

ARTLINE

The newsletter of the Rappahannock Art League

February 2017

Upcoming Events

February

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Hot & Cold, Jan 31 - Feb 25

Reception:

Feb 3, 5 - 7pm

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

Saturday smARTS:

I Have a Dream

smART Me Card Collage

Feb 18, 10:30am - 12:30pm

March

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Places Near and Far, Feb 28 - April 1

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TBD, March 4, 6:30 - 8:30pm

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Soul Collage, March 17, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Saturday smARTS:

Monotype Family Portraits

March 18, 10:30am - 12:30pm

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

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Gallery Corner

by Jan Dobrowolski

We've got some big boots to fill. Imagine our area graced with creative sculptures reminiscent of the "Chicago Cows" or the mermaids in Norfolk.

Local watermen have helped shape our regional identity through decades of hard work and perseverance. "Watermen's Way," a public art project sponsored by Virginia's River Realm and The Lancaster by the Bay Chamber of Commerce, seeks to honor our men and woman who work the water. Rappahannock Art League has been designated as one of the recipients of net proceeds from the project. Oversized, fiberglass boot sculptures have been sold to various businesses throughout the River Realm. The finished boots will be on display from June 2017 through August 2018, at

February Windows

By Elaine Tait

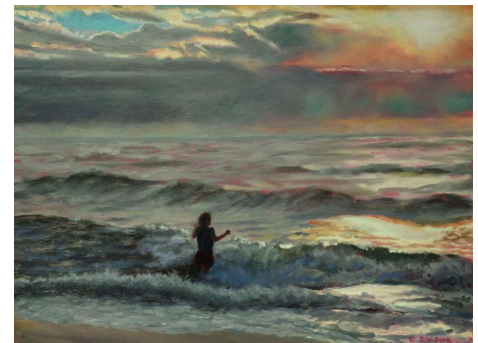
Searching for an escape from cruel winter chills and snows? Look to RAL's February windows where Richmond area artists Laura Wilson and David Zuck share happy, fair weather scenes of waterways in their beloved state.

Wilson's acrylics show us balmy



a place designated by the business. Watermen's Way maps, which specify boot locations, will be made available to encourage visitors to seek out each pair of boots and "step inside" the watermen's world for a brief moment.

Here's where we need YOUR help: we are seeking artists to paint or otherwise embellish the boots. Please fill out an application today and show us what you can do!



beach scenes and cozy hammocks nestled on sunlit decks just waiting for us to snuggle up and enjoy the views.

Zuck's oils range from mountain streams cascading through verdant forests, to a singular swimmer in a wave tossed surf.

Both RAL members point with pride to a special fondness for outdoor Virginia vistas and both find great plea-

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sure in sharing their joy through their artworks.

Wilson, a recent RAL member, came upon her talent for painting as an adult after wrapping up a successful corporate career. Her paintings stress the tranquility of water in all of its natural settings.

Zuck, the son of environmentalist

parents, grew up in bucolic surroundings with his father, an accomplished pastel painter, exposing him to the pleasures of plein air art.

Zuck and his artist wife Sally find inspiration all around their 50 acre farm home and woodland cottage as well as the Deltaville area where Zuck has memories of many pleasurable childhood days.

Membership Meetings

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

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

Call for Artists for Educational Consortium

Marilyn Sprouse

Each year Rappahannock Community College (RCC) Workforce Development offers a Summer Regional Educational Consortium. Every employee of every school in the counties of the eastern side of Virginia are invited to attend free (to us) professional development seminars. Any person may register to attend 5 seminars of choice for the cost of 1 credit hour at RCC. All staff of local schools are required to take two days of training. RAL will be a host center August 7, 8, 9, and 10, 2017! Are you interested in developing a seminar? I can help you develop your idea, if needed. I will help you in any way I can. There are 2 seminars daily. 8:30-11:30 and 12:30-3:30,

with 5 seminars available to RAL artists who want to host or offer a studio tour. Times will change a bit if attendees need to drive to your studio. This is a chance for you to CONNECT your art and BUILD a relationship with a possible future customer (or someone who will pass information). You may have things available for purchase, but I expect the day will be more of discoveries. I will attend and facilitate every seminar.

Up to 20 people may register and attend a seminar. You can share art, how art is made, where ideas come from, demonstrate, have a small hands-on workshop, marketing, etc, and answer questions from the participants. Art workshops that share ideas and skills which can be utilized in the teacher's

classrooms may also be offered. In the past workshops, some groups have offered a light breakfast, snacks or other goodies, but it is not necessary. Handouts are welcomed! Anything you want to pass out is okay. This would be a volunteer event, but I will reimburse up to \$60 per seminar for small needs you may have, or supplies, etc.

If this sounds like something you might want to do, please contact Marilyn Sprouse via email msprouse@lcs.k12.va.us or by text or calling my cell (704-301-1944) and leaving a message. Please contact me with your ideas on or before FEBRUARY 15, 2017, as I am designing a brochure for this event and coordinating with Rappahannock Community College.

2017 Exhibit Schedule

**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

**Arts and Flowers
April 7 & 8**

**James Wharton
Film Project, May 2 - 27**

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 Winter and Spring Workshops

Adult Workshops:

Oil Painting Open Studio

Instructor: Renate Bumarnier
Every Friday in February, 12 - 3 pm

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

Drawing with powdered graphite on board and Yupo paper

Instructor: Eva-Maria Ruhl
March 7 & 8 and April 18 & 19, 10am - 1pm

Pysanky - Ukrainian Egg

Instructor: Nina Shepherdson, March 11 & 12, 10am - 3pm

Two Felting Techniques - Traditional & Modern

Instructor: Barbara Brecher, March 19, 11am - 4 pm

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

Paint Along Pets

Instructor: Adele Castillo, April 29, 10am - 5pm

6 inch Nantucket Basket

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

Adult Paint Nights

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

Love Birds

Instructor: Marilyn Sprouse, February 4, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Saturday smARTS

3rd Saturday of the month, 10:30am - 12:30pm, Ages 7+

I Have a Dream smART Me Card Collage

Instructor: Diana Jameson, February 18

Monotype Family Portrait

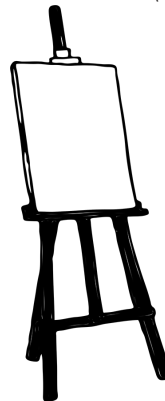
Instructor: Mary Jo Beswick, March 18

For complete description and to register call RAL Studio Gallery, 804-436-9309 or go to ralgallery.com

Monthly Open Critique at RAL

A message from Mary Jo Beswick: For some time members have been asking for an open critique opportunity. I have agreed to start a monthly critique session at the RAL. Here is my idea of how it might work. I would get it going and the group can make adjustments based on demand and interest.

Starting March 8, 2017, there will be an open critique 10 - 12 pm at the RAL (2nd Wednesdays) lead by Mary Jo Beswick (or other instructors if willing).



Come have a 10-minute group critique of your painting, photo, fabric art, ceramic piece, etc. for \$5 per piece, or just come to listen and learn. The number of pieces critiqued per person will depend on the total number of critiques requested and the time allowed. The fees collected are split between the critique leader and the RAL just as they are for workshops. Please bring your works in progress and plenty of \$5 bills.



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