

Upcoming Events

July

Exhibit:

Small Works, Jun 28 - Jul 30
Receiving Jun 27, 10am - 12pm
Opening Reception July 1, 5 - 7pm

Workshop:

Painting Challenge with Karen Blair
July 16 & 17, 10am - 3pm

Kids' Summer Workshops:

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Paint Like the Masters

with Mary Jo Beswick, Van Gogh
July 15, 6:30 - 8:00pm

August

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Men at Work, Aug 2 - 27
Opening Reception Aug 5, 5 - 7pm
Labor Day Show, Aug 31 - Sept 10
Reception Sept 2, 5 - 7pm

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Paint Like the Master -

Johnny Hayes

Aug 19, 6:30 - 8pm

Monthly

Creative Groups:

Monday Mornings Life Drawing,
10 - 12, Sept - May, open to all
Tuesday Painters, 10 - ?, open to all
Photography Group, 2nd Monday
4 - 6 pm, open to all

Meetings:

Communications Meeting,
1st Mon, 10:00am
Studio Gallery/OPS Committee
2nd Mon, 12:00pm



Access member list & volunteer
schedule on website (ralgallery.com)
Membership>Members Page>Art4all.

Annual Labor Day Show - Our 55th!

This year's Labor Day Show will be special since it is - can you believe it? - our 55th. And it seems that each show gets better and better, especially since we have brought it home to the Studio Gallery. As in previous years, the show will open the last Wednesday before Labor Day, August 31 with the Artists Reception and Awards Ceremony on Friday, September 2, from 5-7 pm. And due to popular demand, the exhibit will run through Saturday, September 10.

Our exhibit this year is Eleanor Cox, well-known artist, teacher, and juror from Richmond. She specializes in plein air, focusing on watercolors that feature color and light in the landscape and garden.

The Prospectus and Entry form are included in this Artline. They will also be available at the Studio Gallery and through weekly Artmails. Contributing

artists need to read the Prospectus carefully. Entry forms and fees are due August 13. Receiving is August 29 from 9 am to 1 pm. Judging will occur on Tuesday, August 30. Other important dates and details are clearly indicated in the Prospectus. Send your entry form in as early as you can. Space is limited but adequate.

Exhibitors should take note of the important date that will precede the Labor Day Show: remove artwork from the Gallery by Saturday, August 27th and provide a representative sample of your work for the Exhibit Room show which will occur simultaneously with the LDS.

All of us at RAL are looking forward to be hosting our 55th Annual Labor Day Show at the Studio Gallery.

Chairman - Mary Ellis.

July Windows

By Elaine Tait

Look in any dictionary and you'll find "grande dame" describing a highly respected woman of great prestige or achievement.

The term aptly applies to Margaret Alderson and Sarah Soderlund, two talented artists featured in RAL's July windows.

Both Soderlund and Alderson qualify as grande dames by virtue of their long and celebrated art careers and the distinctive styles that have brought them widespread acclaim.

In addition to marriage and motherhood, each has painted extensively, taught often, been featured in multiple gallery shows and been recipient of countless awards.

Soderlund's color-splashed abstract and realistic canvases invite the view-



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er to be involved. The Kilmarnock artist's window features paintings that present an overview of her style.

The Alderson window includes paintings of trees, one of many subjects that the Irvington artist has explored extensively and one that she infuses with great personality.



July and August Paint Like the Masters

Both artists and non-artists enjoy these workshops. A recent attendee, a non-artist said, "I had a blast and my friend did too. We're going take another one soon."



On July 15, Mary Jo Beswick will lead another workshop, painting Van Gogh's Wheat Field with Cypresses. Her earlier workshop of a Matisse's Goldfish was the first one and, like all subsequent workshops, was a sell-out.

Finally, Johnny Hayes, a great painter and an entertaining instructor, will lead

Paint Like the Master – Johnny! on August 19. Johnny's paintings are reminiscent of Matisse and other painters of that genre but with a 21st century whimsy.

Both instructors are exhibiting artists in the Studio Gallery. All workshops will be held at the Studio Gallery from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. The cost is \$30 for RAL members and \$35 for non-members.



Painting Challenge with Karen Blair

Are you often less than satisfied with a painting and cannot quite figure out why? Do paintings start out with great promise and then get sidetracked? Karen Blair challenges painters to explore pushing paintings to new levels by being open to different techniques of using paint and ways of looking at a composition.

Karen is a nationally recognized painter with her art in well-known galleries, national magazines, corporations and homes. Her work is primarily large abstract and abstract impressionistic oil



painting. Her studio is "nestled at the foot of the Appalachian Trail in Crozet,

Recognition for our Artists

Karen Williams' painting "The Pond," was recently selected for inclusion, and awarded an Honorable Mention in the Maryland Federation of Art international online exhibit "Watering Holes." The online gallery will be available for viewing June 1 thru July 15 at <http://mdfed-art.com/portfolio/68/>.

Congratulations, Karen!

If you are a member of the RAL and have work accepted in other exhibitions, please let us know so we can share it.

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Labor Day Show

Aug 31- Sept 10

Receiving Aug 29, 10am - 12pm
Opening Reception Sept 2, 5 - 7pm

Abstract Show, Sept 13 - Oct 8

Receiving Sept 12, 10am - 12pm
Opening Reception Oct 7, 5 - 7pm

Photography Show

Oct 11-Nov 12

Receiving Oct 10, 10am - 12pm
Opening Reception Nov 4, 5 - 7pm

Jewelry Show, Nov 11 & 12

Reception Nov 11, 5 - 7pm

Holiday Shop, Nov 15 - Dec 31

Receiving Nov 14, 10am - 12pm
Opening Reception Dec 2, 5 - 7pm

Virginia, near Charlottesville."

The workshop will be held at the Studio Gallery on the weekend of Saturday, July 16, and Sunday, July 17, 10:00 – 3:00. She will include demonstrations of oil paint, oil stick and oil pastel and is open to painters using acrylic or oil. Anyone with some experience mixing and applying paint is welcome.

For more information, call or stop by the Studio Gallery, 19 N. Main St., 436-9309.



Kids' Summer Fun Art Workshops

Held at RAL Studio Gallery

July 11 - 15, Teacher: Marilyn Sprouse

Drawing Adventures, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Practice representative drawing skills using your own imagination and pencil power! Using techniques (foreshadowing, density, contour and overlapping) honed by Mark Kistler (host of TV series, "Secret City" & "Draw Squad"), learn to make your imagination look real! Ages 7+
Materials Fee: \$5

IrRESISTable Arts!, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Use art materials that WILL NOT MIX (resist) to create art in new and unusual ways. See what happens when you experiment with oil and water, tape and watercolors, Saran Wrap and watercolors, sharpies and rubbing alcohol. Some of the paint that will be used is permanent. Wear old clothes or bring a cover up to class. Ages 7+ Materials Fee: \$11

August 1-5, Teacher: Marilyn Sprouse

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Make, Build, Play, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Want to make it and build it? Explore using dimension in art and how form follows function. Learn to make and use your own clay, put together a dimensional vehicle and paint it, use polymer and air dry clays. If time, make your own clays. Paint is permanent. Wear old clothes or bring a cover up to class. Ages 7+ Materials Fee: \$12

Held at Chesapeake Academy

July 18 - 22, Teacher: Marilyn Sprouse

Paint Play, 10:00am-12:00pm

Create five serious paintings using themes and techniques of art masters! Each day, a colorful and unique idea of O'Keefe, Hundertwasser, Monet or Afremov will be explored and painted. Paint is permanent. Wear old clothes or bring a cover up to class. Ages 7+ Materials Fee: \$8

Super Pop, 12:30pm-2:30pm

For the young artist who likes to make art in many different ways! Create art about everyday objects in different media. Make a design in gold leaf, a dimensional collage, a marker and colored pencil super design, and paint with clay. Paint is permanent. Wear old clothes or bring a cover up to class. Ages 7+ Materials Fee: \$12

July 25 - 29, Teacher: Sonja Smith

Cardboard Creations, 10:00am - 12:00pm

What can I do with this box? We will transform ordinary cardboard into wild creatures ranging from masks to large scale paintings to perhaps even a cuckoo clock! Bring your imagination! Ages 7+ Materials Fee: \$5

Mini Masters, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Inspired by the Masters, we'll make paintings using their techniques and our own creativity. We will use permanent paint, so please wear old clothes. Ages 7+
Materials Fee: \$10

This summer we will have workshops at two campuses: RAL and Chesapeake Academy. Please note which campus workshops will be held. We invite you to enroll your child(ren) for an entire day. Pack a lunch and drink. Lunch

will be from 12:00-12:30. Workshop registration is \$60 per workshop for the week (\$120 for AM and PM)

Please pay \$60 and materials fee at time of registration. Make checks out to RAL.

Adult Workshops

Watercolor Techniques Series - Taking the Guesswork out of Watercolor Painting

Instructor: Kathleen Noffsinger
Part 3: Special Effects with Layering Color and Advanced Brushwork
Tuesday & Wednesday, September 27 & 28, 10am - 3pm
Part 4: Using What You Have Learned to Create Your Own Masterpiece
Tuesday & Wednesday, October 25 & 26, 10am - 3pm
\$120 members / \$130 non-members

Paint and Paste

Instructor: Jacquie Colligan
Tuesday – Thursday, October 18, 19 & 20, 10am - 3pm
\$20 Supply Charge – includes stained tissue papers, stencils, stamps and unique items to be incorporated into your collage. \$150 Members/\$180 Non-Members



55th Annual Art Exhibition

August 31 - September 10, 2016

Prospectus

The Rappahannock Art League's 55th Annual Art Exhibition (Labor Day Show,) will be held from Wednesday, August 31 to Saturday, September 10, 2016. The site for this year's Exhibit is RAL Studio Gallery, 19 North Main St., Kilmarnock, VA 22482, 804-436-9309. A reception and awards ceremony for entrants will be held at Studio Gallery on Friday, September 2, 2016; from 5 to 7 PM. Artists are invited to enter original works of art in any media. The Exhibit is limited to 200 works of art. Early entry is recommended.

Entry Criteria:

- ❖ Entry is limited to members of the Rappahannock Art League only.
- ❖ All work will be entered in an open class.
- ❖ Work must not have been shown in a previous RAL Annual Exhibition.
- ❖ Work produced in a workshop is discouraged, but not refused.
- ❖ ALL ARTWORK MUST BE FOR SALE.
- ❖ Artists are limited to 2 entries only
- ❖ Artists must certify that work is original and, if photography, the specific medium (traditional chemical, digital, inkjet, etc.) and whether printed by the artist. Form attached

Framing and Size:

- ❖ Wall hung entries must be suitably framed for hanging by wire (no sawtooth hangers.) Work with impaired frames will be rejected.
- ❖ Each framed piece will be considered an entry even if related.
- ❖ Artists must supply their own stands for three dimensional work.
- ❖ Due to weight, works over 6 square feet must use Plexiglas in lieu of glass.
- ❖ Entries over 4x5 feet limited to one entry per artist and with an entry fee of \$30.00.

Bin Pieces:

- ❖ Accepted only if artist enters at least 1 main entry.
- ❖ Bin pieces will not be judged. Entrants may submit up to 5 original shrink-wrapped bin pieces for sale.
- ❖ Each piece must be identified on the reverse side with Artist's name, title of work, medium and price.
- ❖ Each entrant must furnish this information on one 3x5" card for all bin pieces at receiving.

Commissions:

- ❖ The Rappahannock Art League will retain a 25% commission on all work sold at the Exhibition.

Fees: Entries due August 13, 2015

- ❖ First Entry = \$20.00
- ❖ Second Entry = \$20.00
- ❖ Over sized entries = \$30.00 (limit - one)
- ❖ Bin Entries = \$3.00 each (limited to 5 entries)

Changes to Entries:

- ❖ Changes to entries will be accepted until August 13 and can be made by email to: Barbara Kershner at: baba2@kaballero.com or call 804-462-3464. Entries must retain the sale price set by August 13. Sale price must remain the same during the duration of the Exhibit - no substitutions or price changes.

Agreements and Liability:

- ❖ Entries must remain in the Exhibit, unless sold to out-of-town purchaser, for the duration of the Exhibit. Pick up of work displayed Sept 12, 2016 from 10 - 12 noon.
- ❖ Although the greatest of care will be taken by the Rappahannock Art League; liability for any loss or damage to entries will not be assumed.

Awards

- ❖ Judging will be based on creativity, originality and craftsmanship for all media.
- ❖ Monetary awards will be presented for Best in Show, Memorials, Blue, Red and Yellow Ribbons.
- ❖ Viewers Choice Award will be presented on Labor Day for the work chosen by the most visitors.

Exhibit Calendar

- Aug 15** Entry Forms and Fees due. Please mark the back of art work with Artist Name, Title, Medium & Price
- Aug 29** Artwork received: Studio Gallery, 9am to 1pm (Monday)
- Aug 31** Exhibit opens to the public: 10am to 5pm.
- Sept 1 & 3** Exhibit hours: 10am to 5pm

- Sept 2** Exhibit hours: 10am to 3pm,
Friday Reception for Artists and Awards Ceremony 5 – 7pm at the Studio Gallery.
- Sept 4** Exhibit hours: 12pm - 5pm
- Sept 5 - 10** Labor Day Exhibit hours: 10am to 5pm
- Sept 12** Artists pickup artwork from Studio Gallery: 10am to 12pm



55th Annual Art Exhibition Entry Form

Entries Due by August 13, 2016

Artist's Name: _____

Street/P.O. Box: _____ City/Town _____ State: ____ Zip : _____

Phone: area code (____) _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

Entries: (limit 2 entries)

Title #1 (limit 30 characters) _____

Medium: _____ Price: _____ Fee: _____

Title #2 (limit 30 characters) _____

Medium: _____ Price: _____ Fee: _____

Bin Pieces: Limit of 5 pieces per entrant; \$3.00 per piece. Total Bin pieces: ____ Fees: _____

TOTAL FEES \$ _____

I have read, understand and agree to all the entry criteria heretofore stated in this Prospectus including agreements regarding liability and originality of artwork. I certify that this artwork is my original work and, if photography, that I did or did not, personally make the print. I understand that my work will remain in the show, unless sold, until the show ends, Saturday, Sept. 10 at 5 pm. Additionally I understand that all unsold artwork must be picked up by 2 pm on Monday, September 12, 2016. All work not picked up will be assessed a storage fee of \$5.00 per day.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(If Photo: I did did not make print)

Please print all information. Enclose completed form with check payable to Rappahannock Art League.
Mail to: Labor Day Show, RAL Studio Gallery, 19 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock, VA 22482
or insert in "Labor Day Entries Envelope" at the RAL Studio Gallery

Artwork Identification Forms

Keep the following identification forms, complete and affix to the back of each piece of artwork to be exhibited.

Name _____
Title _____
Medium _____
Price \$ _____

Name _____
Title _____
Medium _____
Price \$ _____



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