



NEWSLETTER

Focus on Historic Richmond Artist and JRAL Artists to be Winter Programs

JRAL Considers New Projects

In our last member survey, many of you offered suggestions for new activities or projects that JRAL should consider doing. Some of your ideas and suggestions fall under the purview of one of our committees, such as new exhibit venues or program ideas, but several ideas represent new directions or activities.

If JRAL is to follow through on these ideas, we need you to get involved and volunteer your time and energy, since our Board members already have a full slate of responsibilities.

Here's the list of ideas and suggestions from the survey:

- **Conduct Critiques/small group critiques** – *Mike Haubstock has volunteered to lead this project.*
- **Hold Workshops** on various topics (painting, drawing, marketing your art/business of art, creating a website, photographing your art)
- **Have an outdoor plein air day** for members OR host a Plein Air event
- **Establish a weekly or bi-weekly painting group**
- **Have spontaneous “meet-up” sessions** at the VMFA, VCU Anderson Gallery, Artworks, etc.
- **Stage a supply swap or garage sale** for frames, art supplies & equipment, etc.
- **Hold a book exchange** at a meeting

If you are interested in leading or participating in one of the proposed projects from the list, or have other ideas for the League, contact Elizabeth Hood at elizabethhood@comcast.net or 784-5868.

Coming Up in January & February:

On January 18...

John Tucker, local actor, retired attorney, and Foundation President of the Nora Houston Project, will discuss the legacy and impact of Nora Houston (1883-1942), a pioneering Richmond artist, art educator, and activist, at the January 18 meeting, 11:00 am, St. Matthews Church..



The Nora Houston Foundation, Inc., is a Virginia non-profit corporation established in 2015 to preserve and display the paintings of Nora Houston. The Library of Virginia selected Houston as one of its 2017 Virginia Women in History honorees. She left an enduring legacy in Richmond through her art, teaching, and advocacy for voting rights, civil rights, women and children, and the poor. You can learn more about Houston at norahouston.org.

On February 15...

Focus on JRAL Artists! Six artists of the James River Art League will lead discussion groups and give demos at the February 15th meeting, 11:00 am, St. Matthews Church. JRAL members will rotate through each “break out” group to see demos in five different media, discuss tips, and enjoy the opportunity of learning from each other. (This program was originally scheduled for last May, but was postponed when the Richmond area underwent localized flooding, causing the schools to close.)

The five media groups and facilitators will be:

- **Oil: Lois Shipley and Sally Booth**, demonstrating a special water mixable oil technique they learned in a workshop with Beth Bathe.
- **Pastel: Linda Wolitz**
- **Graphite: Elizabeth Hood**
- **Watercolor: Tami Topalu**
- **Colored Pencil: Rosemary McKnight**

Inclement Weather Policy for JRAL

In case of severe or inclement weather, our policy is that JRAL events and meetings will be cancelled if Henrico County schools are closed. If Henrico schools are opening late, our event or meeting will proceed as planned. Announcements of cancellations or meeting changes can also be found on the JRAL website or our Facebook page.

Revisions to JRAL Bylaws Proposed

The Executive Board has been reviewing the current JRAL Bylaws, and a proposed revision of those Bylaws will be introduced at the January general meeting.

Several substantive changes are being proposed, in addition to some minor changes and tweaks. The major changes are:

- The Second Vice President/Parliamentarian position will be eliminated. Parliamentarian duties will go to the 1st V.P., subsequently to be known simply as the Vice President.
- The position and duties of Program Chair will be disengaged from the 1st V.P. role and will become a standalone Chair role, joining the other Standing Committees.
- JRAL Officers will be able to serve a second term if they want, and if elected by the membership. (Presently only the Treasurer can serve a second term.)
- The title *Communications Chair* will change to *Social Media Chair*, better defining the role of that position; this Chair oversees the JRAL Website, Facebook page, and email communications.
- Wording has been added to describe the process required in order to dissolve the James River Art League and placed in Article 9 (a dissolution process is required for all 501-c-3 non-profit organizations).

The complete proposed Bylaws will be sent to all members of JRAL in the near future, so that members can review them, and be prepared to vote on them in March.

Program Schedule

- **January 18:** John Tucker, President of the Nora Houston Project.
- **February 15:** Focus on Six JRAL Artists
- **March 15:** Demo by Celeste Johnston, Botanical Illustration Artist
- **April 19:** Annual Artist Challenge Presentations. Theme: "Bird is the Word" — Guest Artist critiques by Robert Caldwell, wildlife artist
- **May 17:** Bill Nelson, The renown illustrator & figurative artist will show and discuss a sample of illustrations from his long career; also Annual Meeting and Election of JRAL Executive Officers for 2019-2021

JRAL Exhibits Update

Please note that the JRAL Annual Judged Show for 2019 will once again be staged at First Unitarian Universalist Church in June (instead of only a People's Choice exhibit as previously announced). There will be awards for Best in Show; 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Honorable Mention in each of four categories (Acrylic, Oil, Watercolor, and Other Media); and a People's Choice award.

Space remains open in several exhibits for the winter and spring. Exhibits Chair David Cheatham will have sign-up sheets at the January meeting. Members wishing to participate in the Judged Show or other JRAL exhibits can do so at the meeting, or online at www.jamesriverartleague.com/2018-2019-exhibit-information. Click on the black button to sign up.

If you have any questions, please contact David Cheatham at dschtm@gmail.com.

Exhibit Schedule — Winter & Spring 2019

Cultural Arts Center-Glen Allen Slantwall Gallery 2880 Mountain Rd, Glen Allen January 3-January 31, 2019	Pick Up: Thursday, Jan. 31 9:30-10:00 am
Glenmore Yoga & Wellness 10442 Ridgefield Parkway Henrico, VA 23233 January 9-March 6, 2019	Drop Off: Wednesday, Jan. 9 1:00-1:30 pm Pick Up: Wednesday, Mar. 6 12:30-1:00 pm
Crossroads Art Center Sidecar Gallery 2016 Staples Mill Rd Richmond, VA 23230 March 15-May 6 Theme: Splash of Color	Drop Off: Wednesday, March 6 10:00-10:30 am Pick Up: Monday, May 6 10:00-10:30 am Reception: Friday, March 19, 6-9 pm
For Art's Sake Gallery 9770 Gayton Road Henrico, VA 23238 April 1-April 29 Theme: Small Works (15" max)	Drop Off: Monday, April 1 10:00-10:30 am Pick Up: Monday, April 29 10:00-10:30 am Reception: Friday, April 12, 5-8 pm
Capital One Private Exhibition-not open to the public Dates: TBA	Drop Off: TBA Pick Up: TBA
Tuckahoe Area Library 1901 Starling Dr. Henrico 23229 May 1-May 31 New Members Exhibit	Drop Off: Wednesday, May 1 9:30-10:00 am Pick Up: Friday, May 31 9:30-10:00 am
First UU Church 1000 Blanton Avenue Richmond, VA 23221 May 28-July 29 JRAL Judged Show	Drop Off: Tuesday, May 28 9:30-10:00 am Pick Up: Monday, July 29 9:30-10:00 am Reception: Sunday, June 2, 2-4 pm



Member News & Notes

- **Lois Shipley** has a solo exhibit of 26 paintings in the H. Scott November Gallery at Westminster Canterbury, January 10-April 1. The show is a comprehensive selection of paintings that portray the various locations where Lois has traveled over recent years that reflect not only location, but transitions in techniques and styles of painting along the way. Westminster Canterbury is at 1600 Westbrook Avenue, Richmond 23227. The exhibit is open to the public; just tell the person at the gatehouse that you're there to see the art exhibit.
- Nine artists from the James River Art League were selected to exhibit in the annual Holiday Small Works Show at For Art's Sake Gallery in Gayton Crossing Shopping Center. The JRAL members selected are **Dani Ashbridge, Dale Berry, Sally Booth, Coakley Brown, Dalhia Cavazos, Marla Coleman, Harvey Hinson, Cindy Kinney, and Janine Orr.**

Four of these artists received awards from judge Andre Lucero at the exhibit reception on December 14. Congratulations to **Dalhia Cavazos**, First Place for "Knight Bird" (*seen at right*); **Coakley Brown**, Second Place for "Dream of Spring"; **Marla Coleman**, Third Place for "Jamaica Road Color"; and **Janine Orr**, Honorable Mention for "Urbanna Town Marina". The exhibit runs through January 28.



- **Harvey Hinson** sold his acrylic painting "Early Snow" and **Dale Berry** sold her India ink painting "Swim with Me", both from the Holiday Small Works Show at For Art's Sake. Dale also has two India ink pieces in Uptown Gallery's "It's All There in Black & White" exhibit, running through January 28.
- **Shirley Harrington** sold her acrylic painting "Scenic James River" exhibited in the Adele Castillo Student Show at Crossroads Art Center. The show ran November 16-January 6.
- Two JRAL artists sold paintings during our exhibit at Cedarfield. **Jan Priddy** sold her oil painting "Hello Donkey" and **Kay Roscoe** sold her pastel "Summer Sunset."
- **Bonnie Jordan** and **Sandra Nye Moran** both sold paintings from the JRAL Gallery at Crossroads in December. Bonnie sold "Paris in the Fall" and Sandy sold "Winter's Mist."
- Five JRAL artists exhibited at Glenmore Yoga November 7 - January 9 as part of the MidAtlantic Pastel Society show "Serenity." The five were **Terry Atkinson, Carol Cullinan, Elizabeth Hood, Nancy Tucker, and Linda Wolitz.**
- JRAL members **Sally Booth, Susan Hutcheson, Carole Morck, Margot Titmus, and Anne Twisdale** exhibited in the Tuckahoe Artists Association show at For Art's Sake Gallery & Studio during November.
- **Linda Wolitz** is offering pastel painting and drawing classes during the winter session at the Cultural Arts Center-Glen Allen. Visit their website at www.artsglenallen.com or call 804.261.2787, or contact Linda for details at 804.262.5882.

December's Holiday Luncheon Enjoyed by All!

Sixty-five members and guests of the James River Art League gathered at the Westwood Club on Friday, December 14, to celebrate the holiday season and support the GWHS art program with gifts of much-needed art supplies.

Outreach Committee members Connie deBordenave, Rosemary McKnight, and Terry Atkinson showed us some artwork created by GWHS students, and talked about how much our support means to the students and the school.

Lucky luncheon attendees took home the centerpiece poinsettias as door prizes, and everyone took home the warm glow of holiday fellowship and a delicious meal!



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

You are JRAL's Future Leaders



James River Art League is an organization run by our members, who volunteer their time, talent, ideas and energy to serve in leadership positions to set the League's direction and lead or administer League activities. Our volunteer Executive Board members provide programs, organize exhibits, jury in new members, publish the news, manage our Treasury funds, manage our website, keep historical records and perform other League administration and support tasks to benefit our members.

Our current Board will be finishing up their two-year term at end of June 2019, so it's time once again to begin the search for officer and committee chair nominees for the next term. Our Nominating Committee, led by Terry Atkinson, will be actively searching for members who are willing to volunteer to become an officer or committee chair for our next two-year term. I know many of you have been in these positions in the past, but there are many more of you who haven't yet been part of the League's leadership. You have skills JRAL needs, like organization, computer knowledge, financial skills, and exhibit/hanging experience. You also have the soft skills needed, like creativity, people skills, teamwork, and leadership. Most of all, you have enthusiasm and commitment.

Even if you are new or relatively new to JRAL, you can become part of our leadership team. Serving on our Board is one of the best ways I know to get involved in our organization and get to know other members. It's what I did soon after joining in 2010, starting with Publicity, then Membership Chair, Communications Chair, Newsletter, Exhibit Chair and now President. Since we enjoy the benefits of our League, I see serving the organization as an obligation to give back.

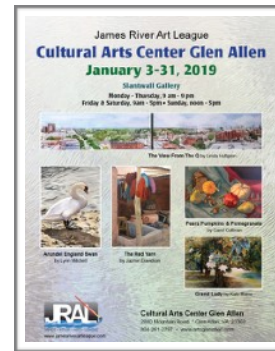
In January, we will be asking all members to complete a survey to let us know in what capacity you feel you can serve JRAL. Even if you cannot offer to be part of the leadership, we'd like to know on which committees you would be willing to help. Please – get involved; JRAL can't do it without you!

Elizabeth Hood

Notes from January 4th Executive Board Meeting...

The JRAL Executive Board met on January 4th in the St. Matthew's Church library. Among the business conducted:

- The May 28-July 29 show at First UU Church will be the JRAL Judged Show for the year 2019. (See page two for more details.)
- New member applications are due February 1. The New Member Selection Process continues to be reviewed and revised (see the latest "Art News" email for more details).
- JRAL is revisiting the "No Nudes" policy in our Gallery Rules. After much discussion, the Board voted to amend the policy, to allow paintings of nudes to be part of JRAL exhibits at those specific venues that allow them. Exhibit Chair David Cheatham will be contacting exhibition venues to determine what restrictions they place on the subject matter of paintings, and we will keep the membership apprised of which venues allow paintings of nudes. The Gallery Rules policy will continue to prohibit the inclusion of nude paintings, or any other subject matter not permitted by each venue, as dictated by the venues themselves.
- The bi-monthly JRAL Newsletter will be retired at the end of this fiscal year, to be replaced by the "JRAL Art News" E-Newsletter and a short bi-monthly "News Brief" for non-email members and to post on our website.



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