



# NEWS BRIEF

## March Watermedia Demo Anticipated; April Field Trip Cancelled

James River Art League's Exhibit at Crossroads Art Center  
March 20 - May 3, 2020

THEME: SMALL THINGS LARGE

"ENJOY THE LITTLE THINGS, FOR ONE DAY YOU MAY LOOK BACK AND REALIZE THEY WERE THE BIG THINGS." - ROBERT BRALTY. "SMALL THINGS LARGE" IS A THEMED EXHIBIT BY JAMES RIVER ART LEAGUE, AND THE PAINTINGS EXPRESS EACH ARTIST'S INTERPRETATION OF THIS QUOTE. THIS EXHIBIT IS A MUST-SEE!



Jan Priddy - Inner Strength  
Oil - 30x24 - \$3,500



Rosemary McKnight - Par For The Course  
Colored Pencils - 20x16 - \$325

### JRAL Exhibit "Small Things Large" Opens at Crossroads in March

"Small Things Large" is the theme of this year's annual JRAL exhibit at Crossroads Art Center. Drop off is Wednesday, March 11, 10-10:30 am; pick up will be Monday, May 4, 10-10:30 am.

"Small Things Large" will feature paintings by JRAL artists that explore everyday things seen larger than life, or everyday events that take on a larger significance with the passage of time. The exhibit is in Classroom One at Crossroads. Opening reception will be Friday, March 20, 6-9 pm.

The reception will also celebrate the new March-April exhibit in the JRAL Gallery at Crossroads, featuring work by Dalhia Cavados, Betty Eddowes, Barbara Evans, Bonnie Jordan, and David Snellings.

### JRAL Welcomes New Members

On March 6, the Executive Board welcomed six new Exhibiting Members to the James River Art League: Donna Boone, Nancy Cozart, Sarah Elliott, Thomas Hornak, Margaret Matheson, and Catherine Slusser.

### Coming Up in March & April...

#### March 20...Robyn Ryan, Acrylic/Watermedia Demonstration

The March 20th JRAL meeting, 11:00 am, St. Matthew's Church, will feature a presentation by Robyn Ryan. Robyn is a painter and sculptor who creates artwork expressing relationships between living things and the emotions they emanate. Horses and wildlife are favorite subjects, but all living things; human, plant, and animal, offer endless possibilities to express this theme.



Robyn's artwork is characterized by her use of color, texture, and physical dimensionality. She creates her art in a variety of water and mixed media as well as sculpture.

Exploration and incorporation of new techniques and materials continue to enlarge her artistic vocabulary; she is drawn to the tactile aspects of her media — the flow of the pigment and water, the building of physical textures, and creating three dimensional pieces. Most recently, Robyn has incorporated the use of surrealistic elements, and uses her subject choices and compositions as visual metaphors.

#### April 17...Alert: JRAL Field Trip Cancelled

With regrets, the JRAL Executive Board has voted to cancel the April 17th field trip to the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC.

There are two reasons for this cancellation. One, we still needed the participation of eight more people in order to make the trip financially viable, and time was running out to cancel without forfeiting our deposit to the bus company. Two, we are concerned about the spreading coronavirus/COVID-19, and the confirmation of three new cases in nearby Maryland. Washington DC is an international city, attracting many foreign travelers and consisting of many crowded spaces. The Board didn't feel comfortable sponsoring a bus trip with potential health-related consequences for its members and their friends.

Those who have already paid for their field trip tickets will be issued refunds by Treasurer Elizabeth Hood.

Again, the Executive Board regrets the need to cancel this April trip, which was very anticipated by those members who had signed up to go. Programs Chair Kaye Jones and her committee will investigate the possibility of planning a future field trip during the 2020-2021 season.

## Winners Announced in Montpelier Judged Show

Sandra Moran won First Place with her watercolor painting "Reflections: Main Street Station" at the JRAL Judged Show at Montpelier Center in January and February.



Judge Betsy Kellum announced the winners at the January 12th reception.

Garry-Lou Upton received Second Place for her acrylic painting "Sun Rising"; Jazmin Davidson was awarded Third Place for her oil painting "Puno Woman."

Honorable Mentions were won by Keiko Bell for her watercolor "Red Dragon Fly"; Sally Booth for her oil painting "Sunset Over Old Richmond"; Coakley Brown for her oil painting "Charlie's Produce"; Barbara Evans for her oil painting "Spring Snow"; and Elizabeth Hood for her soft pastel painting "Afternoon in Lyon."

### JRAL Executive Board 2019-2021

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## Don't Miss Out On All the JRAL News!

A few JRAL members, especially those who receive printed copies of "News Brief" in the mail, are missing out on our weekly emailed newsletter "Art News." The E-Newsletter is emailed to members every Sunday evening during our active season, and it provides members with information about upcoming JRAL programs and exhibits, reports on individual members' activities, artist opportunities in our area, and news and photos of recent League events.

Due to the increasing cost of sending printed copies of "News Brief" to a few members without internet access, we are asking those members to find an "email buddy." If you don't have an email account yourself, please ask a family member or friend to provide JRAL with their email address, so that they can receive "Art News" and a few other essential emails for you, and pass them on to you. **It will be necessary for us to discontinue sending printed copies of "News Brief" after the May issue.**

Please send the email address that you would like us to use to Newsletter Editor Stella Jones at [stellaj17@gmail.com](mailto:stellaj17@gmail.com). We will add that email address to our Directory, and you will begin to receive your copies of "Art News" right away.

### Spring JRAL Exhibits

**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).

### 2020 Program Schedule

- **March 20: Robyn Ryan, Acrylic/Watermedia Artist**
- **April 17: ~~Cancelled~~: Bus Trip to National Gallery, Print Studio Gallery** has been cancelled
- **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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