students at the ceremony at the Science Museum. Lunette Edwards and Sally were the esteemed judges and selected outstanding works by talented young artists, who happen to be brother and sister.

I am sure that many of you have been thinking about and/or working on your rendition of a new logo for JRAL. If not, it is not too late! You may submit your design at the September or November meeting, or deliver it to a board member before the January 7 board meeting. Betty Eddowes was chairman of the logo committee, but had to resign at the end of the

summer. Elizabeth Hood is the new chair. Thank you, Betty and Elizabeth.

There are a few changes on the board to report. Regretfully, Michelle Rosman had to resign as recording secretary. Anne Negus agreed to take on this assignment, which is not an easy one. There always seems to be a lot to talk about at the board and general meetings, and we talk so fast. Thank you, Michelle for keeping “things” straight last year, and thank you, Anne for “volunteering” to serve this year. Fortunately Norma Haigh will return to the board and serve as chairman of the phone committee, a job that Anne had. Thank you, Norma.

The board met August 27 and welcomed two new artists to our league. They are JoAnne McDonough and Carol Joyce. JoAnne lives in Ireland and we all immediately thought, “field trip!” Speaking of field trips, Lois Shipley has also been busy this summer lining up speakers and planning field trips for 2010-2011.

In closing, I want to thank you again for your many kindnesses and thoughtfulness over the past several months. You are very special, and I look forward to another productive, inspiring year of painting, exhibiting, learning, and socializing with our JRAL family.

October Field Trip

Mark your calendar now for a JRAL day the Virginia Museum to see “Fine Arts and Flowers: 2010” on Friday, October 15. This is the exhibition held every few years to showcase Virginia Garden Clubs’ creative interpretations of VMFA artworks through imaginative floral arrangements.

Plan to meet fellow JRAL members at the entrance to the museum at 10:00 am for self-guided tours and lunch at Best Café (open seating).

Entry to the museum is FREE. Tickets (\$20) are required and reservations are suggested if you want a Docent-guided tour of the exhibit. Lunch at Amuse restaurant (fine dining) is available by reservation only.

For anything requiring reservations or a ticket, please contact the museum directly at 804-340-1405 or see more information at www.vmfa.state.va.us.



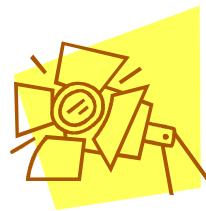
Spotlight on the Board

This month the spotlight shines on our treasurer, **Nancy Foley**, who has been a member of the Art League since 2003.

Nancy tells us she first picked up a paintbrush just eleven years ago at the insistence of her good friend, Marla Coleman, who talked her into taking her first art class with Ann Chenoweth at the Virginia Museum Studio School. Since then, Nancy has studied with many of Richmond's local lights, including Anne Chaddock, Ellie Cox, Christaphora Robeers, Sue Stuller and Christopher Wynn.

Nancy paints in watercolor and acrylics, but she says watercolor is her "fav." She says she doesn't really have a particular favorite subject matter. She likes to paint almost anything except portraits; although she does do pet portraits.

Nancy is a Richmond native, who, after receiving a BS from VCU in sociology, started a manufacturing business with her husband. (They built overhead cranes.) She has two sons and a two year old baby granddaughter. When she isn't painting (or baby-



sitting), she enjoys photography and practicing Yoga.

Nancy served the James River Art League as Newsletter Chairman from September, 2005 to May, 2007 and has held the official position of Treasurer since September of 2007.

Her work has been recognized locally. Most recent and impressive accomplishments include being accepted into the Virginia Watercolor Society's 31st annual juried show in May-June of 2010 and winning the JRAL award for "Best In Show" at our own annual juried show at the Atrium in June.

2010 -2011 Program Schedule

September 17 – Slash Coleman, professional storyteller, talks about how to discover the story you want to tell through your art.

October 15 – Fine Arts and Flowers: 2010 at VMFA

November 19 – Lynn Bayliss, author of Exhibition of Talents – Adele Williams and the Richmond Art Scene

December 10 – Holiday Luncheon at the Colony Club

January 21 – Logo Design Contest winner announcement

February 18 – Guided tour of Staples Fine Art followed by lunch at a local restaurant

March 18 – Jay Barrows, local art dealer noted for his work with the Lewis family

April 15 – Field trip to National Portrait Gallery and Smithsonian American Art Museum

May 20 – Robert L. Caldwell, artist, shares his passion for art and nature

September – December 2010 Exhibit Schedule

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

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 “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.

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.

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.

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.

JRAL at Crossroads

The James River Art League has a wall at the Crossroads Art Center where members may display their work on a rotating basis for a period of usually two months at a time. Beth Bradford is in charge of coordinating changes to the exhibit which typically coincide with Crossroads' bimonthly indoor art walks.

The week of September 11 a new show will be going up on the wall to showcase the work of new JRAL members who joined our organization in the 2009-2010 season. This show will be up in time for the art opening reception on Friday, September 17.

For additional information about the Crossroads Art Center, go to www.crossroadsartcenter.com.

Crossroads takes a 30% commission on sales.

Member News and Announcements

The James River Art League is pleased to welcome the following new members:

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Thanks to **Paulette Nesbitt** who stepped in and did a great job of hanging the summer show on the JRAL wall at Crossroads.

Thanks also to our "Hangman", **Collin Hoskins**, and volunteer helpers **Bob and Lunette Edwards, Anne Twisdale and Gigi Vranian** for putting up the September show at SunTrust. It looks terrific. This is a wonderful venue with high visibility.

Kudos to **Anita Baker** who had two paintings, "Harbor Cruise" and "Summer Fun" juried into the Central Virginia Watercolor Exhibition on display at the McGuffey Art Center in Charlottesville, September 3-25.

Congratulations to **Sally Booth, Jane Cox, Mary Kent and Kate Towler** who sold paintings at Crossroads (Sally's wall), Crossroads (JRAL wall), Montpelier Center and B of A, respectively.

Beth Bradford's work was shown in the center gallery at Art Works in May and June, and she currently has about 30 works on display at the University of Phoenix local campus off Glenside Drive.

Virginia Plein Air Painters Group (VPAP)

An informal Plein Air Painting Group, spearheaded by Marla Coleman was formed last spring and has held four great "paint outs" so far, with many JRAL members participating, as well as a number of other artists from the Richmond area. So far the group has painted on a lovely farm in Midlothian, in Capitol Square in Richmond, in scenic Ashland and at Brandermill Lake.

The next event will be held at Belmont Estate in Fredericksburg in September, and the following month Marla will be hosting a State Paintout for the Oil Painters of America (OPA) at Maymont Park on Saturday, October 30 from 10



Janice Clark and Karen Witthoefft enjoy the plein air painting experience

to 4. OPA focuses on oil painting (naturally) but other mediums are welcome, and the event is open to all.

For more information about VPAP or the paintouts, contact Marla Coleman on 338-0588 or at marlcoleman7@aol.com.

Diana Robinson's work is currently being featured in the gallery at For Art's Sake. Opening reception is Friday, September 10 from 5 to 8 pm.

Bonnie Shelor will be showing in the same space (jointly with Cathy Ellis) in October, and **Anne Negus** will have both the front and back spaces in November. Receptions are First Fridays from 5 to 8. Be sure to come and bring your friends.

Well wishes to **Anne Sampson** on her speedy recovery from hip replacement surgery. We hear she is doing great.

Congratulations to **Lea Emory** on the arrival of a new baby granddaughter on August 28.

The JRAL Board has authorized a donation of \$200 to the Friends of the James River Park in memory of **Mac Okada**.

The **Fine Arts and Crafts Showcase** will be held at St Matthews Episcopal Church September 11 and 12.

Gallery 45 takes place at First Unitarian Universalist Church on Blanton Avenue October 20-24.

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 November newsletter is Friday, November 5.

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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:
To encourage the creation and appreciation of good art

JRAL

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