



# NEWSLETTER

## Program & Exhibit Schedules Announced | Summer Activities Reviewed

### July's Paint-In a Highlight of Summer

Twenty-five JRAL artists enjoyed a day of painting and camaraderie at the second annual Summer Paint-In on July 15 at For Art's Sake Gallery and Studio.

Stories were swapped, techniques and tips were traded, snacks were munched, and lots of good art projects were begun during the day-long event.

For example, one gizmo demonstrated by Jan Murray was a Speckle Brush...a brush and wire thingy used to splatter a fine mist of paint on your surface. Carol Baron found this at Jerry's Artarama for about five dollars! <<http://www.jerrysartarama.com/spatter-wonder-speckle-brush>>.



Thanks to Carol Baron for organizing the Paint-In, and to

Diana Robinson for making FAS such a welcoming and comfortable venue!

### Coming Up in September & October:

#### *"Art for the Journey" Headlines September 15 Meeting*

A presentation about *Art for the Journey* will be the feature of our first fall meeting on September 15, 11:00 am, at St. Matthew's Church. *Art for the Journey* will be represented by Founder and President Mark Hierholzer and Director of Volunteers Cindy Paullin.



*Art for the Journey* is a non-profit organization that promotes the well-being and healing of children and adults through creative expression, with a special focus on people who otherwise do not have such opportunities due to status, physical circumstances, geography, special needs, or financial hardships. Programs are provided by accomplished artists and other qualified instructors in settings such as correctional facilities, assisted living residences, schools, and community centers.

Some JRAL artists have already volunteered to participate in *Art for the Journey* activities, and at the September meeting we will learn about the many ways we can support their endeavors. Visit their website at [artforthejourney.org](http://artforthejourney.org) for more information about their organization.

We will also learn about *Art for the Journey's* Fall Art Gala, taking place at Independence Golf Club, Midlothian, on October 26, 5:30-8:30 pm. JRAL is purchasing two tickets to this fundraising Art Gala, and we will have a raffle for the tickets at the start of the September business meeting. JRAL members must be present to win.

#### *Tours of Two Ashland Galleries on October 13*

**Please note the date change of our October program! This event is on the second Friday, October 13.** The change was made so we could enjoy the Flippo Gallery's featured exhibit before it closed.

On October 13, we will take a tour of Flippo Gallery in Randolph-Macon College's Pace-Armistead Hall (114 College Avenue), and of Gallery Flux (307B England Street) in Ashland. Highlighting the Flippo Gallery tour will be "Richard Crozier: Repository of Missing Places." This traveling exhibition is 50 paintings of places that no longer belong to the landscape and social fabric of towns.

Lunch at Ashland's Iron Horse Restaurant (100 S. Railroad Avenue) will follow the Flippo Gallery tour. After lunch we will visit Gallery Flux. Their featured exhibit will be by Christopher S. Phillips, an acclaimed illustrator, fine artist, and teacher.

This is a self-driven field trip; we will meet across from the Railroad Station (112 N. Railroad Avenue) at 11:00 am. Details will follow at the September meeting, in emailed *Art News*, and on the JRAL website. If you'd like to form or join a car pool for this event, which will leave from St. Matthew's Church at 10:15, sign up at the September meeting or contact Gigi Vranian at [vraniangigi@comcast.net](mailto:vraniangigi@comcast.net). Or drive on your own and meet us there!

## 2017-18 Program Schedule

- *September 15:* Art for the Journey presentation
- *October 13: (Note date change!)* Visit to Flippo Gallery at Randolph-Macon College and Gallery Flux; lunch at Iron Horse Restaurant
- *November 17:* Pastel Demo by Maria Reardon; Members' Holiday Craft Fair during lunch
- *December 15:* Holiday Luncheon at Westwood Club
- *January 19:* Reynolds Community College Arts Program presentation by RCC President Dr. Gary Rhodes
- *February 16:* Watercolor demo, plus critique for struggling members' paintings (all media) by Doug Mock
- *March 16:* Update on Institute of Contemporary Art's progress by Susan Norkus
- *April 20:* Annual Artist Challenge presentations and guest artist critique by Thomas Bradshaw. Challenge theme is "Love Connection."
- *May 18:* Focus on the Artists and Art Instructors of JRAL

### Exhibit Preview: "Stories of the Greatest Generation"

JRAL will stage a very special exhibit in the Gumenick Gallery at Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center, January 25-March 18, 2018. The theme is "Stories of the Greatest Generation" and it will feature paintings reflecting the generation that grew up during the Great Depression, came together to defend our country during WW II, then worked together to build American prosperity during the 1950s and 1960s.

The paintings will each be accompanied by a written paragraph or two about the subject that inspired the painting...the people, places, and things that remind us of the struggles, the accomplishments, the joys, and the sorrows, of the generation which put its enduring mark on the 20th century.

You can sign up for the exhibit at a meeting, or by contacting Exhibit Chair David Cheatham [dschtm@gmail.com](mailto:dschtm@gmail.com).

## Executive Board Met in Summer Retreat

The JRAL Executive Board met for a day-long session on July 21 at Libby Mill Library, to get a head start on planning the coming year's activities, as well as to discuss a range of issues key to the League's operations.



In addition to outlining the programs and exhibits scheduled for 2017-2018, Board members also addressed such topics as:

- Renewing the annual contract with [BuyRVAart.com](http://BuyRVAart.com), which provides JRAL with valuable publicity for our Gallery at Crossroads, as well as each of our other exhibits throughout the year.
- Moving the annual Artist Challenge presentations to April, instead of at the May meeting, to allow more time to enjoy the popular event. Since there is no business meeting at our April program, we can devote the entire meeting to exhibiting and discussing our Challenge paintings with each other and guest reviewer Thomas Bradshaw. This year's Artist Challenge theme is "Love Connection."
- Making a venue change for the Annual Judged Show. In 2018, the Judged Show will be at a new, larger location: The Gallery at Reynolds Community College, Parham Road Campus. This show will run from mid-September 2018 to January 2019. The exhibit at First Unitarian Universalist Church in June 2018 will be a "People's Choice/Members' Choice" exhibit, where JRAL and Church members, along with the visiting public, will select their favorite paintings by ballot.
- Developing a Members Survey to be distributed in the Fall, to get members' opinions about JRAL programs and activities.
- Reviewing the proposed budget for the fiscal year, to be presented to members in September.

## Exhibit Schedule — Fall & Winter 2017

<b>St. Giles Presbyterian Church</b> 5200 Grove Avenue Richmond 23226 <b>Sept. 6-Nov. 1, 2017</b> POR only-no prices on ID cards	Drop Off: Wednesday Sept. 6 11:00-11:30 am  Pick Up: Wednesday Nov. 1 11:00-11:30 am
<b>Cedarfield Art Gallery</b> 2300 Cedarfield Parkway Richmond 23233 <b>Nov. 16, 2017-Jan. 3, 2018</b> Note: Not Open to General Public	Drop Off: Thursday Nov. 16 9:30-10:00  Pick Up: Wednesday Jan 3 9:30-10:00
<b>Tuckahoe Area Library</b> 1901 Starling Drive Henrico 23229  <b>Dec. 1-Dec. 30, 2017</b>	Drop Off: Friday Dec. 1 9:30-10:00  Pick Up: Saturday Dec. 30 9:30-10:00
<b>Glenmore Yoga</b> 10442 Ridgefield Pkwy Henrico 23233  <b>Jan.10-Mar. 7, 2018</b>	Drop Off: Wednesday Jan. 10 1:00-1:30  Pick Up: Wednesday Mar. 7 12:30-1:00
<b>Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center</b>	(See "Preview" Article on this page)



## Member News

### Exhibits:

- **Mike Haubstock** is having a one-man show of 25 paintings in the lobby of Swift Creek Mill Theatre September 13 through October 31. If you attend the exhibit's reception on September 13, 7-8 pm, you can also attend the dress rehearsal of the new Swift Creek Mill production — the spine-chilling play “Woman in Black” (which has run in London for 27 years) — for free! Please RSVP to Mike at [mhauby@gmail.com](mailto:mhauby@gmail.com). The theater is at 17401 Jefferson Davis Hwy, South Chesterfield, VA 23834.
- **Sally Booth** will be the Guest Artist at Uptown Gallery during September/October (opening reception on Friday, September 8th, 5-8 pm). She will also have a solo show at Glenmore Yoga in September/October.
- **Betty Wolfrey** is one of a triad of artists in “Multiformity”, an exhibition at For Art's Sake Gallery & Studio in Gayton Crossing Shopping Center, running August 28-October 2.
- JRAL members who are exhibiting in the 52nd annual *Gallery at First UU* fine arts and crafts show and sale September 20-24 include **Anne Burnley, Stella Jones, Mary Kent, Helen Sanders, and Betsy Taylor**.
- **Dani Ashbridge, Terry Atkinson, Carol Baron, Maryanne Evans, Elizabeth Hood, Mary Kent, Anne Negus, Patty Mochary, Suzanne Spooner-Munch, and Betty Wolfrey** were selected to exhibit in the first All Media Show at For Art's Sake during July and August. (See below for news about several award winners!)
- **Jan Priddy, Mike Steele, and Maria Pilar York** were part of the exhibit celebrating the Robert Caldwell Studio's first anniversary. Jan was also one of the artists who was working in the Studio Open House August 18 and 19. Caldwell is a well-known wildlife artist and popular instructor.
- **Terry Atkinson, Elizabeth Hood, Nancy Tucker, and Linda Wolitz** were part of the MidAtlantic Pastel Society “Pastels All Around” exhibit at the Petersburg Area Art League during July.

### Awards & Sales:

- In the above-mentioned FAS All-Media Show, several JRAL members received awards. They are **Elizabeth Hood**, Second Place, for her pastel “Cades Cove”; **Betty Wolfrey**, Third Place, for her oil painting “Heading Home”; and Honorable Mentions to **Carol Baron** for her oil painting “Dinner at the Pond”, **Maryanne Evans** for her watercolor “Basket of Crabs”, and **Mary Kent** for her watercolor “Mission Camel Courtyard.”
- There have been several recent sales from the JRAL Gallery at Crossroads! **Jan Priddy** sold two of her oil paintings, “Fox Kiss” and “Tiny Elephant”, and **Elizabeth Hood** sold her pastel “Hey Y'all” from the July/August Crossroads exhibit. **David Cheatham** sold two oil paintings including “The Pony Pasture” from the previous May/June exhibit. **Shirley Harrington** sold her acrylic painting “Lotus Pond” and **Jane Bodnar** sold her prize winning painting “Red Colander” during May/June.
- **Dani Ashbridge** had a successful summer, selling five giclees and one painting from various locations.
- **Sally Booth** reports a busy summer too! She sold four paintings: Two from her Facebook page, one from July's Bath County Art Show, and one from Symmetry Salon & Gallery in June.
- Two members sold their paintings from JRAL's Annual Judged Show at First UU. **Barbara Evans** sold her acrylic painting “Sunset on the Piankatank” and **Mike Haubstock** sold his oil painting “Ready to Row.” **Shirley Harrington's** acrylic painting “Grapeful”, an Honorable Mention winner in the First UU show, was sold just prior to the exhibition.

### Et Cetera:

- During her summer Roads Scholar trip to Ireland, **Mary Kent** snagged a ticket to a special Veneer exhibit at the National Gallery of Ireland in Dublin; the Veneer's were coupled with 60 other works from Dutch masters. This travelling show will be at the National Gallery in Washington DC, October 22-January 21. [www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/exhibitions/2017/vermeer-and-the-masters-of-genre-painting.html](http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/exhibitions/2017/vermeer-and-the-masters-of-genre-painting.html). (Garry-Lou Upton is organizing a bus trip there on Oct. 24; contact her for details.)
- While in Chicago greeting her new grandson, **Karen Witthoefft** visited a huge and diverse exhibit of “Gauguin: Artist as Alchemist” at the Art Institute of Chicago. Featured were more than 240 works in various media, illustrating how Gauguin with his abstract modernism paved the way for Matisse and Picasso with his flattened abstract forms and colors.
- **Elizabeth Hood, Nancy Tucker, and Linda Wolitz** are taking a 3-day pastel workshop in September, taught by Desmond O'Hagan and sponsored by the MidAtlantic Pastel Society.
- **Connie de Bordenave, Michelle Hoffman, Jan Murray, and Betsy Taylor** attended a watercolor class given by Amy Shawlee at the Virginia Wildlife Center near Waynesboro on Aug. 19. The class was unique in that the live model was Athena, one of the Center's unreleaseable barred owls.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

### Welcome Back and Thank You



Welcome back from your summer activities! We're kicking off a new JRAL year at our September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. I'm excited about the great programs, exhibits and events planned for our League this coming year, and I'm sure you will be too.

Our new board has already been busy this summer getting geared up for this year. I have often heard members and guests speak with admiration and thankfulness for JRAL's organization and efficiency, which would not be possible without our members who volunteer their time and skills to run our League. Every JRAL board group I've been associated with has always made our members' interests and needs their first priority. In my seven years working with different boards, I have seen incredible support and cooperation among the board members, who have forged great friendships and had lots of fun too while getting the governing work done.

So, here's a big shout out to every member who has volunteered their time for JRAL in the past, and my thanks as well to our new board member volunteers who are embarking on a two-year commitment. I hope each of you will take a little time to say thanks to them as well, and if you can, please consider volunteering your time and skills as we have needs during the next year. We couldn't do it without you!

One more thought -- as I write this, the news is full of reports of violence in Charlottesville and of international tensions. I am thankful that JRAL is a calm port in that storm. I often hear from guests about how friendly and welcoming our members are, and I always see that we treat each other the same way. We are all about art and how it enriches our lives, and when I go to a JRAL meeting, I know that our members are shutting the door to politics and strife for a couple of hours. Thank you, members, for your personal contributions to our friendly, welcoming vibe and for keeping our focus on art and our fellowship with each other.

See you at our September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting!

### Annual JRAL Dues Are Due!

Don't forget that membership dues - \$30.00 for all current members - are due by September 30th. Please make your checks payable to JRAL. You can mail your check to this address: **Terry Atkinson, Treasurer, JRAL, 17436 Millfield Lane, Montpelier, VA 23192**

If you would prefer to bring your check to our meeting in September, Jane Cox and Maryanne Evans have graciously agreed to collect the checks for Terry since she will not be at the first meeting.

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### Second Annual Members' Craft Fair to be in November

Last year's Members' Craft Fair was such a success, we're doing it again! If you are a secret crafter, carver, or candlestick maker in your spare time, bring your wares to the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. During the lunch break, members can browse and buy creations by their fellow artists (all purchase transactions will be handled on your own), just in time for the holidays. To join the Fair, sign up with Gigi Vranian.

### Lighting Equipment Wanted for Art Demos

We need to provide better lighting at our Art League programs when guest artists are giving demos. If you have a tripod spotlight that you can loan to JRAL when demonstrations are scheduled, or perhaps even donate for repeated use, please contact Program Co-Chair Gigi Vranian, 784-8087, [vraniangigi@comcast.net](mailto:vraniangigi@comcast.net)

### JRAL Executive Board 2017-2019

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