



# NEWS BRIEF

## Artist Demonstrations to be Featured at January & February Meetings

### 2019-2020 Artist Challenge

Program Chair Kaye Jones and the Executive Board have selected "**A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words**" as the theme for this year's Artist Challenge.

Everyone has a favorite song, a beloved poem, or an inspirational quote that is near to their hearts and adds meaning to their lives. In this Artist Challenge, we are invited to express those favorite words through a visual art, to illustrate that a picture can be, in fact, worth a thousand words!

The Artist Challenge presentations and critique will be at the May 15, 2020, meeting, with guest artist and instructor Christopher Wynn providing critiques. As an added incentive, the artwork created for this Challenge will be the foundation and theme of the July 2020 judged show at Cultural Arts Center of Glen Allen.

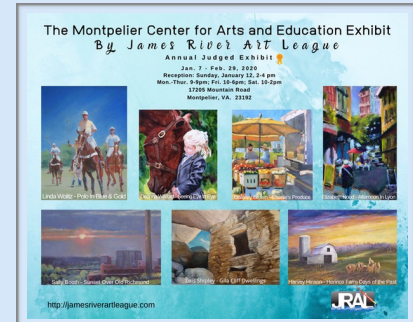
Congratulations to **Betty Eddowes**, who was presented with the William A. Youngblood Award for Exemplary Service at the November meeting of JRAL.



Betty joins the other 2019 recipients, Mary Kent and Lois Shipley, who received their Youngblood Awards in May; Betty's presentation was delayed until she could receive it in person. All three members are Past Presidents of JRAL, and have shown their continued dedication by Chairing or serving on various committees and projects for many years. We thank them for their leadership and willingness to serve all the artists of the James River Art League.

### Montpelier Center Judged Show Reception is January 12

The Montpelier Center JRAL Judged Show, January 8-February 29, will have its Awards Reception on Sunday, January 12, 2-4 pm. The Judge will be classic and contemporary artist and instructor Betsy Kellum, who will judge the exhibit as a whole, not by individual media categories. Betsy will award ribbons for First Place/Best in Show, Second Place, Third Place, and three Honorable Mentions.



## Coming Up in January & February...

### January 17 meeting:

#### Janet Visser and Bonnie Carter: Pastel Multimedia Demo

Janet Visser and Bonnie Kidd Carter will discuss and demonstrate their unique processes for preparing their surfaces for pastel work. Bonnie Kidd Carter has been experimenting with the use of watercolor and inks on multimedia board and has discovered a unique way to enhance her pastel work. Janet Visser combines pastel with gold leaf in her pastel and mixed media paintings.

You can find out more about Janet Visser at [j-p-visser.pixels.com](http://j-p-visser.pixels.com).

### February 1: Winter Paint-In

Saturday, February 1, is the date of the **JRAL Winter Paint-In**, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm, in the Crossroads Art Center classroom. Enjoy some creative time with your Art League colleagues. There is no cost to participate; the classroom rental fee is being paid by your JRAL Treasury. To sign up for the Paint-In or get on its Wait List (space allows maximum of 26), call Rosemary McKnight at 804-314-4153.

### February 21 meeting:

#### Focus on Four JRAL Artists!

JRAL member artists will demonstrate and share tips and knowledge for four mediums, as members rotate to each demo in small groups to allow more participation and hands-on interaction. The presenting artists will be **Sally Booth** — Painting with a palette knife; **Thomas Bradshaw** — Impressionist oil painting; **Harvey Hinson** — Working with acrylics; and **Dalhia Cavazos** — Texture with watercolor.

## 2020 Program Schedule

- **January 17: Janet Visser & Bonnie Carter:** Demonstration of unique painting techniques that combine pastels, gold leaf, mixed media, and pastel underpainting
- **February 21: Focus on Four JRAL Artists:** Demonstrations in round-robin format by **Sally Booth, Thomas Bradshaw, Dalhia Cavazos, and Harvey Hinson.**
- **March 20: Robyn Ryan,** Acrylic/Watermedia Artist
- **April 17: Bus Trip to National Gallery, Print Studio Gallery,** in Washington DC, including a behind the scenes tour not available to the general public
- **May 15: Artist Challenge** presentations and critiques. The theme for this year's Challenge is "A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words."

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## Winter-Spring JRAL Exhibits

**The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education (Judged Show, judge will be Betsy Kellum): January 7-February 29**  
**Awards Reception on Sunday, January 12, 2-4 pm**

**Glenmore Yoga & Wellness Center: January 8-March 4**

**Crossroads Art Center: March 20-May 3**

**Swift Creek Mill Theatre**  
**May 20-June 29**

**Virginia Eye Institute**  
**June 1-June 30**

Sign up for any exhibit at a general meeting, or by contacting Exhibit Chair David Cheatham, (804)272-1669 or (804)370-2420 (cell).

## January Critique Group Meeting Announced

**Harvey Hinson** will host the January Critique Group on Thursday, January 16, 2:00 pm, at his home in Glen Allen, 11616 Rolling Leaf Lane. If you would like to participate in the January Critique Group meeting, RSVP to Harvey at [bison.nickels@gmail.com](mailto:bison.nickels@gmail.com) or 804-380-5294. Plan to bring one or two pieces for constructive criticism, and a snack or beverage to share.

## Looking Ahead: JRAL Field Trip to the National Gallery of Art on April 17, 2020

JRAL will be on the road in April to the National Gallery of Art Print Study Room in Washington DC, where we will have the opportunity to view works of art up close and personal behind the scenes. The cost of the trip will be \$45 per person (maximum limit: 39, due to size of Print Study Room). A sign up sheet for this trip will be at future meetings, or you can contact Program Committee Member Gigi Vranian. We currently have 27 people signed up, so if you want to participate, sign up right away.

The National Gallery of Art has thousands of works in their storerooms. We will be viewing works on paper, displayed on a table; we will be able to view the pieces in a more intimate way than in the usual gallery setting. Our host in the Print Study Room will discuss processes of drawing, printmaking, art history, artist's biographies and answer any of our questions.

The bus will depart from the Crossroads Art Center parking lot on April 17 at 7:30 a.m. and will return to Crossroads at approximately 6:30 p.m. Because of the Study Room size, there will be two sessions to accommodate JRAL. Morning session will be 10:00-12:00, afternoon session will be 2:00-4:00; when you're not in a special session, you will have time to browse through the other galleries at your leisure. Lunch will be on your own; there are lunch options in both the NGA and the Air and Space Museum.

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