



NEWS BRIEF

Judged Show Winners Announced | Youngblood Award Winners

JRAL Elects New Officers for 2019-2021

At the May 17th Annual Meeting, JRAL elected **Terry Atkinson** as its President for the next two years. Joining Terry as Officers are **Carole Morck**, Vice President; **Dianne Smith**, Secretary; and **Elizabeth Hood**, Treasurer.

Terry has appointed Chairs of the various Standing Committees, chosen from those members who volunteered to serve in the positions. The Standing Committee Chairs and the Officers form JRAL's Executive Board, and will manage League affairs for the next biennium, beginning on July 1, 2019.

The Standing Committee Chairs will be:

- Programs: Kaye Jones
- Membership: Carol Baron
- Exhibits: David Cheatham
- Gallery: Diana Robinson & Janine Orr
- Hospitality: Harriet Vincent & Carol Cullinan
- Publicity: VACANT
- Social Media: VACANT
- News Editor: Stella Jones
- Community Outreach: Rosemary McKnight
- Archivist: Cathy Kresan
- Gallery at Crossroads (ad hoc committee): Lois Shipley

We still need volunteers to Chair Publicity and Social Media (website). Remember, if no one volunteers for these positions, much of those committees' work will not get done.



“Marsh Morning” by Elizabeth Hood Named Best in Show

“Marsh Morning”, a pastel painting by Elizabeth Hood, was named Best in Show at the Awards Reception for the James River Art League’s Annual Judged Show at First Unitarian Universalist Church on June 9. The juror for this year’s show was artist and instructor Adele Castillo.

Ribbons were awarded for paintings in four categories. They were:

Acrylic

First Place: “Evening Spectacle” by Harvey Hinson
 Second Place: “On the Hot Springs Run” by Mike Steele
 Third Place: “Bad Hair Day” by Dianne Smith

Oil

First Place: “Blue Marsh” by Mike Haubenstock
 Second Place: “Baboo” by Gwen Parker
 Third Place: “Emergence” by Jan Priddy

Watercolor

First Place: “Traveling Cat” by Dalhia Cavazos
 Second Place: “Veggies on Board” by Keiko Bell
 Third Place: “Hons Day Out” by Deanna Williford

Mixed/Other Media

First Place: “Neighborhood Watch” by Rosemary McKnight (colored pencil)
 Second Place: “RVA River Rafting” by Anne Burnley (colored pencil)
 Third Place: “Orange Pekoe Tea” by Carol Cullinan (pastel)

A **People’s Choice Award** was also named, chosen by exhibit and reception attendees. The People’s Choice Award went to Tim White for his watercolor painting “Malta Morning.” All the winning paintings can be seen on the JRAL website.

“News Brief” Replaces Bi-monthly JRAL Newsletter

This is the first issue of “News Brief” which is a review of recent and upcoming events of the James River Art League. “News Brief” joins the emailed E-Newsletter “Art News” to keep members informed about League activities; together they replace the now-retired bi-monthly Newsletter.

“News Brief” will be mailed to those members without internet access on a bi-monthly basis. It will also be posted on the JRAL website for reference.

All members are encouraged to subscribe to “Art News” which is emailed to members weekly September-May, and less often during the summer. While “News Brief” will provide activity announcements to those without email, it will not be as comprehensive as “Art News.”

If members do not have their own email addresses, perhaps a friend or family member can receive the emailed issues of “Art News” for them. Those members who wish to subscribe to the emailed “Art News” should send the appropriate email address to News Editor Stella Jones at stellaj17@gmail.com.

Mary Kent and Lois Shipley Honored with William Youngblood Award

Two member artists of the James River Art League were surprised at the May 17th Annual Meeting when they were named recipients of the *William A. Youngblood Award* for meritorious service to JRAL.

Mary Kent and Lois Shipley are both past-presidents of the League. Additionally they have served in other Executive Officer positions, as various Committee Chairs, and on many special projects. A few facts about these honored members:



• **Mary Kent** joined JRAL in 2005. She served as Membership Chair 2006, Newsletter Chair 2007-2011, 1st VP/Program Chair 2011-2013, President, 2013-2015, Gallery Chair 2015-2017, and on the 50th Anniversary celebration committee. Mary was also the prime mover for the “Many Faces of JRAL” photo album, and currently is very active on the Community Outreach Committee.

• **Lois Shipley** joined JRAL in 2006. She served as 2nd VP & Parliamentarian 2007-2009, 1st VP/Program Chair 2009-2011, President 2011 - 2013, Membership Chair 2013-2015, Communications 2017-2018, Email Art News Editor 2016-2018, as Co-Chair of the 50th Anniversary Committee, and as the JRAL Crossroads Gallery Chair 2018-present.

A third JRAL member was selected by the Executive Board to receive the Youngblood Award, but that member was not present at the May 17th meeting. That recipient will be announced and honored in the Fall.

The Youngblood Award is named in honor of Charter Member William A. Youngblood, who helped form the League in 1964, was its first Treasurer, designed its first logo, and actively served JRAL until his death in 2009. The Award previously has been presented to nine other members, recognizing their long-time commitments and service to JRAL: In 2009 – Betty Brinser, Lunette Edwards, Mary Beth Ols, Helen Sanders, and Margot Titmus; in 2014 – Gigi Vranian; and in 2016 – Sally Booth, Suzanne Counts, and Anne Negus.

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- The **June Critique Group Meeting** will be on Tuesday, **June 25**, 2-4 pm, at the home of Gwen Parker, 7800 Cardiff Rd, North Chesterfield. This is an opportunity to get constructive feedback on your work at any stage of completion. If you would like to participate, please RSVP to Gwen at gsvp@yahoo.com or (804)674-4804. The meeting is limited to eight people, so that all have ample time for feedback. Plan to bring a snack to share.
- The annual **Summer Paint-In** will be on Saturday, **July 20**, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, in the classroom at Crossroads Art Center. This event will be free for all participating members. To register for the Paint-In, email Rosemary McKnight at rmcknight.artwork@verizon.net or call/text her at (804)314-4153.
- The **first JRAL exhibit of the Fall season** will be at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden's Kelly Education Center, September 23- November 11. To sign up for this exhibit, or get on the wait-list, contact Exhibits Chair David Cheatham at dschtm@gmail.com, (804)272-1669 (home), or (804)370-2420 (cell).

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