



NEWSLETTER

JRAL Welcomes Five New Members | Nov. 16 Meeting to Start at 10:00 am

Suzanne Counts Wins Best in Show at JRAL Judged Exhibit



“Shades of Blue” by Suzanne Counts was named Best in Show of this year’s JRAL Judged Exhibit, staged in the Conference Center Gallery on the campus of Reynolds Community College. The exhibit runs through November 8.

Meredith Mullins, figurative artist and RCC art instructor, was this year’s judge; she had the difficult task of choosing from more than 60 submitted paintings. Mullins presented awards and spoke to the merits of each winning painting at the October 4th reception and awards ceremony.

Photos of the winning paintings and from the reception are featured on the JRAL website at jamesriverartleague.com/2018-annual-members-judged-exhibit.

By category, the award winners are:

Acrylic:

- First: Shirley Harrington, “Blooming Lotus”
- Second: Sylvia deShazo, “Sunset at Chick’s Beach”
- Third: Gwen Parker, “Open Figure”
- Honorable Mention: Anne Burnley, “The Scarf”

Oil:

- First: Mike Haubenstock, “Fashion on Fifth”
- Second: Coakley Brown, “Poppies”
- Third: Anne Negus, “The Fruition of Fruit”
- Honorable Mention: Susan Paavola, “Reservations”

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Coming Up in November & December:

On November 16th at 10 am...

Our November meeting will start one hour early, due to a memorial service for William “Chip” Lipscomb to be held at the church later that day (*please see In Memoriam on page 4*). The JRAL meeting will begin **at 10:00 am** at St. Matthew’s Church, and will need to end no later than 1:00 pm.

Our program will have a Double Feature! Starting out will be JRAL Outreach Committee Chair **Connie de Bordenave**. Connie will tell us about how she uses art to address humanitarian issues, using examples from her series of paintings “Reaching Toward Hope and a Future” which focus on refugees throughout Europe. “I believe art can be a powerful visual stimulus,” Connie writes on her website, “to promote dialogue and action toward understanding and acceptance of all cultures.” artbycdeb.com (Pictured: “Comfort” by Connie de Bordenave)



The second half of our Double Feature will be the third annual **JRAL Holiday Craft Bazaar** — members will display and offer for sale handcrafted items that they create “in their spare time,” and just in time for holiday shopping. Bazaar sales will be conducted between the crafters and the shoppers; please bring cash or checks to make any purchases.



On December 14th at 12 noon...

JRAL’s annual **Holiday Luncheon** will be on Friday, December 14, 12 noon, at the Westwood Club, 6200 West Club Lane, Henrico 23226.

In the holiday spirit of giving, each member attending the luncheon is asked to bring a new, unwrapped art supply for GWHS’s art program. Especially needed are Sharpies (color and black), Prismacolor colored pencils, art gum erasers, 2B and mechanical pencils, hand pencil sharpeners, student grade watercolor paper, all-media drawing paper (heavy weight), and student watercolor sets.

Members of our Outreach Committee will speak briefly on the impact JRAL has had on the GWHS students through its support of their art program.

The luncheon buffet menu can be found on the JRAL website. Go to jamesriverartleague.com/2018-19-programs, scroll down to the entry for December 14, and click on the red “Holiday Lunch Menu” button.

The cost for this luncheon is **\$33** each (this is a slight change) which includes luncheon, non-alcoholic beverages, taxes, and gratuity. If you haven’t yet signed up for the luncheon, you can do so at the November meeting or by contacting Gigi Vranian. Please bring your check (made payable to JRAL) to the November meeting, or mail to JRAL Treasurer Terry Atkinson, 17436 Millfield Lane, Montpelier, VA 23192. Payments must be received by December 7.

Five New Members Elected into James River Art League

Please welcome the following new JRAL Exhibiting Members!

- **Susana Bruzos Barthelemy**, mixed media, photography, sculpture; sponsored by Harvey Hinson
- **Thomas Bradshaw**, oil; sponsored by Marla Coleman
- **Jazmin Davidson**, oil; sponsored by Maria Pilar York
- **Celie Gehring**, acrylic, mixed media, collage; sponsored by Carol Baron
- **Kaye Jones**, watercolor; sponsored by Cathy Kresan

These five new members were voted into the Art League by the Executive Board at its November 2nd meeting after a jurying process, and will introduce themselves and a sample of their art at an upcoming JRAL general meeting.

2018-19 Program Schedule

- **November 16: (at 10 am) "Reaching Toward Hope and a Future"** — **Connie de Bordenave** discusses the process of using art to promote a humanitarian cause. Also, **The Member Holiday Craft Bazaar**
- **December 14: Holiday Luncheon** at the Westwood Club, 12 noon; bring new, unwrapped art supply for GWHS
- **January 18: John Tucker**, President of the Nora Houston Project; Nora Huston was a pioneering Richmond artist, art educator, and activist.
- **February 15: Focus on Six JRAL Artists** who will share techniques & tips in various media: **Lois Shipley, Sally Booth, Linda Wolitz, Elizabeth Hood, Tami Topalu, and Rosemary McKnight**
- **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

Exhibit Schedule — 2018-2019

JSRCC Conference Center Gallery 1651 East Parham Road Henrico, VA 23228 September 5-November 8 JRAL Annual Judged Show	Pick Up: Thursday, Nov. 8 9:30-10:00 am
Cedarfield Art Gallery 2300 Cedarfield Parkway Henrico 23233 October 25-December 5	Pick Up: Wednesday, Dec. 5 9:30-10:00 am
Tuckahoe Area Library 1901 Starling Dr. Henrico 23229 December 1-December 31	Drop Off: Saturday, Dec. 1 9:30-10:00 am Pick Up: Monday, Dec. 31 9:30-10:00 am
Cultural Arts Center-Glen Allen Slantwall Gallery 2880 Mountain Rd, Glen Allen January 3-January 31, 2019	Drop Off: Thursday, Jan. 3 9:30-10:00 am 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 People's Choice Awards	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

- **David Cheatham** entered two pieces in the Virginia State Fair, and won Second Place for each of them! In the category “Adult - Acrylic or Oil,” he won Second with “4H Projects” (his painting in JRAL’s *Stories of the Greatest Generation* show); in the category “Adult - Charcoal, Pencil, Pen and Ink,” David won Second with “Coneflower” (*seen at right*).



- **Coakley Brown** won Best in Show at Plein Air Westhampton with her oil on linen painting “Go Fish”, painted at Agecroft Hall. She was one of 24 local artists who participated in the week-long painting event in late September, where artists depicted Westhampton’s streets, sidewalks, homes and storefronts in the Libbie and Grove neighborhood. The resulting paintings were offered for sale during the Party on the Avenues festival on September 30; 10% of the plein air art proceeds benefit FETCH-A-Cure – an organization providing pet owners with awareness and access to pet cancer treatment. More of the event’s paintings by all the artists can be seen on Instagram @buypleinairwestrva .

- **Anne Burnley** has been busy! She participated in three exhibits in late summer and early fall: Art Works, Inc.’s “Dog Days of Summer All Media Show” in August-September; “Gallery 53”, the fine arts and crafts show at First UU in September; and the Virginia Collage Society “Exploring Imagination In Collage” exhibit at Crossroads Art Center through November 10. Anne sold a watercolor painting titled “He Blushed” during her recent one person exhibit in the Center Gallery West at Art Works. Earlier this year, the producers of the HBO series “Homeland,” during their filming here in Richmond, purchased one of Anne’s drawings from her Art Works wall for a production set. When you’re in an exhibit, you just never know who might be looking!

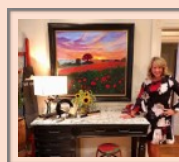


- Congratulations to **Les Camphuysen** who sold seven paintings from his recent show at the Purcell Gallery of the Louisa Art Center! (*Seen at left: “Spider Rock”*)

- **Linda Wolitz** has sold one painting, with the promise of two more, at her solo show at Verena At The Glen, a retirement community in Glen Allen. Linda was the first artist to show in Verena’s exhibit space; artists interested in having a two-month show there should contact Ashley Dugger, Executive Director,

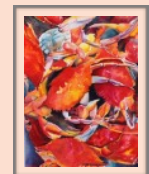
ADugger@VerenaAtTheGlen.com , 804.261.1100; include your website address or several sample images of your artwork with your inquiry.

- Several JRAL members enjoyed sales at “Gallery 53” at First UU in September. **Mary Kent** sold her painting “Monet’s Garden” (*seen at near-right, top*), as well as several giclees. **Anne Negus** sold her painting “At the End of a Very Good Day” (*seen far-right, top*), **Maria Pilar-York** sold “Summer Memories” (*seen near-right, bottom*), and **Terry Atkinson** sold “Swiftcurrent Lake” (*seen at far-right, bottom*), as well as some note cards. **Suzanne Spooner-Munch** and **Stella Jones** each sold several pieces of their handcrafted items — knitted hats and jewelry, respectively.



- **Bonnie Jordan** had her painting “Poppies at Sunset” chosen by designer Jill Erwin to be part of the Richmond Symphony Orchestra League’s 2018 Designer House “Holly Lawn.” Proceeds from visitation and other events surrounding the Designer House during September and October benefited the Richmond Symphony. (*Seen at left: Designer Jill Erwin with “Poppies at Sunset” by Bonnie Jordan*)

- There is a five person show at Tuckahoe Library for the month of November displaying the works of **Betty Eddowes, Pat Trgina, Gary-Lou Upton, Kay Shuster** and **Sylvia deShazo**.
- The paintings of **Betty Eddowes** are also being featured in the November window of the Rappahannock Art League Gallery in Kilmarnock, VA. In September, Betty sold two of her watercolor paintings from the RAL Gallery.
- **Sylvia deShazo, Kay Hansell,** and **Pat Trgina** are part of the Wednesday Night Painting Group’s exhibit at Crossroads Art Center that runs until November 10. The WNPG is just that — a group of 13 artists who paint together every Wednesday night, and have been doing so for 16 years!
- **Jean Fahed** is a part of the Adele Castillo’s Students Show at Crossroad Art Center in November and December; opening night will be Friday, November 16, 6-9 pm.
- “Nova Scotia and Other Wanderings” was an exhibition of work in watercolor and oil by **Tami Topalu** and Kim Harding at For Art’s Sake Gallery & Studio during October. (*Seen at right: “It Is Crab Time”, Tami Topalu*)
- The new exhibit at JRAL Gallery at Crossroads features the art of **Bev Bley, Dalhia Cavazos, Mary Dean, Bonnie Jordan,** and **Sandy Nye Moran**. The opening reception is Friday, November 16, 6-9 pm; the JRAL Gallery exhibit runs October 31-December 27. If you would like to exhibit in the JRAL Gallery at Crossroads, contact Lois Shipley <shipleylaw@embarqmail.com>.



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

**Volunteers Needed**

I've always thought JRAL's most valuable asset is our members' engagement and commitment: offering ideas, participating in the activities of the League, giving feedback, and supporting fellow members. I know that I find it personally very satisfying to be a part of building, organizing, or participating in League activities and events.

Our members always have great ideas for projects or activities that our League could be doing, and last January in our Member Survey, you offered many new suggestions. A few of them 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 (e.g. workshops, book exchange, meet-up sessions). We've put together a list of these ideas that we will be sharing with everyone soon.

To actually do any of these will require you, our members, to get involved and volunteer your time and energy. Our Board members already have a full slate of responsibilities for JRAL. So, if you have an idea for the League or are interested in one of the proposed projects from the list, offer to get involved to lead or participate. I feel that the reward you get back will be greater than what you give. We truly can't do it without you!

In Memoriam: William "Chip" Lipscomb

Former JRAL member William "Chip" Lipscomb died on October 28, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Chip, a Richmond native and retired architect, joined the Art League as an oil painter in 2011, and actively exhibited with us until the illness took his memory. A memorial service for Chip will be held at St. Matthew's Church on November 16 at 3:00 pm.

Notes from November 2nd Executive Board Meeting...

The JRAL Executive Board met on November 2nd in the St. Matthew's Church library. Among the business conducted:

- Deliberation and election of five new Exhibiting Members into JRAL, following online review and discussion led by Membership Chair Carol Baron (*Meet new members on page two*). The evolving process for selecting new members was further discussed, and development of the process will continue.
- Second VP/Parliamentarian Maryanne Evans reviewed the progress of the Ad Hoc Bylaws Review Committee. The revised Bylaws should be ready to introduce to the full JRAL membership in January.
- Price of the upcoming Holiday Luncheon was increased to \$33 each, so that the gratuity could be included in the one payment.
- Possible locations for next year's Judged Show were discussed, and several options were put on the table. Input from JRAL members is invited; for the Judged Show, we need to have a venue that is large enough to hang at least 60 paintings, and is in a convenient and publicly accessible location.

Judged Show Winners
(continued from page one)**Watercolor:**

- First: Gigi Vranian, "Masai Giraffe, Richmond Metro Zoo"
- Second: Susan Hutcheson, "Gardenias and Birds"
- Third: Jean Miller, "Sunlight and Shadows"
- Honorable Mention: Dalhia Cavazos, "Dad's Boot"

Other Media:

- First: Carol Cullinan, "Morning Shadows at Sycamore Tavern" (pastel)
- Second: Mary Kent, "Early Delivery" (colored pencil)
- Third: Linda Wolitz, "Great Blue and Green" (pastel)
- Honorable Mention: Rosemary McKnight, "Poppies" (colored pencil)

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