



NEWSLETTER

January & February Programs Will Discuss Color | Three JRAL Members Honored

Youngblood Award Honors Three JRAL Members

Sally Booth, Suzanne Counts, and Anne Negus were honored at December 9th's Holiday Luncheon at the Westwood Club with the William A. Youngblood Award for Distinguished Service to the James River Art League.

Presenting the awards were President Rosemary McKnight and Membership Chair Gigi Vranian. In her remarks, Gigi said, "Besides serving in official capacities on the Executive Board of JRAL, all three have volunteered on various ad hoc committees, helped hang numerous Art League exhibits and have just been there and answered the call for help, whenever and where ever needed!"

The award is named in honor of 1964 Charter Member William Youngblood, who was a pivotal and continually active member of JRAL until his death in 2009.

Anne and Suzanne both joined JRAL in 1996; Sally joined in 1998. They have all held numerous Executive Board positions. (Story continues on page 2.)

Dan Bartges Presents "Color Harmony" at January 13th Meeting

Dan Bartges, Virginia artist and author of three books including the popular "Color is Everything" (re-released as "The Secrets to Color Harmony") will speak on Color Harmony at our January 13th meeting, 11:00 am, at St. Matthew's Church.

Please note: The meeting will be held on January 13 instead of January 20, so as not to conflict with Inauguration Day.



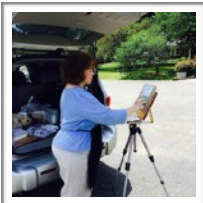
Holding degrees from Hampden-Sydney College and the University of Richmond, Dan has been a full-time artist since 1996. He primarily paints in oils, and is featured in national and regional exhibitions. His work is included in many corporate and private collections; he has lectured on art and color at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and many other venues.

His book has been described as "a must-read for any painter determined to capture color harmony...[it] clearly explains exactly how to master color in a concise yet conversational style." You can learn more about Dan on his website: <http://www.danbartges.com>.



Lily Pond in Autumn - Dan Bartges

Linda Hollett-Bazouzi to Speak in February



Linda Hollett-Bazouzi, contemporary American landscape artist, will present "Color 2.1" at the February 17th JRAL meeting, 11:00 am, at St. Matthew's Church.

Linda received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in art from Radford University. She became a docent at Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in 2012 and is now on the Docent Committee as Enrichment Coordinator, organizing opportunities for museum docents to enhance their understanding of art studio processes and artists' practices.

"Color 2.1" explains Linda's challenges as she worked to copy paintings in the VMFA collection. How could she recreate the artists' palettes? What pigments did they use? How could she recreate the color if those pigments were no longer available?

Linda taught art in Henrico Public Schools for 35 years; she also teaches adult art classes through Henrico Parks and Recreation and J. Sargent Reynolds Community College, and workshops for Virginia art teachers. She is a member of Oil Painters of America and the National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society, and is currently lead artist for the Virginia Plein Air Painters. Linda describes herself as "a devoted and driven *en plein air* artist" who does not consider her plein air works "studies" as they are not done with larger pieces in mind.

Find out more about Linda at her website: www.lindahollett.net.

2017 Program Schedule

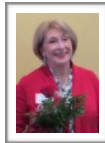
- **January 13: (Note date change!)** Dan Bartges on "Color Harmony"
- **February 17:** Linda Hollett-Bazouzi presentation: "Color 2.1"
- **March 17:** "Focus on the Artist," featuring four JRAL member artists
- **April 21:** Reynolds Community College "Gallery Walk & Talk"
- **May 19:** Annual Meeting, Elections, & Artist Challenge: "Reflections"

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(Continued from page 1) Highlights of the three award winners' contributions include:

Sally Booth

- Gallery Chair 1999-2001
- Recording Secretary 2001-2003
- President 2003-2005
- 1st VP & Program Chair 2005-2007
- Corresponding Secretary 2010-2012
- Historian 2010-2011
- 1st VP & Program Chair 2013-2015



Suzanne Counts

- Recording Secretary 1998-1999
- 1st VP & Program Chair 1999-2000
- President 2001-2003
- Corresponding Secretary 2003-2005
- Membership Chair 2005-2007



Anne Negus

- Corresponding Secretary 1999-2000
- Hospitality Chair 2000-2001
- Treasurer 2001-2003, 2003-2005, 2005-2007
- Telephone Committee 2009
- Recording Secretary 2010-2011
- Her JRAL Logo design won over numerous entries in our 2010-2011 competition to select a new, user friendly, digital logo
- Served on the year-long Anniversary Celebration Committee in 2013-2014.



The Youngblood Award is bestowed periodically by a vote of the Executive Board, to honor members who have shown longterm and meritorious dedication in leadership roles to the JRAL mission. Previous winners were Betty Brinser, Lunette Edwards, Mary Beth Ols, Helen Sanders, and Margot Titmus in 2009, and Gigi Vranian in 2014.

Exhibit Schedule — Winter-Spring 2017

<p>GLENMORE YOGA 10442 Ridgefield Parkway Henrico, VA 23233 January 4 - March 8</p> <p>Theme: Serenity, Meditative Works</p>	<p>Drop off: Wednesday, January 4, 2:00-2:30pm Pick up: Wednesday, March 8, 2:00-2:30pm 30% Commission-must be for sale Giclees, prints, unframed originals welcome at 25% commission</p>
<p>CULTURAL ARTS CENTER OF GLEN ALLEN-Slantwall Gallery 2880 Mountain Road Glen Allen, VA 23060 January 31 - March 1</p>	<p>Dropoff: Tuesday, January 31, 9:30-10am Pick up: Wednesday, March 1, 9:30-10 am 30% Commission-must be for sale</p>
<p>CROSSROADS ART CENTER Side Car Gallery 2016 Staples Mill Rd Richmond, VA 23230 March 17 - May 8</p> <p>Theme: "Pathways"</p>	<p>Drop off: Thursday, March 9, 10-11am Pick up: Monday, May 8, 10-11 am Reception: Friday, Mar.17, 6-9pm 15% Commission-must be for sale \$15 Fee from each artist to JRAL Giclees and prints are welcome.</p>
<p>FOR ART'S SAKE GALLERY 9770 Gayton Road Henrico,VA23238 April 3 - May 1</p> <p>Theme: "Life's a Zoo"</p>	<p>Drop off: Monday, April 3,10-11am Pick up: Monday, May 1, 10-11 am Reception: Friday, April 7 (Note date change for reception!) 30% Commission-must be for sale \$5.50 Fee from each artist to JRAL</p>
<p>CAPITAL ONE-Knolls 1 Private exhibition-not open to the public April 3 - June 29</p>	<p>Drop off: Monday, April 3, time/place tbd Pick up: Thursday, June 29, time/place tbd No Commission; NSF/POR okay</p>
<p>FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH 1000 Blanton Avenue Richmond, VA 23221 June 5 - July 31</p> <p>JRAL Annual Judged Show</p>	<p>Drop off: Monday, June 5, 9:30-10 am Pick up: Monday July 31, 9:30-10 am Reception & Awards: Sunday, June 11, 2-4pm</p>

Exhibits Update — Elizabeth Hood, Exhibits Chair

Our remaining exhibits for this year are full, but members can sign up to be waitlisted, as we often have cancellations. Don't forget, we have two themed exhibits coming up: "Pathways" at Crossroads Art Center in March, and "Life's A Zoo" at For Art's Sake Gallery in April. Time flies, so I hope everyone is working on their paintings! Both themes are open to each artist's personal interpretation.

The Crossroads fee of \$15.00 is now due; participating members can bring their payment to me at our January 13th meeting or mail a check payable to James River Art League to Elizabeth Hood, 808 Dover Bluff Place, Manakin Sabot, VA 23103.

Any questions? Contact Elizabeth Hood at elizabethhood@comcast.net, text 804-212-7204 or call my landline at 804-784-5868.



Member News

Exhibits:

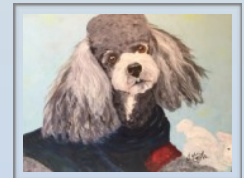
- Fifteen JRAL member artists are participating in the “Small Works Holiday Show” at For Art’s Sake Gallery, November 28 through January 30. They are **Dani Ashbridge, Terry Atkinson, Carol Baron, Keiko Bell, Sally Booth, Marla Coleman, Susan French, Harvey Hinson, Michelle Hoffmann, Stella Jones, Cindy Kinney, Beverly Lockwood, Patty Mochary, Lois Shipley, and Betty Wolfrey**. See below for awards and sales from this group.
- Jan Priddy and Mike Steele** participated in the student show at Robert Caldwell’s new studio, R.L. Caldwell Visual Arts Studio, December 3 through January 5.
- Dani Ashbridge** exhibited in the holiday show at Bella Arte Gallery in Midlothian, and will be the guest artist at St. Michael’s School in February.
- Anne Burnley** had an exhibit titled “Hands On” at Art Works during November.

Awards & Sales:

- Three JRAL members received awards from judge Thomas Bradshaw at the For Art’s Sake “Small Works Holiday Show” at the December 9th reception. Congratulations to **Nancy Tucker** for 2nd place, **Susan French** for 3rd place, and **Dani Ashbridge** for Honorable Mention!
- Larry Edwards** received an Honorable Mention for his pastel “Red Morning” at Uptown Gallery on December 2.
- Three JRAL members have sold their paintings from the aforementioned For Art’s Sake exhibit during December: **Cindy Kinney, Harvey Hinson, and Stella Jones**. The exhibit runs through January 30.
- Several JRAL members have their work on continual display in area medical offices, a great way to get exposure, and frequently, sales! Through such venues, **Dani Ashbridge** has sold a large watercolor painting “Zelda” and **Marla Coleman** has sold an oil painting “Fox Creek.”
- Dorothy Kuffler** has painted 12 commissioned pet portraits over the last year, calling each “a joy to paint.”
- Jan Priddy** had two recent sales. She sold her oil painting “Dogwood Cardinals” from the JRAL Gallery at Crossroads in early November; she also sold her oil painting “Wild Horse” during JRAL’s exhibit at Cedarfield.
- Margot Titmus** sold her painting “Little One” at Tuckahoe Artists Association’s show at Cedarfield in October.



Dani Ashbridge - “Zelda”



Dorothy Kuffler -
Pet Portrait

Workshops:

- Kay Roscoe** attended two inspirational workshops in Fredericksburg during November and December: “Creating and Painting Mandalas” taught by Kanda Orr, and a class taught by Robyn Ryan that featured the layering of acrylics, water soluble media, mat gels, “and anything else we chose” to create a painting without using reference photographs.
- Diana Robinson’s** For Art’s Sake Studio & Gallery is offering several winter and spring workshops. They include “Landscape Pastel Painting” with Maria Reardon on January 14, “Oil Still Life Painting” with Andre Lucero on February 18, “Oil Pastel Workshop” with Julia Lesnichy on March 18, “Watercolor and Drawing Architecture” with Christopher Wynn on April 8-9, “A Very Specific Collage Workshop” with Christophora Robeers on April 22-23 and “Plein Air Painting” with Andre Lucero on May 6. Contact Diana at FAS for full details — 804-740-1400 — or visit the FAS website at www.forartssakegallery.com.



“Secret Santa” art supplies were collected at the Holiday Luncheon for George Wythe High School art students. A friend of Outreach Committee member Dorothy Kuffler also made the students some wood blocks to help them learn sculpture. GWHS instructors send their thanks to everyone for their generosity!





JRAL Inclement Weather Policy

If the weather outside is frightful, the JRAL go/no-go policy is this: In cases of inclement weather, JRAL meetings will be cancelled if Henrico County schools are closed. However, if Henrico County schools are opening late, JRAL meetings will proceed as planned.

Always check your email, and the JRAL website and Facebook page, for last minute notices about meetings during severe weather.

Executive Board for 2015-2017

Officers

- President: Rosemary McKnight
- 1st VP & Program Chair: Alice Goode
- 2nd VP: Collin Hoskins
- Secretary: Nancy Tucker
- Treasurer: Terry Atkinson

Committee Chairs

- Membership: Gigi Vranian
- Exhibits: Elizabeth Hood
- Gallery: Mary Kent
- Hospitality: Jean Younkin
- Publicity: Susan Hutcherson
- Communications: Elizabeth Hood
- Community Outreach: Jane Cox
- Newsletter: Stella Jones
- Archivist: Stella Jones

The James River Art League is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of more than 100 member artists from throughout Central Virginia whose goal is to encourage the creation and appreciation of the visual arts. The James River Art League Newsletter is published bi-monthly in support of JRAL programs and the activities of its membership. Copyright 2016: The James River Art League — all rights reserved.
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FROM THE PRESIDENT...



It's the start of another year, and hopefully 2017 will bring much happiness and success into your lives.

JRAL has so much going on in 2017 and I hope you will all be participating in the exhibits, meetings, and programs that are being planned. We are also looking to the summer and Carol Baron has agreed to help plan another "Paint-In" at Crossroads. She was so successful with last year's "Paint-In" that we wanted to do it again. If you missed it last year, please try to attend this coming summer. It was, and will be, great fun for all who participate.

We will be looking for new officers and committee chairs for the 2017-2019 term. If you are interested in any positions on the Executive Board or Standing Committees, please let me know, or talk with any of the current officers. These positions change every two years and we look forward to having new officers to bring new eyes to the leadership of JRAL.

My best wishes to each of you, and your families, for a wonderful and happy 2017.

Rosemary McKnight

New Member Apps Due by February 17

Prospective new JRAL members will be juried at the March 3rd Board meeting at St. Matthew's church. Potential members must be sponsored by a current JRAL member, and need to fill out an application and submit examples of their work for review. The membership application and information sheet are available on the JRAL website at jamesriverartleague.com/membership-and-member-list; applications and art work photos should be sent to Gigi Vranian no later than February 17, vraniangigi@comcast.net.

After March, the next jurying of prospective members will be in November.

Reminder: 2017 Artists Challenge is "Reflections"

"Reflections" is the theme of the 2016-17 JRAL Artists Challenge. It is one of the themes suggested in our 2014 members' survey, and it provides members with the opportunity to interpret the concept of "reflections" anyway we like, be it literal, symbolic, meditative, or metaphysical.

There is still plenty of time for you to take up the challenge: Go forth and reflect! The annual JRAL Artist Challenge will culminate at the May 19th meeting with a "show and tell" of the paintings we have created to express the theme. A guest artist will review and critique our work, and we all will learn a little more about each other, and about how we each express our artistic "reflections."

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