



# NEWSLETTER

September Meeting will be at Libbie Mill Library | "Subject Matters" is First Fall Exhibit

## Special Awards Reception is JRAL's October Event; Francis Thompson to Judge

The artists' reception and awards ceremony for "Subject Matters," our new judged show at Montpelier Center for Arts & Education, will be Sunday, October 9, 2-4 pm. This reception will serve as JRAL's October event; no meeting will be held on the third Friday.

"Subject Matters," a judged show where our member artists' paintings will be categorized by subject rather than media, will be judged by Francis Thompson, Art Program Project Manager for Capital One. In addition to his judging comments, Thompson will tell us a little about Capital One's art program (which has provided valuable honoraria to JRAL in recent years!).

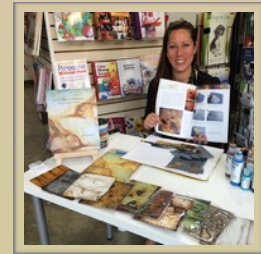
Thompson, who has a BA and MFA from Virginia Tech, has managed Capital One's extensive art program since 2004. He oversees the company's collection of 4,000+ works in office locations across the US, and curates 80 rotating exhibits a year with museums, university art departments, CapOne associates, and non-profit organizations such as JRAL. He also serves as the Vice Chair for the Richmond City Public Art Commission, and has worked with the Longwood Center for the Visual Arts, C-Art, VMFA, VCU, and JMU on various art programs and events. Thompson was the judge for the Montpelier Center's 2009 Virginia Regional Exhibition.

Exhibiting artists are asked to bring a light food refreshment or wine for the reception. It is hoped that all JRAL members will enjoy the opportunity to see this unique judged exhibit in Montpelier's excellent gallery setting, and enjoy socializing with colleagues and other guests. Car pools will be arranged for those who do not wish to drive to the Montpelier Center (about 30 minutes northwest of Richmond). If you wish to join or form a car pool, contact Elizabeth Hood, 804-784-5868, [elizabethhood@comcast.net](mailto:elizabethhood@comcast.net).

## September JRAL Meeting Moves to Libbie Mill Library — Amy Shawley will be Guest Speaker

**NOTE LOCATION CHANGE!** Due to a conflict in church scheduling, the September 16th meeting of JRAL will be held at the new Henrico County Libbie Mill Library, NOT at St. Matthew's Church. The meeting will begin as usual at 11:00 am. This change of meeting venue is for September only.

Amy Shawley, a Working Artist for Golden Paints, will be guest speaker at the meeting. She will discuss and demonstrate the range of Golden acrylics and other products in an abbreviated version of her popular workshops. JRAL members will get a good understanding of each product, their different attributes, and how to make the right choices in grounds and colors for the best intended application. Learn what to put under paint, and how to layer, create washes, stains, and collage. At the conclusion of the presentation, samples will be available to take home. (Due to the comprehensive nature of Amy's subject, this presentation will run a little longer than usual.)

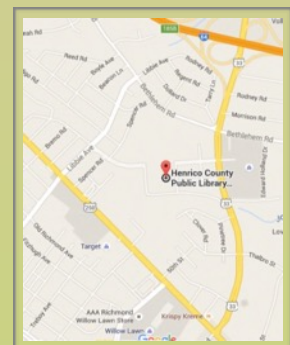


Shawley is a Virginia-based visual artist whose painting and illustration is inspired by nature, texture, lost cities, travel, and dreams. Her work incorporates figurative elements with wildlife, architecture, and landscapes that are influenced by her adventures.

After earning her Art History degree, developing her love of paint, and exhibiting her work in New York and LA, Shawley was selected and trained by Golden Artist Colors for their Working Artist Program. She taught and lectured in their southern California territory for six years, then relocated back to the Mid-Atlantic to offer paint lectures in Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware.

Shawley teaches art workshops nationally, published her first book in 2015, and runs Texture Maven Molds.

Libbie Mill Library is located in the newly developed complex between Staples Mill Road and Libbie Avenue, at 2100 Libbie Lake East Street, in Henrico County (23230). See the map at right for driving routes to the library. We will meet in the library's large meeting room downstairs.



As this will be our first meeting of the new season, you will also get news about the upcoming year's programs and exhibit schedules, including sign up sheets for the exhibits.

**Don't forget: Dues are due! See page two for details.**

## Exhibits Update

### From Elizabeth Hood, Exhibit Chair

Our new exhibit year is getting started and we have a great slate of venues planned! This year's schedule is available on our website on the Exhibits page at [jamesriverartleague.com/exhibits](http://jamesriverartleague.com/exhibits), and hard copies will be available at our September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We're starting off with a unique judged show based on subject categories at Montpelier Center for Arts & Education, to be judged by Francis Thompson, Capital One's Art Program Manager. (See Page 1 for more details.) Our five categories are 1) Landscapes, Cityscapes & Waterscape, 2) Still Life, Interiors & Florals, 3) Portrait & Figurative, 4) Wildlife & Animals, 5) Beyond Realism. There are a few spaces still available in this show; contact Elizabeth Hood to sign up.

Exhibits at Cedarfield and Tuckahoe Library round out the Fall quarter; then from January-April, we'll be at Glenmore Yoga, Cultural Arts Center-Glen Allen, Crossroads Art Center, For Art's Sake Gallery and Capital One. We have two themed exhibits planned: "Pathways" at Crossroads and "Life's A Zoo" at For Art's Sake; both themes are open to each artist's personal interpretation. We'll wind up the year with our Annual Judged Exhibit at First Unitarian Universalist Church in June.

Signup lists are always available at our general meetings, or you can contact Elizabeth Hood at [elizabethhood@comcast.net](mailto:elizabethhood@comcast.net) or 804-784-5868.

## Fall Program Schedule

- *September 16:* Amy Shawley, Golden Products
- *October 9:* (Sunday) "Subject Matters" awards reception at Montpelier Art Center, 2-4 pm
- *November 18:* Elyn Parker returns with a Public Art Update; also, a Member Artists Craft Bazaar
- *December 9:* Holiday Luncheon at Westwood Club.

## Exhibit Schedule — Fall 2016

<p><b>Montpelier Center for Arts &amp; Education</b> 17205 Mountain Rd. Montpelier, VA 23192 September 29-October 31 <b>"Subject Matters" — Judged Show by subject</b></p>	<p>Drop Off: Thursday, Sept. 29, 9:30-10:00 am Pick Up: Monday, Oct. 31, 9:30-10:00 am Commission to MCAE: 30% <b>Public Reception:</b> Sunday Oct.9, 2-4 pm</p>
<p><b>Cedarfield Gallery</b> 2300 Cedarfield Parkway Henrico, VA 23233 November 3 - December 1</p>	<p>Drop Off: Thursday, Nov. 3, 9:30-10:00 am Pick Up: Thursday, Dec. 1, 9:30-10:00 am No Commission</p>
<p><b>Tuckahoe Library</b> 1901 Starling Dr Henrico, VA 23229 December 2-30</p>	<p>Drop Off: Friday, Dec. 2, 9:30-10:00 am Pick Up: Friday, Dec. 30 9:30-10:00 am No Commission</p>

## Get Ready for the Members Craft Bazaar on November 18!

Are you a secret crafter? When you're not painting, is there another art form that you enjoy? Do you knit for relaxation, decoupage boxes with images of your paintings, construct picture frames, or make holiday ornaments? If so, have we got an event for you!

In addition to our guest speaker at the November 18th JRAL meeting (Elyn Parker from the City of Richmond with a Public Art Update), we will hold a *Members Craft Bazaar!* The bazaar will feature various craft forms that our artists do "in their spare time." Items will be for show and for sale (members must be responsible for their own money transactions), and can include fiber arts, woodcrafts, pottery, jewelry, note cards, Christmas tree baubles, anything you like to create when you're not painting.

So, if you are a member artist who indulges yourself in any type of artistic craft, you are encouraged to bring examples of your wares to sell during our lunch break at the November 18th meeting; tables will be set up for your bazaar display. And all members are encouraged to bring their checkbooks, to do some holiday shopping among the unique items created by their colleagues!

If you have any questions about the *Members Craft Bazaar*, contact Programs Chair Alice Goode, (804)366-1186, or [alicebgoode7640@aol.com](mailto:alicebgoode7640@aol.com).

## Annual Dues are Due!

This is a reminder that your \$30 annual membership dues are to be paid in September. Please make your checks payable to JRAL. You can mail your check to JRAL Treasurer Terry Atkinson, 17436 Millfield Lane, Montpelier, VA 23192.

If you would prefer to bring your check to our first meeting on September 16th, Jane Cox has agreed to collect them for Terry, who will be unable to attend that meeting.

Thank you, in advance, for getting your dues in on time! Remember, dues must be paid by September 30.



## Member News

### Exhibits:

- **Chris Ludke** and **Brenda Bickerstaff-Stanley** were among a curated group of eight artists who took part in a collaborative plein air process and culminating exhibit: “The James River — A View from Legend Brewery”, sponsored by the James River Advisory Council, Legend Brewery, and Artworks, during August.
- The five artists exhibiting September 8 through November 10 in JRAL's Gallery at Crossroads are **Susan Fisher, Harvey Hinson, Jan Priddy, Kay Shuster, and Bill Smith**. Crossroads Gallery co-chairs Betty Eddowes and Mike Steele report that the JRAL space has one slot open in the January/February exhibit period; otherwise, the gallery is fully booked through March/April. To book the available side wall space, or to join the wait list, contact Mike or Betty. The next contract year begins in May 2017, and those members on this year's wait list will be given first preference for next year.

### Awards & Sales:

- **Betty Eddowes** sold her painting “A Street in Italy” from the JRAL Gallery at Crossroads in June.
- **Kay Roscoe** donated her painting “Rainy Morning” (which received an Honorable Mention at our annual judged show in June) to the 10th annual Red Shoe Rendezvous silent auction, benefiting the Ronald McDonald House. The event will take place on September 25th; find more information at [rmhc-richmond.org/events/the-red-shoe-rendezvous/](http://rmhc-richmond.org/events/the-red-shoe-rendezvous/).
- **Becky Rose** sold “Buttercup,” her oil painting in the JRAL judged show at First UU.
- **Bonnie Shelor** has sold two paintings from her wall at Crossroads Art Center in recent weeks.
- During August, **Pat Trgina** sold three paintings from her Crossroads wall and one painting from her show at Glenmore Yoga.

### Workshops & Art Trips:

- “Journal Sketching” with **Brenda Bickerstaff-Stanley** will be a day-long workshop on Saturday, September 17, 10 am to 3 pm, at For Art's Sake. The cost will be \$95; contact FAS for full details about this event, and other Fall workshops & classes.
- **Jan Priddy** will be traveling to Tanzania for two weeks in September, part of the company on photo safari with wildlife artist Robert Caldwell and friends.
- A bus trip to the National Gallery in Washington D.C. on Tuesday, October 18, is being organized by Garry-Lou Upton. The day-long visit will feature the new East Wing of the Gallery. Cost of the trip is \$59, and the deadline for reserving a space is October 1. Please contact Ms. Upton to make a reservation or for more information: 804-379-9330 (home), 804-347-4238 (cell).
- The first JRAL Paint-In was held on July 16 at Crossroads Art Center, and was enjoyed by attending members. Organized by **Carol Baron and Irene Taylor** and assisted by **Gigi Vranian**, the day-long event allowed members to work on projects and learn new techniques in a collegial and creative atmosphere. All agreed that more paint-ins should be planned!

### JRAL Partners with BuyRVAart!

We are pleased to report that JRAL has contracted to participate in publicity via **Buy RVA Art** — a curated collection of the Richmond area's visual and performing arts — through its website and newsletters, effective September 1.

This internet venue will provide extensive publicity for our gallery space at Crossroads Art Center and for JRAL exhibits throughout the year. As ever, when we develop each exhibit's publicity, we will be asking members to submit photos of their paintings. It is important to note that any images used by BuyRVAart may be altered by converting them to a different format for print purposes, or used by and included in third party venues such as "I-Contact", Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; sometimes these alterations might affect the quality of the final image.

Visit [www.buyrvaart.com](http://www.buyrvaart.com) to gain a better understanding of its purpose, and its wide reach into the local arts community.

### New Member Apps Due by Oct. 1

Prospective new JRAL members will be juried at the November 4th Board meeting at St. Matthew's church. Potential members must be sponsored by a current JRAL member, and need to fill out an application and submit examples of their work for review. The membership application and information sheet are available on the JRAL website at [jamesriverartleague.com/membership-and-member-list](http://jamesriverartleague.com/membership-and-member-list); applications should be sent to Gigi Vranian no later than October 1, [vraniangigi@comcast.net](mailto:vraniangigi@comcast.net).

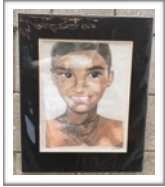
After November, the next jurying of prospective members will be in March.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Summer is slipping away from us and September is here. Time to get back to business and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you again.



Just a quick reminder that our September meeting will be at Libbie Mill Library instead of the church. We're trying to get that message out in several different ways so that, hopefully, all of you will be aware of this one-time change. We have a great program planned for our September meeting and all of you should try to be there.



Also, we have a showing of Dimitrik Pendleton's artwork at First Unitarian Universalist Church, going on until September 12th. Dimitrik was the 2016 winner of "Outstanding Senior Artist" award at George Wythe High School, winning a certificate and Plaza Art gift card from JRAL. I hope you will have a chance to go by to see his work before the exhibit ends (one of his paintings is pictured at the left).

Our first JRAL exhibition this fall is "Subject Matters" at Montpelier Center for Arts & Education in October, and there are a few slots open, if you'd like to participate. This will be a judged show, based on the subject of the painting, and we hope to see everyone at the Awards Reception on October 9th.

We have a busy year ahead. Time to get it together! See you soon!

### Art and Spirituality

Painting class  
is a sacred place.  
This is where  
a soul is bared,  
the quest for beauty is companioned,  
where all is forgiven  
and work is honored.

Here -  
the self cannot hide,  
suffering is expected  
and dreams become real.

Before us go  
all former artists  
showing us to trust mystery.

We are the poor  
who search for satisfaction,  
who long to be fed and to feed others  
and who must learn faith.

There is a spirit in our hearts  
we yearn to express -  
of love within.

To do this...  
we expose everything  
in the midst of nothing -  
as a white canvas demands.

We are a nothing for the Everything.  
Struggle, struggle, draw, paint, change, endure.  
But - the joy,  
the absolute blessedness of unity,  
the confirmation of goodness for its own sake,  
the deep inner peace, harmony -  
proclaims pure life in God...  
the artist's way.

*J.C.K. 3/87 — Shared with us by Helen Sanders, in memory of Clyde Bartges*

### Member Help Needed!

JRAL has an urgent volunteer need!

Jean Younkin desperately needs a **Hospitality Co-Chair**, to assist her with transporting supplies, and setting up and serving our meeting refreshments. This is only a one-year commitment, through June 2017; it is a wonderful opportunity for you to perform a valuable service to your Art League, and to get to know your JRAL colleagues better.

Please contact Jean to tell her you can help!  
Email her at [younkingallery@gmail.com](mailto:younkingallery@gmail.com) or call her at (804)741-9973.

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