

## Upcoming Events

### January

**Exhibit:**

You be the Judge, Jan 3 - 28

**Teen Paint Night:**

Twinkling Sky Silhouette

Jan 7, 6:30 - 8:30pm

**Photography Workshop:**

with Bill Reckert

Tues & Thurs, Jan 10 - Feb 9, 10 - 11:30

**Adult Paint Night:**

Paint with a Happy Brush

Jan 20, 6:30 - 8pm

**Saturday smARTS:**

Cosmic Ceramic Coasters

Jan 21, 10:30am - 12:30pm

**Membership Meeting:**

Jan 24, 4pm at LCL

### February

**Exhibit:**

Hot & Cold, Jan 31 - Feb 25

Reception:

Feb 3, 5 - 7pm

**Adult Workshops:**

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**Teen Paint Night:**

Love Birds, Feb 4, 6:30 - 8:30pm

**Adult Paint Night:**

Piet Mondrian, Feb 17, 6:30 - 8:30pm

### 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, 12:00pm

Studio Gallery/OPS Committee

2nd Mon, 12:00pm



## Gallery Corner

by Jan Dobrowolski

**H**appy New Year! I hope you ushered in 2017 with gusto. Did you make any New Year's Resolutions? I'm still working on mine, tweaking here and there to make them manageable. Each year, January 1st brings a renewed sense of hope and the encouragement to look toward achieving new goals, or maybe revisiting some of those that were not fully realized last year. It seems as though many of us share the same resolutions; we resolve to spend more time with our families, give up a habit that isn't good for us, or shed that last 10 pounds that's been

haunting us for almost as many years! If you are the kind of person that makes resolutions, I hope you will consider this one: spend some of your free time at The Gallery. We have a need for volunteers who are willing to share their time and talents.

To those of you who already volunteer so generously, I would like to extend a very loud and heart-felt THANK YOU! I look forward to working with you and successfully reaching our goals in 2017.

## Membership Meetings

We will have quarterly membership meetings at the Lancaster Community Library.

The next one is January 24 and the others are April 24, July 24, and October 23. All will be at 4:00.

# January Windows

By Elaine Tait

**R**AL's January windows get the new year off to a grand start with the inspired compositions of two members.

Window selections by Karen

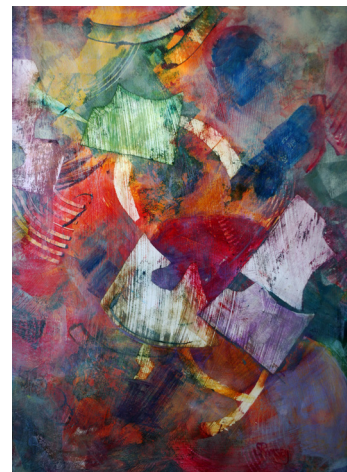


Williams, an artist who works exclusively in oils, show the Kilmarnock resident's fascination with realism.

An illustration of William's artistry is "Planting in the Paddy," a moody depiction of two workers laboring in a rice paddy. The picture inspired by a photograph taken by her husband was awarded first place in a regional exhibition at the Fredricksburg Center for the Creative Arts. Another artwork in the window shows the distinctive shapes of floating autumn leaves achieving a rich, tapestry like pattern.

Susan Ramsey decided to master watercolor painting after moving to Sharps in Richmond Country.

In the three abstract acrylics in her window, unique, colors and



shapes are combined in ways that invite the viewer to imagine the artist's inspiration. Adding to the window's appeal are imaginative accent containers designed by husband Ed Ramsey.

## 2017 Exhibit Schedule

### You Be the Judge

**Jan 3 - 28**

Receiving: Jan 2, 10am - 12pm

Opening Reception: Jan 6, 5 - 7pm

### Hot and Cold

**Jan 31 - Feb 25**

Receiving: Jan 30, 10am - 12pm

Opening Reception: Feb 3, 5 - 7pm

### Places Near and Far

**Feb 28 - April 1**

Receiving: Feb 27, 10am - 12pm

Opening Reception: March 3

### Beauty in Bloom

**April 4 - 29**

Receiving: April 3, 10am - 12pm

Opening Reception: April 7, 5 - 7pm

### The Local Scene, May 2 - 27

Receiving: May 1, 10am - 12pm

Opening Reception: May 5, 5 - 7pm

### GALA, May 30 - June 25

Receiving: May 29, 10am - 12pm

Opening Reception: June 2, 5 - 7pm

GALA Event: June 25, 4pm - 7pm

### Small Works

**June 27 - July 29**

Receiving, June 26, 10am - 12pm

Opening Reception, July 7, 5 - 7pm

### All About Water

**Aug 1 - 26**

Receiving: July 31, 10am - 12pm

Opening Reception: August 4, 5 - 7pm

### Labor Day Show

**Aug 30 - Sept 9**

Receiving, Aug 28, 10am - 12pm

Hanging, Aug 28 12pm

Judging - Aug 29

Opening Reception - Sept 1, 5 - 7pm

### Abstract Show

**Sept 12 - Oct 14**

Receiving, Sept 11, 10am - 12pm

Opening Reception - October 6

### Photography Show

**Oct 17 - Nov 11**

Receiving, Oct 16, 10am - 12pm

Opening Reception, Nov 3, 5 - 7pm

### Jewelry Show

**Nov 10 - 11**

Opening Reception, Nov 10, 5 - 7pm

### Holiday Shop

**Nov 15 - Dec 30**

Receiving, Nov 13 - 14, 10am - 12pm

Opening Reception - Dec 1, 5 - 7pm

(RAL Xmas Party)

Sale, Dec 26 - 30

## 2017 Art Talks

**T**his year we will have both Daytime and evening Art Talks. The daytime talks will be on the 4th Monday of certain months, and the evening ones will be on the 2nd Friday of certain months.

### Art Talks

1/23, 3/27, 5/22 and 10/23. All are at 1:00. The January talk will be the presentation and discussion of the Virginia Watercolor Society entries and winners. Agnes Carter is coordinating these events.

### Friday Night Art Talks

2/10, 4/14 and 9/8. These will be led by Tommy Fox.

# 2017 Winter and Spring Workshops

## Adult Workshops

### Fundamentals of Photography

Instructor: Bill Reckert

Tues & Thurs, Jan 10 - Feb 9, 10 - 11:30

### Drawing for the Truly Terrified

Instructor: Steph Brown, February 16, 10am - 3pm

### Getting Started in Colored Pencil

Instructor: Steph Brown, February 21, 10am - 3pm

### Introduction To Pen & Ink

Instructor: Steph Brown, February 28, 10am - 3pm

### Pysanky - Ukrainian Egg

Instructor: Nina Shepherdson, March. 11 & 12

### Create a Monotype Family

Instructor: Mary Jo Beswick

March 25 & 26, Saturday 10am - 3pm

Sunday 11am - 4pm

### 10" X 10" Mosaic Mirror

Instructor: Sukey Starkey, April 1, 10am - 4pm

### Fundamentals of Photography

Instructor: Bill Reckert

Tues & Thurs, April 4 - May 4, 5:30 - 7pm

### Introduction to Nantucket Baskets

Instructor: Judy Penry, April 5 & 12, 10am - 3pm

### Introduction to Simple Abstraction as Self-Expression

Instructor: Mary Jo Beswick

Day 1: Introduction to Contour Drawing

April 21, 5:30 - 8:30pm

Day 2: Introduction to Image Abstraction & Composition

April 22, 10am - 3pm

Day 3: Introduction to Inventive Color:

Water Based Painting

April 23, 10am - 4pm

### 6 inch Nantucket Basket

Instructor: Judy Penry, May 2 & 9, 10am - 3pm

## Adult Paint Nights

### Paint With a Happy Brush

Instructor: Renate Bumgarner

January 20, 6:30 - 8:30pm

### Piet Mondrian

Instructor: Tommy Fox, February 17, 6:30 - 8:30pm

### Soul Collage

Instructor: Diana Jameson, March 17, 6:30 - 8:30pm

### Georgia O'Keeffe Style

Instructor: Steph Brown, May 19, 6:30 - 8:30pm

## Teen Paint Nights

### Create a Silhouette of Your Choice

Instructor: Marilyn Sprouse, January 7

### Love Birds

Instructor: Marilyn Sprouse, February 4

*1st Friday of the Month, 6:30 - 8:30pm*

## Saturday smARTS

### Cosmic Ceramic Coasters

Instructor: Marilyn Sprouse, January 21

TBD, February 18

### Monotype Family Portrait

Instructor: Mary Jo Beswick, March 18

*3rd Saturday of the month, 10:30am - 12:30pm*

*Ages 7+*

For complete description and to register call RAL Studio Gallery, 804-436-9309 or go to [ralgallery.com](http://ralgallery.com)



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