



NEWSLETTER

“Sumer is Icumen In!” | Summer & Fall Exhibits Announced

PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARDS A BIG HIT!

In JRAL’s first exhibit dedicated solely to People’s Choice Awards, four member artists were voted the People’s Choice in their respective mediums during the June 10th reception at First Unitarian Universalist Church. These awards were voted on by members of JRAL and the exhibit’s visiting public. They were awarded by JRAL President Elizabeth Hood. “This show is fun,” she commented. “Because of the multi-medium vote, people are really engaging with the paintings more than I’ve ever noticed before. It is a special honor,” she added, “to have your work appreciated by your peers.”

Fifty-two JRAL artists are participating in this exhibit, which runs through July 30.

The prize winners are:

- Acrylic: **Gwen Parker**, “Open Figure #4” (*not present-painting seen inset below & at right*)
- Oil: **Barbara Evans**, “Sisters” (*below, right*)
- Watercolor: **Connie de Bordenave**, “Loyalty Between Friends” (*below, center*)
- Other/Mixed Media: **Carol Cullinan**, “Sunset at the Railroad Crossing” (*below, left*)



People’s Choice Winners: (left to right) Carol Cullinan, Barbara Evans, and Connie de Bordenave. Not present: Gwen Parker, whose painting is seen between Barbara and Connie.



“Greatest Generation” Exhibit to Have Encore Performance

“Stories of the Greatest Generation,” the well-received JRAL exhibit staged at Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center over the winter, has been invited to be shown again!

First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1000 Blanton Ave, Richmond, was so impressed with the show, they asked if we would hang it again at the church, directly following our People’s Choice exhibition there. Of course, we agreed! The exhibit of paintings and stories will run July 31-August 27.

David Cheatham, JRAL Exhibits Chair, has notified all the original artists in the exhibit of this encore presentation, and invites any interested members also to exhibit if they have a theme-related painting. These new works will replace the paintings that have been sold from or since the first show. If you have not already signed up for “The Greatest Generation Encore” show and would like to participate, contact [David Cheatham](#).

Sign up for the JRAL Paint-In!

James River Art League will have its third annual Summer Paint-In on July 21st at For Art’s Sake Gallery, Gayton Crossing Shopping Center, Henrico County. The paint-in will start at 10 am, and end at 4 pm, but you don’t have to stay for the entire time. The entire cost of the paint-in will be covered by JRAL.

The past Paint-Ins have been very enjoyable events for members who have taken the opportunity to share a day of painting, swap tips and techniques, and get to know each other better.

There is space for only 24 participants, so please sign up right away. Contact Rosemary McKnight, 804-314-4153, or rmcknight.artwork@verizon.net, to register.

JRAL Presents *Jane Neal Cox Award* to Outstanding Art Student at GWHS

The James River Art League was proud to present the *Jane Neal Cox Award* to Amber Jeter, named this year’s outstanding senior art student at George Wythe High School, at the May 25th school awards ceremony. The award was presented to Amber by JRAL Outreach Committee Chair Connie de Bordenave, accompanied at the ceremony by committee members Terry Atkinson, and Linda Hultgren.

This award has been named in honor of the late Jane Cox, an outstanding member of the Art League who spearheaded our outreach program to support the art curriculum at George Wythe. This year’s \$150 cash award was funded by the JRAL Treasury and anonymous donations by League members.

Jane Cox began her career as a Spanish teacher at GWHS when it first opened in 1960. She later taught at Maggie Walker, and then in the Henrico County schools until she retired. Jane served JRAL in various leadership positions, including as its President; but her role as the Chair of the Community Outreach Committee was the one that was nearest and dearest to her heart. Her commitment to Richmond Public Schools, especially the art program at George Wythe, was extraordinary.

This summer, JRAL is also honoring Jane’s memory with an exhibit of her work on one of the walls in our JRAL Gallery at Crossroads. A collection of Jane’s paintings will be displayed by special arrangement with her family; the gallery fee for the wall space will be funded by donations from many of Jane’s JRAL friends. The exhibit will run June 28-August 29.

JRAL’s continued support of Wythe’s art program includes the purchase of needed art supplies for the students. All three art instructors have expressed much gratitude for the supplies that we have donated throughout the year, both from individual members and from JRAL as a whole. Connie de Bordenave shares that gratitude: “Many thanks to you all for your generosity. Providing supplies for art creates pathways for growth, encouragement, and expression for the 450 students that are currently enrolled in the Art program at George Wythe.”

Exhibit Schedule — Summer & Fall 2018

<p>First UU Church 1000 Blanton Avenue Richmond 23221 July 31-August 27</p> <p>“Greatest Generation — Encore”</p>	<p>Drop Off: Monday July 30 9:30-10:00 am Pick Up: Monday Aug. 27 9:30-10:00 am</p> <p><i>(Note: Pick up for People’s Choice show at First UU is also Monday July 30, 9:30-10)</i></p>
<p>JSRCC Conference Center Gallery 1651 East Parham Road Henrico, VA 23228 September 5-November 8</p> <p>JRAL Annual Judged Show</p>	<p>Drop Off: Wednesday Sept. 5 9:30-10:00 am Pick Up: Thursday Nov. 8 9:30-10:00 am</p> <p>Reception: Thursday Oct 4, 6-9 pm</p>
<p>Cedarfield Art Gallery 2300 Cedarfield Parkway Henrico 23233 October 25-December 5</p> <p>Not Open to General Public</p>	<p>Drop Off: Thursday Oct. 25 9:30-10:00 Pick Up: Wednesday Dec. 5 9:30-10:00</p>
<p>Tuckahoe Area Library 1901 Starling Dr. Henrico 23229 December 1-December 31</p>	<p>Drop Off: Saturday Dec. 1 9:30-10:00 Pick Up: Monday Dec. 31 9:30-10:00</p>



Member News & Notes

Exhibits:

- **Les Camphuysen** will have a duo-show, along with Hal Davis, in the Purcell Gallery of the Louisa Art Center, August 3-September 21. Les is inviting all JRAL members to the exhibit's opening reception on Friday, August 3, 6-8 pm. The Center is located at 212 Fredericksburg Avenue, Louisa, VA 23093. www.louisaaarts.org (Seen at right: "The Salmon River," Les Camphuysen)



- **Maria Pilar-York** had two paintings selected for "Rise of the Phoenix — An Exhibit Honoring Women" at Duke University's Jameson Gallery in Durham, NC. Artists from all over the country submitted paintings that portrayed extraordinary women in the world, country, community, or family. Subjects are from all walks of life, from Mother Theresa, Michelle Obama, and Rosa Parks to Jennifer Lopez and Audrey Hepburn. Maria's two paintings — one oil and one graphite pencil — are of two Chilean women: Pilar Reyes, from the South rain forest native people (Mapuche), and Teresa de Los Andes, a 20th century Catholic Saint. The exhibition opened May 11 and runs through August 4. (Seen at left: Maria at the exhibit reception on May 26 with her two paintings above her head.)
- Congratulations to the JRAL members who were selected for the All-Media show at For Art's Sake Gallery June 29-August 27. Those members are **Carol Baron, Sally Booth, Coakley Brown, Arlene DeConti, Mike Haubenstock, Bonnie Jordan, Patty Mochary, Jan Priddy,** and **Suzanne Spooner-Munch.** The opening reception will be Friday, July 13, 5-8 pm.
- The JRAL Gallery at Crossroads will have a summer of great exhibits! Featured June 28-August 29 are **Jane Bodnar, Beverly Lockwood, Elizabeth Hood, Betty Eddowes, and Jane Cox In Memoriam.** From August 29 to October 31 will be paintings from **Mike Haubenstock, Bill Campbell, Bonnie Jordan, Nancy Foley, and Carol Cullinan.**

Awards & Sales:

- JRAL was well represented in the For Art's Sake Student Show in May. Fifteen members exhibited, and six won awards! Congratulations to **Lynn Mitchell**, First Place-Watercolor and People's Choice; **Harvey Hinson**, First Place-Acrylic; **Rosemary McKnight**, First Place-Drawing & Mixed Media; **Mary Kent**, Second Place-Drawing & Mixed Media; **Marla Coleman**, Second Place-Oil; and **Elizabeth Hood**, Third Place-Drawing & Mixed Media.
- **Jan Priddy** won Third Place in the May All-Media show at Crossroads Art Center with her oil painting "The Lovely Giant" (seen at right, top). Jan also sold two paintings from the May/June exhibit in the JRAL Gallery at Crossroads.



- **Bill Campbell** won a Merit Award in the juried West Virginia Watercolor Society Aqueous 2018 show with his painting "Dreamer" (seen at right, bottom). The exhibit runs at the Parkersburg Art Center in Parkersburg, West VA, May 19-July 7.
- **Jean Younk** sold her watercolor painting "Monarch Visit" (seen at left) at JRAL's Tuckahoe Library exhibit in May.



Et Cetera:

- **The Community Outreach Committee wants to know:** Are you volunteering your arts expertise with a nonprofit in our community that could use additional artist volunteers? The Committee is compiling a list of these volunteer opportunities for members who are seeking ways to use their artistic talents to help others. Please drop a line via e-mail to Committee Chair Connie de Bordenave (conniedeb@mac.com) to share information about what you are doing in the community to help others appreciate the value of the artistic experience.
- **Mary Kent** has just returned from a *Roads Scholar* tour of Brittany and Normandy that included many sites of historic and artistic interest. She and her husband Joe visited Pont-Aven in Brittany where Gauguin spent some time before going off to Tahiti. They saw the Bayeux Tapestry, visited Honfleurs where a lot of impressionists painted the shore line, and Rouen to study the cathedral that Monet painted. Oh, and their last stop was Giverny and Paris! Mary says that Road Scholar's programs "Can't be beat!"
- **Sally Booth, Lois Shipley, and Betsy Taylor** painted on site and exhibited their work at the *Rassawek Vineyard Spring Jubilee* on Rt. 6, Columbia, in Goochland County on June 2-3. Lois reports that they had an enjoyable day, despite the on-and-off showers; she sold a painting, "Stables at Belmont," between the raindrops! (Seen at right, Sally Booth in the booth!)



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

The Real Deal



In today's world, we are inundated with accusations of "fake" things – news, politicians, organizational leaders and so on -- to the point where we are becoming suspicious of everything. This morning in the meat department at my grocery store, I realized with dismay that the butcher had tied two smaller steaks together to create a deceptively larger and prettier cut – "fake" steaks!

But, outside of family, there's one thing I know I can count on to be real, and that's our League and its members. I'm proud to be part of an organization that values honesty and integrity in both our relationships and in our art. I've frequently seen our board members working to help each other fulfill on their sometimes disparate roles, without any hint of politics or self-aggrandizement. Our members cheer each other on to overcome artistic roadblocks and achieve art goals, with happiness, not jealousy, for each other's accomplishments. Our art is honest too. We really do give our blood, sweat and sometimes tears to our artistic expressions, sometimes with a little help from our League friends, in every medium and on every subject.

James River Art League and its members really are the real deal, which is a comfort in an increasingly uncertain world. Now, if we could just teach everyone else "the JRAL way"....

Elizabeth Hood

Have a wonderful summer!



JRAL Board to Meet in July

The JRAL Executive Board, comprised of officers and standing committee chairs, will hold its annual day-long "retreat" in mid-July in the meeting room at Tuckahoe Library.

Each summer the Board gathers to discuss strategic plans for the Art League's future, both in the short and long term. This year they will focus on the results of this year's Members Survey, to determine ways we might improve responding to the wishes of our membership, as well as meeting the goals of our overall mission.

The Board will also discuss the process with which we select new members, kick off a Bylaws Review Project, and select the Artists Challenge theme for 2018-19.

JRAL Executive Board 2017-2019

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