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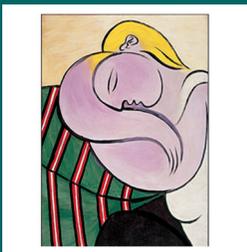
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Next REGULAR
MEETING at St
Matthews Church

Friday, March 18
At 11:30am



CHANGE IS IN THE AIR

Now that it is almost the spring of the year 2011, the James River Art League is preparing to adopt a new logo to be used in our print media and on-line publications and to accept a new slate of officers for the 2011 – 2013 term.

New Logo Design

At the January meeting members had the opportunity to vote on a new logo design, selecting from among the top four entries which had been submitted to the Board in early January. All of the entries were excellent, and it was a close contest, with a small number of votes cast in favor of retaining the existing logo; however, the winning entry was a new design that was submitted by Anne Negus, featuring the motifs of both a river and a paintbrush,

Congratulations to Annie, and thanks to everyone who participated by submitting their designs to the committee! Our winner was presented with a \$50 certificate for art supplies, which she has generously requested the Board to donate to Pine Camp.

Our new logo design is shown in concept at right. The logo committee and designer are currently working with a local printer to refine the elements of the design and create a digital image that can be used in all types of media. Expect to see the new logo on our next newsletter!

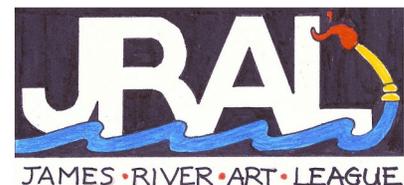
New JRAL Officers

A nominating committee is now being formed for the purpose of presenting a slate of nominees for new JRAL officers for the September 2011 – August 2013 term. The positions which are to be filled by election by the membership at the May meeting include the following:

- President
- First Vice President and Program Chairman
- Second Vice President and Parliamentarian
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary

A survey will be passed out at the March meeting to determine interest in these positions. Serving on the Board as an officer or committee chair is a wonderful way to get involved with and excited about the work of the League, make new friends, and help shape the future of our organization! Please consider sharing your talent with us.

THE JAMES RIVER ART LEAGUE WANTS YOU!





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My month in Florida was both relaxing and re-energizing. Besides the sun, sea, and warm(er) weather, there are always numerous exhibits and art activities in the area. I was pleased and impressed by a trip to St. Petersburg to visit the Salvador Dali Museum. The building itself is a work of art, and is the home of the world's most comprehensive collection of the artist's works. In addition to 96 oil paintings, from 1917-1970, there are over 100 watercolors and drawings, and 1,300 graphics, sculptures, objects d'art, and photographs. The exhibit is diverse and spans his Impressionist, Cubist, and Surrealist periods. It was challenging and fascinating to try and find a painting within a painting, a trademark of many of Dali's works. About twenty years ago, my husband and I saw a very much smaller collection of Dali's art in his hometown of Figueres, Spain, in the northeast, close to the border with France.

I am so sorry to have missed the agenda-filled regular meeting in January. Among the important items was the voting on a new logo. Congratulations to Anne Negus for the selection of her logo to represent our James River Art League.

On February 18, we enjoyed an informative guided tour of Staples Fine Art, followed by a plentiful, delicious lunch at the Kona Grill. I think we all wished we had started with the desserts.

The Board met on March 4. Three artists presented their work, and were voted into our league. Our new members are Carol Matuschek, Suzanne Spooner-Munch, and Diane Smith. Welcome!

After hearing the presentation and reading the literature about ART180, the Board voted to give a donation to this worthwhile organization. It was also suggested that we investigate ways that interested members can help the staff with volunteer work.

The next JRAL exhibit is at Uptown Gallery, March 26-May 26; and the First Friday Art Walks and receptions April 1 and May 6, 5:00-9:00 p.m. And please join us on the next field trip April 15 to the National Portrait Gallery and Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C. Not only do our field trips give us new knowledge and insights, but they are so much fun.

I look forward to seeing you at our next regular meeting on March 18.

Jane Cox

A THEME FOR MONTPELIER



At the March meeting the JRAL members elected to go with a "Flora and Fauna" theme for the Montpelier show in July. Accordingly, paintings depicting any sort of plant or animal life are appropriate for this exhibit. Suggestions include (but are not limited to) floral still lifes, gardens, landscapes, pet portraits, barnyard animals, fish, wildlife, and so forth.

Note: from Roman mythology, "Flora" was the goddess of flowers, and "Faunus" was a god of nature and fertility.



Let's make this the lushest show ever!

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, local author, will speak on “Adele Williams: A Departure from Stereotype”
(Rescheduled for January)

December 10 – Holiday Luncheon at the Colony Club – signup at the November meeting

January 21 – Lynn Bayliss on Adele Williams, followed by Presentation on Art 180 and 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

March Speaker

Jay Barrows has been employed by the Lewis family for the past 40 years, functioning as both the curator and as the assistant curator. Sydney and Frances Lewis were leaders in the collection of contemporary art, art nouveau, and art deco, and have been major benefactors of the VMFA. You may remember they were also the founders of "Best Products" in 1958. The duties of Jay's position include keeping records, producing art forums, transporting, shipping, and receiving art. He is in charge of community events and all public activities regarding the Lewis family.

He has been awarded the "Lifetime Achievement Teresa Pollock award" by the Richmond Magazine. He and his wife, Cindy Neuschwander, are regarded as leaders in the Richmond Art Scene. Cindy is a local artist and currently has a show at the Reynolds Gallery through the end of March.

We are very excited to have the opportunity to hear about Jay's experiences as a local art dealer and curator.

April Field Trip

Mark your calendar now for Friday, April 15, when we travel by chartered bus to Washington to visit the Reynolds Center: National Portrait Gallery & Smithsonian American Art Museum.

Meet at Crossroads Art Center at 8:15 am for bus departure at 8:30. Visit the museums and enjoy lunch at the museum's Courtyard Café. Take time in the afternoon to visit the National Gallery (Gauguin Exhibit) and other museums within walking distance.

The cost is \$35, including bus and lunch. Dinner is on your own. We meet back at the Reynolds Center by 6:45 pm for return bus trip to Richmond, expecting to be back at Crossroads by 9:30 pm.

To reserve your seat, please contact Lois Shipley lawshipley@embarqmail.com or 804 883-5040. Make your check for \$35 payable to JRAL and mail to Nancy Foley, 9107 Stephens Manor Dr, Mechanicsville, VA 23116.

Deadline for reservations or cancellations is April 8.

January – December 2011 Exhibit Schedule

Crossroads Art Center – 2016 Staples Mill Rd, Richmond Gallery One

40 paintings/20 artists
Drop off Saturday, January 15, 10:00 am
Pick up Tuesday, March 8, 10:00 am
Free Public Reception Friday, January 21, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Gallery takes 40% commission

Uptown Gallery Loft – 1305 West main St, Richmond

50 paintings/25 artists + some three dimensional works
Drop off Saturday, March 26, 11:00 am - noon
Pick up Saturday, May 28, 2:00 - 3:00 pm
First Friday Art Walks & Receptions April 1 & May 6, 5:00 - 9:00 pm
Gallery takes 30% commission

James Center Atrium – 901 East Cary St, Richmond James River Art League Annual juried show

70 paintings maximum
Drop off Saturday, June 4, 9:30 - 10:00 am
Pick up Saturday, June 25, 9:30 - 10:00 am
Reception & Awards Presentations Sunday, June 12, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

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

60 paintings/30 artists
Drop off Friday, July 1, 10:00 - 11:00 am
Pick up Sunday, July 31, 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Reception Sunday, July 10, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Gallery takes 30% commission

SunTrust Bank – 919 East Main St, Richmond

30 artists/1-2 paintings each
Drop off Thursday, September 1, 10:00 – 11:00 am
Pick up Friday, September 30, 10:00 – 11:00 am
Do not put sale prices on labels. Note “POR”, if desired.

Glenmore Yoga – 10442 Ridgefield Parkway, Henrico Co

30 artists/1-2 paintings each
Drop off Saturday, October 1, 12:00 noon
Pick up date TBD
Reception Saturday, November 12, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Gallery takes 30% commission

Tuckahoe Library – 1901 Starling Dr, Henrico Co

60 paintings/30 artists
Drop off Thursday, December 1st, 9:30 – 10:00 am
Pick up Thursday, December 29, 9:30 – 10:00 am

Exhibit/Contact Chairman:

Suzie Counts (Acting)
784-1228 (h)
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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
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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!

NOTE: Members who do not pick up their paintings on time will be expected to assist with the next hanging.

Call 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.

Member News and Announcements

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

Carol Matuschek
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Dianne Smith
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The Board has regretfully accepted the resignation of **Nate Smith**.

Our Art League is currently seventy-three members strong.

Stella Jones sold two paintings at the Virginia General Assembly show.

Beth Bradford has changed the wall at Crossroads. The new theme is "Magic." Check it out!

Our Board has voted to make a \$200 donation to Art 180, and members **Elizabeth Hood**, **Collin Hoskins**, **Gigi Vranian** and **Karen Witthoefft** have volunteered to spearhead a committee to pursue the idea of sponsoring a student art show for this organization.

JRAL members swept awards at the annual juried show for "For Art's Sake" at the James Center in January.

Acrylics
Bonnie Shelor – 1st place

Oils
Bettie Cherry – 1st place
Janice Clark – 2nd place
Marla Coleman – 3rd place

Pastels
Elizabeth Hood – 1st place
Collin Hoskins – 2nd place
Diana Robinson – 3rd place

Watercolor
Suzanne Counts – 1st place

People's Choice Award
Lori Wilson



Members enjoy JRAL show & reception at Crossroads

Don't forget the 3rd Friday Indoor Artwalk at **Crossroads Art Center** on March 18. Featured exhibits include the Nimrod Art Show, the "All Media Show" and works by the Metropolitan Richmond Artists Association.

For Art's Sake is sponsoring a one day workshop on Color Theory on Saturday, April 2nd. Their next series of children's art classes will begin on April 5th.

In Memoriam

A light went out on the Richmond Art Scene when Shelly Bechtel Shepherd passed away on January 14th after a long battle with cancer. A nationally noted watercolorist and teacher at the Visual Arts Center and VMFA Studio School, Shelly influenced a large number of students in the Richmond area, including many JRAL members, who will remember her for her straightforward, no nonsense approach to imparting the principles of watercolor technique. As they liked to say at Nimrod (perhaps her favorite venue), "Bigger brushes, more water, (more wine)."

A celebration of Shelly's life was held at the Visual Arts Center on January 22nd, at which it was announced that the Center's "Distinguished Teaching Award" would now be named after her.

An exhibit of watercolors by Shelly's students is currently on display at the Visual Arts Center through March 18.

We'd love to hear your news, but we can't write about it, if we don't know about it. Please submit news to Mary Kent at 804 278-8917 or mary.kent1@verizon.net for inclusion in the newsletter.

The deadline for news to be published in the May newsletter is Friday, May 6.

JAMES RIVER ART LEAGUE

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MEETINGS

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

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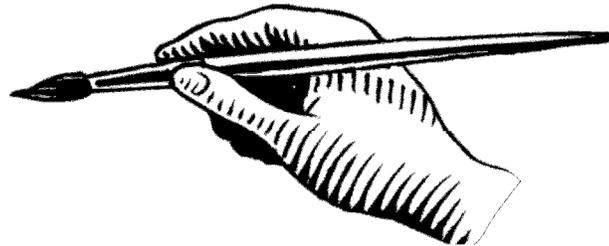
The James River Art League was originally organized by members of a painting class taught by Helen Bailey. Through Helen's persuasion, an art league was formed south of the James River in 1964. At that time, the meetings were held in a small white house on the grounds of the Westover Hills School. Over 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 71 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



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