



NEWSLETTER

Davis to Critique "Reflections" | Paint-In July 15th | New Officers to be Elected

Hollett-Bazouzi to Judge Annual Show

Linda Hollett-Bazouzi will be the judge for JRAL's Annual Judged Show at First Unitarian Universalist Church on Blanton Avenue across from the Carillon; the exhibit will run June 5-July 31.

Hollett-Bazouzi is a contemporary American landscape artist, well-known in the Richmond area; she was a guest speaker at JRAL's February 2017 program. Linda taught art in Henrico Public Schools for 35 years; she also teaches adult art classes through Henrico Parks and Recreation and J. Sargent Reynolds Community College, and workshops for Virginia art teachers. She is a member of Oil Painters of America and the National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society, and is currently lead artist for the Virginia Plein Air Painters. She is also a docent at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Learn more about Linda at www.lindahollett.net.

The Annual Judged Show will be hung on Monday, June 5 (drop off is 9:30-10 that morning). The Reception and Awards Ceremony will be Sunday, June 11, 2-4 pm. Exhibiting artists are asked to bring something for the refreshments table; please remember that First UU is a Nut-Free Zone; do not include any nuts in your contributed food items.

Ribbons will be awarded for Best in Show, and in the media categories of Acrylic, Oil, Watercolor, and Other Media which includes Pastel, Pencil, Pen & Ink, Photography, and Mixed Media. There will also be a People's Choice award.

The sign-up list for the Judged Show is full; however, a waiting list is being kept to fill possible cancellations. To join the waiting list, contact Elizabeth Hood.

Artists Challenge, Election of Officers, to Highlight May 19th Annual Meeting

Richmond artist and art instructor Peggy Davis will be the Guest Artist who will critique our work at this year's Artist Challenge "Reflections" at the final meeting of the year on May 19th. We will meet at 11:00 am at St. Matthews's Church.

Peggy is a representational, landscape, and still life artist in oil and watercolor. Her subject matter is drawn from a lifetime of enjoying, observing, and recording nature.

A native Richmonder, Peggy is a third generation artist who began drawing, painting, and sculpting at a very early age and had her first exhibition when she was 15. She holds a BFA from VCU, and has had a career in fine art, commercial interior design, non-profit administration, and painting instruction. Peggy is currently an instructor at For Art's Sake Gallery and Studio.

This year's "Reflections" theme has given members the opportunity to answer the Artist Challenge in many different ways. We look forward to our annual "show and tell" and to Peggy's impressions of our work.

If you have a table-top easel on which to display your painting, please bring it along to the meeting.

Nominees for 2017-19 Officers

During the business portion of our May meeting, we will elect new officers for the upcoming biennium. The Nominating Committee has tapped the following members as nominees for the Executive Board for 2017-19:

- President: Elizabeth Hood
- 1st VP & Program Chair: Les Camphuysen
- 2nd VP & Parliamentarian: Maryanne Evans
- Secretary: Dianne Smith
- Treasurer: Terry Atkinson

Nominations can also be received from the floor; the nominee must have given prior permission to have her/his name placed in nomination.

During the summer, the new President will appoint Standing Committee Chairs from those who have expressed their willingness to serve; those Chairs will then select interested JRAL members to serve on committees to help perform the various tasks. Remember, your Art League doesn't run itself...there is still time for you to get involved! Standing Committees include Archives, Community Outreach, Communications, Exhibits (planning and scheduling of shows), Gallery (hanging of shows), Hospitality, Membership, Newsletter, and Publicity. A tenth committee manages our JRAL Gallery at Crossroads.



Exhibits Update

From Elizabeth Hood, Exhibit Chair

Our last exhibit of the JRAL year is coming up in June--our annual judged show at First Unitarian Universalist Church. If you are signed up for the show, drop off is Monday, June 5, 9:30-10:00; pick up will be Monday, July 31, 9:30-10:00. The reception will be Sunday, June 11, 2-4 pm. I hope everyone will come and enjoy the awards, refreshments and art fellowship!

Exhibits at St. Giles Presbyterian, Cedarfield, and Tuckahoe Library are scheduled for Fall 2017 and will be open for signups at our May 19th meeting. Members can also sign up by calling or emailing Elizabeth Hood.

Special Themed Exhibit Being Planned for Next Winter

We have a very special exhibit planned for January-March 2018 at the Cultural Arts Center-Glen Allen, with a theme of "Stories of the Greatest Generation." Coined by journalist Tom Brokaw, the term "The Greatest Generation" describes the generation that grew up during the Great Depression, came together to defend our country and allies both at home and abroad in World War II, and then worked together to build American prosperity during the 50s and 60s. JRAL member artists will exhibit art inspired by their personal stories of this generation and will accompany the work with a brief written description of their inspiration for that art.

More information about this exhibit will be available at the May meeting and in upcoming editions of *JRAL Art News*. Members are encouraged to begin signing up now for the show, and to use the coming summer hiatus to develop their paintings which will speak to the theme of "Stories of the Greatest Generation."

Any questions regarding upcoming exhibits? Contact Elizabeth Hood at elizabethhood@comcast.net, text 804-212-7204 or call her landline at 804-784-5868.

Second Annual JRAL Paint-In to be July 15th

The second JRAL Paint-In will be Saturday, July 15, at For Art's Sake Gallery & Studio in Gayton Crossing Shopping Center, Henrico County. JRAL members will share a creative day of painting, camaraderie, and mutual inspiration and encouragement. Your Executive Board has decided that members will not pay any participation fee for this event; the JRAL Treasury will foot the bill. Details will follow in coming weeks, but be sure to register and mark your calendars now!

Thanks to Carol Baron for helping to organize this special painting day for the Art League. There are a few spaces left and we will keep a waiting list in case more spots open up. Please sign up at the May 19th JRAL meeting, or email Carol Baron at cebaron0210@gmail.com if you would like to participate. If you have signed up, you will receive a series of emails from Carol before the Paint-In, confirming that you are on the list and sharing essential information, such as directions to For Art's Sake, what to bring, and what to expect.

Be sure to sign up for this special JRAL summer event!

Outreach Committee Stages GWHS Exhibit

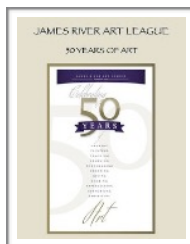
The JRAL Community Outreach Committee, chaired by Jane Cox, sponsored a student exhibit at George Wythe High School, March 27-April 7, in the school library.

Fifty-eight talented students participated in the show. President Rosemary McKnight and members of the committee judged the exhibit, and presented monetary awards at a reception in the library on April 4. The awards were: 1st - Denise Tinoco (pictured at right); 2nd - Lexis Honeycut; 3rd - German Ramirez; Honorable mention - Yasmee Barksdale, Aaron Bowe, and Merabella Rojas.

Our thanks go to the art teachers at George Wythe who made this outstanding exhibit possible, and to the Outreach Committee for their continued efforts on behalf of JRAL to benefit the GWHS art students.



JRAL's Anniversary Book Is Now Online!



"James River Art League — 50 Years of Art", the 50th anniversary commemorative booklet compiled and published in 2014, is now available on the JRAL website. To access "50 Years of Art", visit the page under the News/50th Anniversary News menu tab at jamesriverartleague.com/50-years-of-art. The book is presented on the website with separate links to each chapter, making it easier and quicker to open and download.

The JRAL Executive Board sought and received permission from the Richmond Times-Dispatch (et al) to reproduce in a digital format the many press clippings and news photos that are in the book, making it possible for "50 Years of Art" to be on the internet for all to enjoy.

Due to continued interest in JRAL's history, the Executive Board is considering a limited edition reprint of "50 Years of Art." The decision as to whether to reprint the booklet will be made later this year.



Member News

Exhibits:

- Member artists who will exhibit in the JRAL Gallery at Crossroads during May and June are **Carol Baron, Jane Bodnar, Anne Burnley, David Cheatham, and Shirley Harrington**. The open house and artists reception at Crossroads Art Center will be the evening of May 19th.
- **Mike Haubenstein** is having a one-man show during the month of May on the Slant Wall at the Cultural Arts Center of Glen Allen (2880 Mountain Road). The show, titled "Through the Arches," contains various paintings of architecture, bridges, and natural arches (shown at right is "Laurel Street Bridge"). There is also a series of paintings of Richmond restaurants and assorted food paintings. The exhibit reception will be on May 25 from 6-9:00 pm.
- **Jan Priddy** was juried into the 5th annual "Art Speaks on the Bay" at the Bay School Community Arts Center in Mathews County Courthouse. The exhibit opens May 6 and runs through June 3.
- **Terry Atkinson, Dale Berry, Jan Priddy, Lois Shipley, and Betsy Taylor** were juried into the 4th Annual South Atlantic Juried Exhibition at The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education. The exhibition opening on April 29 was a highlight of the 20th Annual Celebration of the Arts; the exhibit runs through June 28.
- **Carol Mullen** and **Connie de Bordenave** are exhibiting several paintings in the VMFA Studio School Gallery, featuring portraits by current and former students of instructor Marjorie Perrin. The show runs through May 26.
- **Dani Ashbridge** has a large oil painting titled "Passion" (shown at right) that is featured in "Objects of Beauty, Florals to Still Life" at Bella Arte Gallery in Midlothian. The exhibit runs through May 11.



Awards & Sales:

- **David Cheatham** won Third Place in the Crossroads Art Center March/April All-Media Show with his oil painting "Last Fun of the Day" (shown at right).
- Seven JRAL member artists were prize winners at the For Art's Sake Student Show in February/March! Those receiving ribbons were **Carol Matuschek**, First Place, Acrylic; **Cindy Kinney**, First Place, Watercolor; **Marla Coleman**, First Place, Oil; **Rosemary McKnight**, First Place, Drawing/Pastel; **Susan French**, Second Place, Oil; **Elizabeth Hood**, Second Place, Drawing/Pastel; **Norma Rupp**, Third Place, Watercolor.
- At the FAS Student Show mentioned above, four JRAL members sold their paintings in the exhibit: **Dani Ashbridge, Marla Coleman, Elizabeth Hood, and Harriet Vincent**.
- **Kay Roscoe** sold her collage "Cracking Up" from the JRAL "Life's A Zoo" exhibit at For Art's Sake Gallery in April.
- **Lois Shipley** sold three oil paintings from her solo show "Landscapes by Lois" at Glenmore Yoga in March and April. "Shadows," "Rippling Waters," and "Cornflower Fields Forever" were all sold to the same customer, Lois's "new favorite person!"
- **Bonnie Shelor** sold several paintings from her exhibit at St. Catherine's School during March and April. She sold the paintings during her 55th high school reunion...a momentous event on many levels!
- **Dani Ashbridge** recently sold a mixed media painting titled "Released" from her website.
- "The Quiet Cove" is a painting sold by **Margot Titmus** at Tuckahoe Artists Association's April show at Tuckahoe Library.
- **Keiko Bell, Stella Jones, and Bonnie Shelor** each sold an unframed painting or giclee at JRAL's Glenmore Yoga exhibit in February.



Et Cetera:

- Eight JRAL member artists participated in a 6-week workshop at For Art's Sake taught by Jos Biviano during February and March, focusing on the historic Hudson River School techniques. The members were **Carol Baron, Marla Coleman, Harvey Hinson, Michelle Hoffman, Carol Mullen, Diana Robinson, Lois Shipley, and Betty Wolfrey**.
- **Carol Mullen** participated in the Portrait Society of America's annual conference in Atlanta in mid-April. She encourages anyone who does portraiture and figure painting to experience this event at least once (sometimes it is held in Reston, a bit closer to home!); the annual conference features inspirational demos and presentations, and remarkable competition paintings by "rising stars and actual stars" in the field. Carol says you do not have to be a professional portrait painter to attend, or to join the Society.



Member News (continued)

- We welcome **Charter Member Bill Cline** back to the JRAL membership roles! Bill was one of the original founders of the James River Art League in 1964, active until he moved out of state in the early 70s. Now retired in Alabama, Bill reconnected with JRAL recently, shared a few pieces of League memorabilia with us, and accepted our offer to name him an Honorary Member.

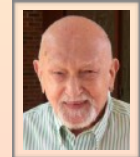
In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we note the passing of **Bill Smith**, who died on April 13 after a long battle with cancer. Bill joined JRAL in 2007.

Bill's great enthusiasms were sports, animals, and art. He was an avid squash player and dirt biker, he fed the birds each day even before his morning coffee, and during his radiation treatments he sketched his fellow patients and gifted them with the portraits. Bill held that perseverance is one of the most esteemed qualities; he believed that there are "No mistakes — you can paint your way out of anything."

Shortly before he passed, Bill sold his painting "Bit of Eden"; it had been shown last year at Glenmore Yoga and the buyer saved up all year to purchase it. Bill was very gratified to know his art had made such a lasting impression.

Bill is survived by his wife, Mary, five children, six grandchildren, and one great-grand child. He is being buried in his native Pittsburgh, PA. In his memory, JRAL is making a donation to the Richmond SPCA.



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

As our year comes to an end, my term as President of the James River Art League is also coming to an end. The Nominating Committee has been working very hard to come up with a new slate of officers to be approved at our May 19th general meeting. (See story on page one.)



I want to encourage all of you to get involved in the operation of the Art League. If you have not already volunteered for a committee, please do so. If you are new to the League, serving on a committee is a great way to get to know your fellow members.

It has been a great pleasure to serve as President for the last two years. I have certainly enjoyed working with all of you and getting to know you better. I plan to remain very active in JRAL, but leadership change is always a good thing. I look forward to working closely with the new President of James River Art League.

Just remember, JRAL is what you make of it. Get involved! It's very rewarding!

Rosemary McKnight

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