



**Vienna Arts Society, Inc**  
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Executive Board Meeting

Dec 7, 2009, 10:35am-Art Center

Membership Meeting

No Meeting This Month

Christmas Party

Art Center, 7:30pm

Life Drawing Class Mondays

4:30-6:30pm, Art Center, email

Arline Liu for info @

all\_4\_walls@hotmail.com

Our activities are partially supported by the Va. Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.



December 10, 2009 Holiday Party  
*You are invited to Vienna Arts Society Annual Holiday party on December 10 at 7:30 PM at the Arts Center.  
Bring a dish, a favorite dish or finger food.  
Members are challenged to create an artwork for the event that can be exchanged.  
A card, ornament, or decoration has been the tradition. There will be a Christmas tree.  
Members are welcome to bring guests.*



**President's Message**, from **Donna Grone**

The Vienna Arts Society will gather for the holiday season to share good will and treats on December 10 in the evening (7:30) at the Art Center. I hope that you plan to come and bring a friend. I think it will be great to get together and have some fun. For new and old members we will have food and activities to get you talking. The holiday card or ornament that you can create for the exchange is not a requirement for attendance. Come anyway!

**TART Prize winners:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Betty Ganley**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Teresa Oaxaca**; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Rob Nevitte**. Honorable Mentions: **Penny Champagne**; **Tricia DeWeese**; **Larissa Tung-Berry**; **Eileen Olson**; **Jocelyn Buck Hunn**; **Deborah Conn**; **Michelle Cruickshank**; **Carolyn Grossé Gawarecki**.

**VAS THANKS THE FOLLOWING DONORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2009.**

<p><u>Patrons (\$1,000+)</u> VA Commission for the Arts George Dumas Rotary Club of Vienna</p>	<p><u>Donors (\$500-\$999)</u> Whole Foods Nancy Hornstein</p>	<p><u>Friends (\$100-\$499)</u> Maureen &amp; Joe Kammerer Harris Miller Aldo Becci Gertrud Mohr-Friedrich Business Bank Nancy Garcia Money &amp; King Donna Grone Carolyn Koslow Maude Robinson Town of Vienna Margaret Johnson Pauline Lorfano Annette Masnik Gloria Zawalski S J Myles</p>	<p><u>Associates (\$25-\$99)</u> Sandy Springs Bank</p>
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There will be a memorial service December 2 in Reston for **Ann Rodriguez**. Ann was the director of the Arts Council of Fairfax for many years. After a battle with cancer, she passed away on Oct 29. The board voted to recognize the life and work of Ann Rodriguez, with a donation to the Arts Council.

Treasury of Art exhibit will be a wonderful time for our membership to gather and kindle friendships that are founded in common art interests. The committee is doing a fabulous job. I hope that you had a chance to volunteer for a two-hour assignment. It is always a great time to get to know another VAS member better.

The Executive Board approved purchase of advertising for the Treasury of Art Show. This is our primary exhibit and it is a promotion for all of our artists. It should appear in the Connection and on calendar events in the Gazette and the Washington Post.

Many donors have come forward to help defray expense of this event. We are pleased by the number of individuals and are indeed grateful.

The Board approved awards proposed by the Treasury of Art committee. There will be a bronze neck ribbon to designate the Donor Choice award. **George Dumas** will present it this year. Another award object, a glass box, was approved for exclusive use as designated by the board for special recognition. These awards are to be used exclusively as designated by the board.

We had some discussion about the many records and items at the art center that we no longer need. It was suggested that we take some time at the beginning of the year to sort through things and discard those things that become clutter. If you can give a hand, please e-mail me a note.

Looking ahead: The grant-writing season is approaching. We currently have no chair for this task. Funding from the VA Commission was lower and the final payment from last year was cut. Since I chaired this committee last year, I recommend that we write a proposal to the Arts Council of Fairfax for a general funding grant. I will give a hand to whoever is interested in this challenge.

Our major fund raising activity, **Ticket-to-Art** is currently scheduled to take place in March. We need to assess this event and make preliminary plans for fund raising. Ideas are welcome.

## DIRECTORIES

The 2009-2010 Directory has been completed and will be given out at the Treasury of Art show. When you submit or collect your work, please remember to drop by the table to pick one up. While creating the Membership list, at one time my computer lost everything and I had to recreate the list. Information may be incorrect due to that mishap, and because I had to use past membership lists and directories, information may also be incorrect if you sent in your renewal without completing an application with updated information. If anything needs to be edited let **Nancy Hornstein** or me know by email, snail mail or a note at the Art Center so that we have it in writing DO NOT call us! We will then publish it in the following newsletter. New members, renewals and updates will be added in the newsletter as we go through the year as always, and we ask on everyone's behalf to add them to your booklet. I did my best and again apologize for any wrong information--it's not personal. I also included some space to add notes throughout the booklet. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. If anyone would like to do the Directory next year, I would be happy to assist them, but would appreciate giving this responsibility to someone else. Thanks- Teresa Ahmad

## ART CENTER

The pre-season sale runs through Nov. 30th. On that Monday from 10am-1pm we will be taking these items down and putting up the "Seasons Greetings" show. Let **Teresa Ahmad** know if you are interested in participating in this holiday show. And please make sure to bring your work in at that time. If you would like to display but Monday doesn't work for you- call/email Teresa. You can sell reproductions and cards in December! We will also have a few clubs other than our own hosting Holiday Parties- this is a great way to publicize your work!

**January 2010-** what, a year already? The winners of the Treasury of Art Show will be provided space to display at least two pieces of work per winner in January. This is a wonderful way to view more of their work, offer them more of a "prize, and get to know them better. We are also talking with **The Sundry**, a co-op group on Dominion Street, about hosting a small exhibit of

their work. Ladies from Empowered Women also might display a small selection on a wall. **PLEASE, remember there is always space for members.** When the space is limited, we ask you pre-register so that we know how much work may be coming our way--it is not to deter you from submitting. We love a big beautiful show!

**February- Jennifer Schoechle** and friends will be hosting their semi-annual showcase.

**March- Ticket to Art-** We would like to start collecting work now from any artists that can donate a piece of artwork, minimum \$125 in value. Be reminded that anyone that brings me work first and offers a digital image are selected to be on the postcard and flyers; *based on space availability if we receive several all at once.* **Grace Rooney** has been gracious enough to step up as Chair this year, with **Donna Grone**, past two years Chair, assisting. **Teresa Ahmad** will be collecting the pieces and storing them. Make arrangements with her for delivery or pick up. All donated work must be in hand NO LATER than February 20th!

### CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

#### **Lassie Corbett**

*Painting Nature* Jan. 13- March 3, 2010 (Wednesdays) 1pm-3pm \$160

Subjects will be determined by the students on the first day of class. The emphasis will be on painting surfaces. We will explore painting on gessoed paper, rice papers, hot press paper and yupo. Ideas from "*Exploring Watercolor*" by **Elizabeth Groves** will be discussed. Weekly critiques and demonstrations of subjects each class.

*Oriental Brush* Jan. 13- March 3, 2010 (Wednesdays) 3:30pm-5:30pm \$160

This is a combined course for beginning and advanced students. Beginning students may join the class at any time. Instruction is individual. More advanced students will be working on painting waterfalls and landscapes. If there is an interest we will also use crinkle paper techniques.

*Watercolor Basics* Jan. 13- March 3, 2010 (Wednesdays) 7pm-9pm \$160

This class is a must for anyone contemplating watercolor as a painting medium.

The class covers the basic techniques and concepts necessary to paint in watercolor successfully. We will learn some of the "tricks" of the medium plus color mixing, brushstrokes, washes and composition. We will paint a number of fall subjects using new techniques.

**LOOKING FOR INSTRUCTORS FOR 2010 TO HOST WEEKEND WORKSHOPS, WEEK-LONG WORKSHOPS, CLASSES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND SUMMER ART CAMPS. Contact Teresa Ahmad ASAP!**

**TICKET TO ART** : Ticket to Art is coming up in March so everyone please start thinking now about what painting you would like to donate. Remember it is our only fundraiser. If you have any thoughts or ideas on it or would like to help with the event, please let me know. **Grace Rooney**

### MEMBERS NEWS

**Shari MacFarlane** had paintings juried in to the October and November shows at the Art League Gallery, Torpedo Factory. **Madeleine Chen** also had her painting exhibited there last month. They have been competing and showing their work there for the last five years, and not telling the Society of their successes. I know that is the case with others in our organization as well. Perhaps we should start letting people know so they will be encouraged to enter as well.

**Carolyn Grossé Gawarecki** will be taking a watercolor workshop group to the Domaine du Haut Baran, France, April 29-May 10, 2010. Haut Baran is a beautiful old French country house, lovingly restored with fantastic scenery all around: vineyards, farms, a winding river, small villages and castles and even a prehistoric cave to visit. Best of all it is owned and managed by a American couple, so you won't have language difficulties! Our group will have exclusive use of the beautiful grounds and swimming pool and will enjoy home-cooked gourmet food and delicious wine served by William, an expert in local wines. Early spring should have lots of wild flowers in bloom and light long into the evening.

You will have the personal attention of owners **William and Rosalie Haas** for assistance with local information. Included are painting excursions to small villages such as St. Cirque

Lapopie (voted most beautiful village in France) with the option to see prehistoric 25,000 BC paintings in the Pech Merle caves, and a tour day in Medieval Sarlat. The hotel is small and space is limited to 12 people. There are just a few openings but we do want to fill them all.

\$3,255.00 for a double/twin room per person. Contact [www.hautbaran.com](http://www.hautbaran.com) for pictures and information, **Susan Webster** at 703 536 0308 email: [webstrw@patriot.net](mailto:webstrw@patriot.net), **Carolyn Grosse Gawarecki** 703 532 5278 [grosseart@cox.net](mailto:grosseart@cox.net) - web page - [grosseart.com](http://grosseart.com)

**Arla Albers** writes: "A FREE Photoshop course is given online every Thursday at 2 P.M. To register, go to <http://creativetechs.com/training/photoshop-course/> Before the "Full 6-Month Photoshop \$150" you'll see GoToWebinar: [gotomeeting.com/register/XXXXXX\(Numbers\)](http://gotomeeting.com/register/XXXXXX(Numbers)). Click on that. I believe you can still get in on the freebie 6 month course. If you can't make it one Thursday, EVERY class can be purchased for \$15 or the entire 6 months for \$150 or 5 weeks for \$45. The guy teaching this is VERY talented. He does go fast, but part of that reason is so you will buy the lessons and go at your own pace.) However, if you take notes, you should be able to "get it." Each session allows you to ask questions as you go (in the upper right hand corner of your screen.) They try to answer as many as they can. At the end of the session you get a Photoshop Certificate for that particular course."

Also, Arla says: Yes, I'm still taking pictures and websites for the Member's Page. Email me at: [ArlaFP@cox.net](mailto:ArlaFP@cox.net). Check out the website online. The web address is: [www.viennaartssociety.org](http://www.viennaartssociety.org). If you have any suggestions, I'm very open to any you might have! Please change my email address in your directories to: [ArlaFP@cox.net](mailto:ArlaFP@cox.net) for Arla Albers. Also, my "cell" should be 703-560-5596.

Sunday December 6, 12-5 pm. **Lisa Neher**, in Studio 18B at the Jackson Art Center, 3048-1/2 R Street, NW, *Washington, DC 20007* [www.studio18b.com](http://www.studio18b.com) invites you to spend an afternoon celebrating the arts. Come join her from 12 noon – 5 pm. There is ample street parking and all are welcome for the reception.

### FOR SALE

One Life Fitness Elliptical Trainer, Model X30. Rarely used. Cost \$2,457 new. Best offer accepted. Would make a great Holiday present for someone you love. (You must transport.) Call Nancy @703-281-2798.

### NEW MEMBERS

#### **Gwynne Mason**

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#### **John Fawcett**

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#### **Jaе Sung Lee**

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### CORRECTIONS TO THE DIRECTORY:

Please add and edit where needed:

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**Harris Miller** email [hcmcmiller@verizon.net](mailto:hcmcmiller@verizon.net)

### TART SHOW SUMMARY

The 2009 Treasury of Art Show closed Sunday night, and before another moment passes, we would like to answer some of the questions many of us have:

Congratulations to **Tricia DeWeese**, for her entry "Southern Comfort- New Orleans" which not only caught the attention of judge **Fritz Briggs** who awarded the painting an Honorable Mention, but the approval of the audience as well, for they gave it the **Peoples Choice Award!**

Congratulations to **Margaret Johnson** for winning the "Art...and all that Jazz" Raffle Basket which contained an original acrylic painting by a VAS award winning artist, a bottle of fine red wine, and CD's from Jazz musicians **The Lennie Cuje' Trio**.

Congrats as well to **Steven Green** of Oak Hill, VA, for winning the “**Holiday Food Fest**” Raffle Basket containing a generous assortment of Italian foods as well as a Gift Certificate from Whole Foods for dinner for eight or \$160 worth of groceries!

The tireless, cheerful efforts of the following VAS members significantly contributed to the beauty, magic, and success of the show. Please join Dore’ and me in extending our **deepest gratitude to the following volunteers**, some of whom worked into the night, worked through illness, whether or not their paintings got in

### Committee Chairs:

Certificates- **Teresa Ahmad**  
Catalogue Graphic Design- **Sacha Elliott**  
Donations- **Bev Nickens & Bev Schindler**  
Hanging- **Teresa Ahmad & Gertrud Mohr-Friedrich**  
Peoples Choice Award- **Lori Green**  
Publicity- **Annette Masnik**  
Registrar & Receiving- **Tara Holtaway**  
Reception/ Banquet Food & Decorations- **Grace Rooney & Susan Segrist**  
Reception/Café’ Decorations- **Margaret Johnson & Arla Albers**  
Reception Entertainment- **Pat Conte & Tara Holtaway**  
Sales- **Anita Champ**  
Sponsors- **Patricia Farrell**  
Treasurer- **Nancy Hornstein**

### Sales Staff:

Deb Schneider  
Robert Dowler  
Donna Diewald  
George Lovelace  
Carole Fog  
Tricia DeWeece  
Helen Dilly Barsalou  
Donna Estin  
Lori Green  
Patricia Minard  
Donna Grone  
Lesley Baker  
Gwinn Ward  
DL Nagley  
Libby Eckert  
Betty Ganley

Shirley Mulligan  
Carole Milton

The labors of VAS volunteers, donations by members, and gifts from sponsors have contributed toward the following numbers:

Registrations-  
\$3600  
New Membership and renewals -  
245  
Wine Sales -  
340  
Raffle Sales -  
950  
Artist Net from Painting Sales-  
4580  
VAS Net from Painting Sales-  
1527  
**Total TART Show Income**  
**\$11,242**

**(Editor’s Note: Remember, this is before expenses!)**

Some statistics:

342 people voted for “Peoples Choice.”  
149 artists registered 362 pieces. The Juror accepted 139 into the show.  
31 pieces sold.  
\$1600 worth of merchandise was donated for prizes.

Finally, we would like to shower our thanks upon the following: **Fritz Briggs**, who gave us a beautiful show and who reminds us to always do our best; **Margaret Johnson** for financing The Serenata Quartet, who made the reception such an elegant affair. **Nan Hornstein**, who generously donated funds for the **Lennie Cuje’ Trio** who made jazz magic Saturday night; and to all those who donated food, drinks, helping hands, and valuable expertise toward making our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary an event to remember.

Sincerely,  
**Deb Elliott and Dore’ Skidmore**



## **MEMBER'S CONTRIBUTION**

**The Society is very much alive and we want to do more. Adult classes and children classes are on-going and our Director is planning more shows for members to display paintings. All of this takes money and we're appealing to you to make a tax free donation. Contributions will be acknowledged in the monthly new letter.**

**Think of the good times you've had-- the friends you've met, art instruction, monthly meetings, the opportunities to show your paintings, and income from painting sales (and prizes).**

**Won't you act now and send a year end contribution check to VAS at 115 Pleasant Street, Vienna, Va., 22180. You'll feel better by doing so.**

**Harris Miller**

## VAS GALLERY NEWS FOR NOVEMBER

### GALLERY FEATURED ARTIST

**Jean Johnston** is the featured artist from November 22, 2009 to January 3, 2010. Jean Johnston “Still Life, Flowers, etc.”. Born **Eugenia Hilleary** in Arlington, VA. Studied under many teachers in the area since age 12. Loves painting still life and flowers and most anything. Uses lots of subjects in her home. Loves antiques.



### BE A VAS GALLERY FEATURED ARTIST

Featured artists are entitled to show about 8 paintings in the most prominent area of our gallery. The VAS Gallery will submit publicity for your show to the local papers, ELAN magazine and the Washington Post. To be a featured artist, you must have been an exhibiting member of the VAS Gallery for six months. You may have a small meet-the-artist reception at the Gallery. If interested, please call **Carol Milton** at 703-759-5320 or **Rita Bentley** at 703-281-3933. The calendar for 2010 has two openings.

**Gabriel Riego deVios will be featured from January 3 to February 14**

### VAS GALLERY January 3, 2010 SHOW CHANGE

To register you must be a member and agree to sit at the Gallery. You may enter 2 paintings (two dimensional only). Size limitation and VAS exhibiting requirements apply. We can accommodate up to 30 artists per exhibit. To enter send your picture information to Rita Bentley at the above number, by phone to the VAS Gallery (703) 319-3220 or by signing the “sign up sheet” you’ll find at the Gallery. **Please sign up by Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>,** please bring your pictures to the Gallery at 2:00 p.m. Your assistance in hanging the show will be appreciated.

**Rita Bentley** will be stepping aside as Co-Director of the Gallery on January 1, 2010. **Carol Milton** will remain as the Director. After that date please contact Carol Milton for information regarding the show changes, belonging to the Gallery, and asking how you can help.

## CONTINUING SHOW SET-UP SCHEDULE

### **Art Center:**

115 Pleasant Street  
Vienna, VA 22180  
Phone 703-319-3971  
Hours:  
Tues-Sat 10:00am-4:00pm

### **VAS Gallery:**

Village Green Shopping Ctr  
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Day	PLACE	DATE	TIME	Contact	Telephone
Sun.	<u>Art Center</u>	11/30/09	10-1:00pm	Teresa Ahmad	319-3971
Thu	<u>Meadowlark Gardens Bin Pieces Only!</u>	01/14/10	10-1030am	G. Mohr-Friedrich Loy McGaughy	938-5842 758-9566
Thu	<u>Potomac Bank</u>	01/22/10	10-11am	Jim Caldwell	938-8066
Sun	<u>VAS Gallery Preregister by 12/30/09</u>	01/03/10	2-2:30 pm	Carol Milton	759-5320
Sun	<u>Whole Foods Market Preregister by 12/31/09</u>	01/03/10	6:00 a.m.	G. Mohr- Friedrich	938-5842
Mon	<u>L'Image Salon Preregister by 12/30/09</u>	01/04/10	12-12:30pm	Debi Elliott Viktoria Maslova	319-1420
Mon	<u>Patrick Henry Library Pre-register 01/20/10</u>	01/25/10	9:00am	Madeleine Chen	280-0983

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