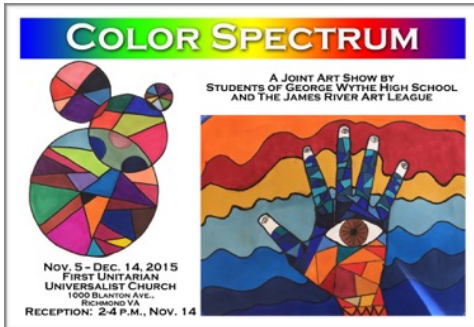




NEWSLETTER

GWHS Partnership | Hanover Tavern Holiday Luncheon | Show Your "Emotions"!



Don't Miss the Awards Ceremony & Reception for JRAL's GWHS Student Exhibit on November 14th!

Through our Community Outreach Committee, JRAL is sponsoring "Color Spectrum," an art exhibit for students of George Wythe High School for the Arts, staged at First Unitarian Universalist Church in Richmond. The public awards reception will be on Saturday, November 14, 2-4 pm, and all JRAL members are encouraged to attend. The exhibit runs November 5-December 14 at the church (Mondays-Thursdays, 9:30-5:00).

Twenty-two students from GWHS are participating in the show, and are joined by 23 JRAL members who have also hung paintings in this joint exhibit in support of the student artists.

At the reception, JRAL judges Betty Brinser and Karen Witthoefft will announce the student awards of prize money and gift certificates, donated by JRAL and Plaza Art.

While participating JRAL members will not be receiving awards, they have enjoyed the enthusiasm of the students, and they welcome the opportunity to encourage these young artists.

Artist & Educator William Johnson to be Guest Speaker on November 20

William E. Johnson, artist and art instructor at Virginia State University and George Wythe High School, will talk to JRAL members at the November 20th meeting about his work, his artistic philosophy, and the burgeoning relationship he and his students have with the James River Art League.



"As an artist, I am driven by needs both aesthetic and social," Johnson writes in his biography; "My challenge as an artist is to find ways to use both the spiritual and material powers of art in such a way that my expressions become a vehicle for the understanding of people."



"Old Time Religion",
William Johnson

Johnson received his BFA from VCU in 1982. He went on to post-graduate studies there and in the University of Richmond's Partner in the Arts program. In addition to his current teaching positions at VSU and GWHS, Johnson has also served as adjunct faculty in the Educational Outreach Program at the Virginia Museum of Fine Art, and as Artist in Residence for the Virginia Commission for the Arts. His work is part of many private and public collections.

New Member Orientation: The business meeting on November 20 will be followed by a new member orientation in the Library at St. Matthew's Church. All new members of the past year, as well as any interested JRAL members, are encouraged to attend.

*****Meet our newest JRAL members on page four!*****

Time to Think About Winter Weather! With the approaching winter comes the likelihood that we will experience some challenging weather. JRAL Parliamentarian Collin Hoskins reminds us that **JRAL meetings and events will be cancelled if Henrico County Public Schools are closed, but our meeting will not be cancelled if the schools are only starting late.** Notification of cancelled meetings for weather, or for any other reason, will be made to members via email whenever possible.

Upcoming Program Schedule

- **November 20** — Artist & Educator William Johnson.
- **December 11** — Holiday Luncheon at Hanover Tavern.
- **January 15** — Demonstration by Thomas Bradshaw, impressionist & plein air artist
- **February 19** — Paul DiPasquale, public sculptor
- **March 18** — Ellyn Parker, Public Art Coordinator for City of Richmond
- **April 15** — TBA
- **May 20** — Artist Challenge exhibit & critique: “Emotions”

Exhibits Update

It's time to get started on your paintings for our exhibits with a theme: *Glenmore Yoga* is “Serenity & Meditative Works”, *Crossroads* is “Spring in Virginia” and *For Art's Sake* is “Journey Along the James.” In the past, art patrons have responded well to gallery exhibits that are regionally themed.

We still have some openings at *Tuckahoe Library*, *Glenmore Yoga*, *Cultural Arts Center of Glen Allen*, *Capital One*, and the *First UU Judged Show*. We're showing at the *Cultural Arts Center* for the first time in several years, and this is a great opportunity to exhibit your work to a new audience. Our exhibits at *Crossroads*, *For Art's Sake* and *Virginia Eye Institute* are full and have waitlists. Exhibiting members have a two exhibit minimum requirement to maintain their Exhibiting membership status.

Please contact Elizabeth Hood if you'd like to sign up for any of our remaining open shows; contact her at elizabethhood@comcast.net or by calling 804-784-5868. A detailed exhibit schedule can be found on the JRAL website at www.jamesriverartleague.com/exhibits.

Sign up for the Annual Holiday Lunch!

This year's Holiday Luncheon will be Friday, December 11, in the Taylor Room at historic Hanover Tavern (home of the original Barksdale Theatre) in Hanover Courthouse, 13181 Hanover Courthouse Road (Rt. 301). Attending members will pre-select their personal three course meal; menu options will be emailed to all members, will be available at the November 20 meeting, or you can contact Alice Goode. Cost is \$23 which includes meal, non-alcoholic beverage, tax and gratuity. The sign-up deadline is November 27; sign up with Alice, and give/send your \$23 checks to Treasurer Terry Atkinson (made payable to JRAL).

“Emotions” is 2016 Artist Challenge Theme

What does Love look like? How about Joy? Anger? Serenity? Regret? If you could paint an emotion, how would you do that? Well, now's the time to find out! “Emotions” is the theme of JRAL's 2016 Artist Challenge, as we learn to channel our Inner Expressionist. Portray one or a roller coaster of emotions! Paint/create in any medium you like, in a realistic or abstract style — use whatever you feel best represents the emotion(s) you hope to portray and/or invoke.

We also want to know a little about your process of painting the emotion you selected, and what you were feeling as you painted it. So please write a short “message of intent” to go along with your painting.

The Artist Challenge paintings will be shown and critiqued at the May 20th meeting.

GWHS Needs Art Supplies!

An “Art Supplies & Art Book Drive” is underway. Please bring your gently used art supplies, magazines, and books to the November meeting, to be donated to the students at George Wythe. In the way of supplies, they especially need art paper, pastels, & colored pencils; please, no oil paints or solvents.

Exhibit Schedule — Winter 2015 - 2016

TUCKAHOE AREA LIBRARY

1901 Starling Drive
Henrico, VA 23229

December 1 - 30, 2015

Drop off Tuesday, Dec. 1,
9:30-10:00 am
Pick up Wednesday, Dec. 30,
9:30-10:00 am

GLENMORE YOGA

10442 Ridgefield Parkway
Henrico, VA 23233

January 6 - March 7, 2016

Drop off Wednesday, Jan. 6,
2:00-2:30 pm
Pick up Monday, Mar. 7, 2:00-2:30
pm

CULTURAL ARTS CENTER- GLEN ALLEN

Slantwall Gallery
2880 Mountain Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060

February 1 - February 29

Drop off Monday, Feb. 1, 9:30-10
am
Pick up Monday, Feb. 29, 9:30-10
am



Member News

Exhibits:

- **Terry Atkinson, Lois Shipley, Betsy Taylor & Nancy Tucker** are participating in the current Montpelier Center exhibit *Grand Local Artists Holiday Show & Sale* Nov. 1- Dec. 27. The show also features *The Virginia Landmarks & Legends Small Works Show*.
- **Dani Ashbridge** will be the featured artist in a show at Gallery Barre in Midlothian during December & January.
- **Rhonda Edwards and Irene Taylor** are part of the Uptown Gallery exhibit "Artétude at Uptown", running through Nov. 28. The show features students of JRAL member **Elizabeth Eubanks**, Uptown's current Teacher-in-Residence. (See Classes & Workshops below for an upcoming offering by Elizabeth.)
- **Elizabeth Hood** has a pastel painting in the Adele Castillo Student Exhibit at Crossroads Art Center during November.
- **Mary Pedini** was one of the artists selected by juror Shelby Keefe for the *Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters-Cityscape 2015 Exhibition* held Oct. 23-Nov. 1 at the Peale Center in Baltimore, to benefit renovation of the Peale Museum.
- **Kay Roscoe** exhibited three of her pastels in a show at The Presbyterian Church in Fredericksburg during October. A percentage of all sales in the show benefitted Micah Ecumenical Ministries (outreach to the homeless).



Mary Pedini-
Taylor's Barber Shop

Sales:

- **Sally Booth** has sold five paintings in recent weeks, including one at First UU's *Gallery 50* in late September.
- **Stella Jones** sold a painting & matching note cards commemorating a client's family reunion in Italy.
- **Kay Roscoe** sold one of her paintings in the above mentioned Presbyterian Church show.

Classes, Workshops, & Et Cetera:

- **Elizabeth Eubanks** will teach a Winter Watercolor Workshop at Uptown Gallery on Nov. 19, 2-6 pm, and on Nov. 21, 10 am - 2 pm, open to all skill levels. Contact Elizabeth for more details.
- **Janice Clark, Arlene DeConti, Yvonna Fraser, Mary Kent, Paulette Nesbitt**, along with For Art's Sake sponsor **Diana Robinson** attended the Christopher Wynn Plein Air Workshop in Monterey, California, October 11-16.
- **Betty Brinser, Betty Eddowes, and Helen Sanders** attended a five-day Eric Wiegardt workshop in St. Michael's, Maryland on the Eastern Shore, October 12-16; the workshop shared Wiegardt's "Secrets of Painting Loose."
- **Terry Atkinson and Elizabeth Hood** are involved in forming the new *MidAtlantic Pastel Society*; the group formed in late August and already has over 50 members, including charter members **Collin Hoskins, Rosemary McKnight, Diana Robinson, and Nancy Tucker**. Contact one of them or visit the group's Facebook page for further details.
 - As part of the Outreach Committee's mentoring program at George Wythe High School, four members of JRAL visited the school on Oct. 2. **Sally Booth, Jane Cox, Linda Reynolds, and Karen Witthoefft** talked with the students in the art classes of William Johnson and Keith Browne. Sally and Karen did demos and worked with students in the advanced, intermediate, and first level classes, as the students began their paintings for the joint GWHS-JRAL art exhibit. **Jane, Linda, Rosemary McKnight, and Mary Kent** returned to the school in late October to help the students mat and frame their finished work, with supplies donated by **Rosemary, Linda, Elizabeth Hood and Diana Robinson**.



Paulette Nesbitt-
Moss Point Seals



Please Welcome Our New JRAL Members!

Four new members were juried into the James River Art League at the Executive Board meeting on November 6.

We welcome (pictured below, left to right) watercolor artist Keiko Bell, acrylic artist Ursula Klostermyer, acrylic and mixed media artist Sheri Ogburn, and oil and pastel artist Dale Sawan.



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

The Holiday Season is fast approaching! As usual, everyone is going to be very busy for the next several weeks, and the James River Art League has some very special events planned.

In November, we are having our joint show with the students of George Wythe High School. This is sponsored by our Outreach Committee and designed to allow JRAL members the opportunity to participate in giving back to the community.

The student entries in this show will be judged with prizes given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. I sincerely hope that you will be able to see the exhibit, and to attend the November 14th reception and awards ceremony, 2-4 pm, at First UU Church.



The speaker for our November meeting is William Johnson, who is one of the art teachers at George Wythe High School.

In December, we will be having our annual Holiday Luncheon at Hanover Tavern. This is a new location for us and we are very excited about it. Please make plans to attend!



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