



NEWSLETTER

First UU Judged Show Results | Paint-In July 16th | Looking Ahead to Fall

Best In Show

Betsy Taylor (oil)

Acrylic

1st: Virginia McKinney
 2nd: Mike Steele
 3rd: Carol Matuschek
 Honorable Mention:
 Norma Haigh
 Shirley Harrington
 Harvey Hinson

Oil

1st: Sally Booth
 2nd: Susan Fisher
 3rd: Elizabeth Eubanks
 Honorable Mention:
 Janice Clark
 Barbara Evans
 Mary Ellen McFadden

Watercolor

1st: Tim White
 2nd: Anne Negus
 3rd: Irene Taylor
 Honorable Mention:
 Keiko Bell
 Betty Eddowes
 Mary Kent

Other Media

1st: Bob Edwards
 2nd: Linda Reynolds
 3rd: Debbie Pompano
 Honorable Mention:
 Jane Bodnar
 Elizabeth Hood
 Kay Roscoe
 Bill Smith

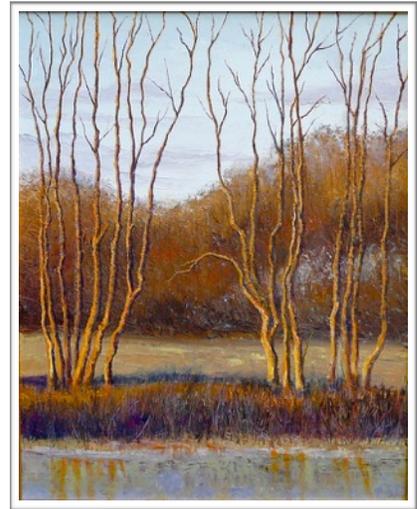
People's Choice

Terry Atkinson

JRAL's Annual Judged Exhibition Awards Announced at June 12th Reception

Betsy Taylor's painting "Autumn Rhythm" (seen at right) was named Best in Show at this year's annual judged exhibition of the James River Art League at the First Unitarian Universalist Church in Richmond.

The Reception and Awards Ceremony was held on June 12. The judge this year was Paul DiPasquale, renown sculptor and visual artist, who began his remarks by asking for a moment of silence in memory of the overnight murder victims in Orlando. He poignantly reminded us that "art comes from the spirit," and that as artists, we have an opportunity to think about how our art can contribute to our community. "Our art is a gift," he said, "And we have to choose to take that gift and use it."



DiPasquale then announced his selections for the artwork to receive special recognition, indicating that he had trouble narrowing down his choices from the many paintings he found to be worthy. (The list of ribbon winners is to the left, and photos of winning artwork are on pages 3 and 4.)

Members' artwork was judged according to medium; of the 65 paintings on exhibit, there are 14 acrylic paintings, 20 oil paintings, 16 watercolor paintings, and 15 works in other media including pastel, pencil, pen & ink, and mixed media.

Reception visitors voted for a People's Choice Award; this honor went to Terry Atkinson for her painting "The Tigress" (seen at right). This is the second year in a row that Terry has won the People's Choice award; last year she won for "Handsome Boy."



The well-attended reception featured hors d'oeuvres and beverages brought by JRAL members, and music provided by guitarist Bill Atkinson.

The Annual Judged Exhibition will run at First UU through July 30; the church is open to the general public Monday - Thursday, 9:30-5:00, and Friday mornings. Exhibiting members will pick up their paintings on July 30; notices will go out to all involved to remind everyone to retrieve their work.

2016 Award Winning Paintings

First Place:



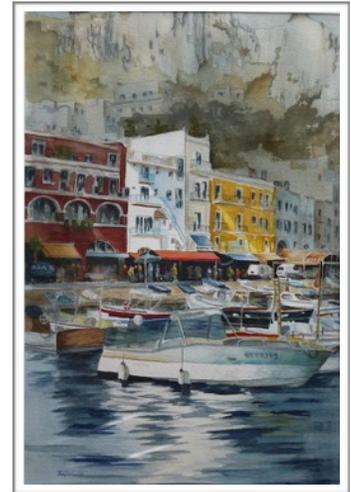
V. McKinney, "Aspen Trees"



S. Booth, "On the Fence"



B. Edwards, "Oyster Boat"



T. White,
"Capri-First Impression"

Second Place:



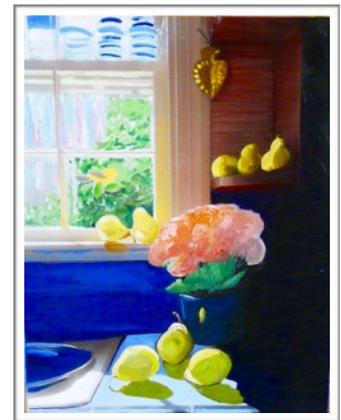
M. Steele, "Nighthawks Now"



S. Fisher,
"Above Us Only Sky"



A. Negus, "Maggie"



L. Reynolds,
"Pears with Goldfinch"

2016 Award Winning Paintings

Third Place:



C. Matuschek,
"We Stick Together"



D. Pompano,
"The Peace of Wild Things"



I. Taylor, "Walkabout"



E. Eubanks,
"Azure For Sure"

Honorable Mention:



Top row, left to right: S. Harrington "Sunflower Sunshine," H. Hinson "Contemplation," N. Haigh "Sunrise...Sunset," K. Roscoe "Rainy Morning," E. Hood "Tender"

Middle row, left to right: J. Bodnar "Teddy's Toys," B. Smith "Magicians' Bench," M.E. McFadden "Foxy Lady," J. Clark "Getting Acquainted," B. Evans "Glorious Morning in Maymont"

Bottom row, left to right: B. Eddowes "Opus #1," K. Bell "Untitled," M. Kent "Cat Nap"



Member News

Exhibits:

- **Dani Ashbridge** currently has a solo show running at the Virginia Urology Center at Stony Point.
- **Terry Atkinson, Jane Bodnar, Elizabeth Hood, and Nancy Tucker** will be exhibiting as part of the MidAtlantic Pastel Society's group show "The Power of Pastels" at For Art's Sake during July and August.

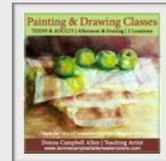
Awards & Sales:

- Congratulations to **Nancy Foley** — her painting "Another Round" (seen at right) received an Award of Distinction at the 37th Virginia Watercolor Society Exhibition, this year staged at Arts on Main in Gloucester Courthouse, May 20-June 25.
- **Becky Rose** sold four paintings — "Dancing in the Breeze," "Fall," "Baby Duck," and "My Special Place" — from her wall at Crossroads Art Center during May and June.



Workshops & Special Events:

- The first **JRAL Paint-In** will be July 16th in the large classroom at Crossroads Art Center (near intersection of Staples Mill & Broad), from 10 am to 4 pm. If you have not yet signed up for this day of painting with your Art League colleagues, there's still time! Contact **Carol Baron** for full details <cebaron0210@gmail.com>.
- **Donna Campbell Allen** will be teaching classes in painting (all water media) and drawing at Arthaus and at the University of Richmond, in July and August. Visit Donna's website for full details <<http://www.donnacampbellallenwatercolors.com/Classes.html>>.
- **Susan Fisher** has two openings in her Wednesday morning studio class in the Bellevue neighborhood in Richmond (11 am to 1 pm). Susan limits the class to four artists, and teaches oils, acrylics, or pastels with an emphasis on landscape and portrait. Contact Susan if interested, 804-262-4338, or <susan.m.fisher@me.com>.



Do you know about any prospective new members for JRAL?

Is there someone you wish to sponsor for membership? Potential new JRAL members will be juried at the Board meeting on November 4. If you would like to sponsor an applicant for membership, please have your potential member fill out the application which can be found on the website at <<http://www.jamesriverartleague.com/membership-and-member-list.html>>. Completed applications should be sent to Gigi Vranian; applications for membership must be received by October 1 to be considered at the November Board meeting. JRAL juries new members twice a year, in November and March.

JRAL Gallery at Crossroads News

The JRAL Gallery at Crossroads Art Center is open for business! The response to this new Art League venture has been very positive, and the next two-month exhibit period of July & August will feature Betty Brinser, Jean Miller, Linda Reynolds, Mike Steele, and Gigi Vranian. Five artists are featured in each two-month cycle; sign up sheets for the next several exhibits are filling quickly, but a few slots are still open. We are also maintaining a Wait List in case of cancellations. To sign up, or for more information, contact the JRAL Gallery at Crossroads Co-Chairs Mike Steele or Betty Eddowes, and download the fact sheets from the website.



FROM THE PRESIDENT...



Thanks to Irene Taylor for this wonderful (and patriotic) poster... Your Country needs you to paint!

Well, summer is finally here and I, for one, am looking forward to a break in some of the activities on my plate. I hope all of you enjoy the warm weather and get a chance to do a lot of painting. I know we will miss coming together each month, but it just gives us another reason to look forward to the September meeting.



Capping our JRAL year, the reception for our judged show at First Unitarian Universalist Church was very well attended. Our judge, Paul DiPasquale, spent quite a bit of time explaining his choices for awards. Congratulations to all those who won ribbons, and thanks to everyone who brought appetizers and wine. A good time was had by all!

As a special summer event, we have the Paint-In to look forward to. It's scheduled for July 16th and I hope to see some of you there. Also, the Board will be meeting in early August to do some planning for the next year.

Hope you have a wonderful summer! Take time to smell (and paint) the roses.

Rosemary McKnight

Looking Ahead to Fall: "Subject Matters"!

The first exhibition of the new season will be another judged show! "Subject Matters" will be a JRAL members judged exhibit at Montpelier Center for Arts & Education, September 29 through October 31. The reception and awards ceremony will be Sunday, October 9th.

This exhibit will be something different for the Art League — a judged show based on the *subject* of the painting, rather than the medium used to paint it. There will be five categories, and each artist will choose the category s/he wants to enter. Prizes will be awarded for each category.

The categories are:

- Landscapes, Waterscapes, & Cityscapes (outside scenes)
- Still Life, Interiors, & Florals
- Portrait & Figure (just people — and remember, no nudes)
- Wildlife & Animals (excluding people!)
- Beyond Realism (Imaginative, experimental, stylized, non-representational, abstract...)

There must be a minimum of five paintings in each category. If any category does not have at least five entries, the Gallery/Exhibit Team will combine categories, at their discretion.

To sign up for this judged exhibition, contact Elizabeth Hood at <elizabethhood@comcast.net> or (804) 784-5868. You do not have to choose your category until late August, so have fun with this and get creative over the summer!

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