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### Calendar

Executive Board Meeting  
Vienna Art Center

Jan 5, 2009 7:30pm

VAS Gallery Show  
Change Dates  
Feb 1, 2009 2pm

Art Center Show Change  
Dec 29, 2008 10-1pm

VAS Grant Committee  
will meet on January 24,  
2009 at 1PM at the  
Center.



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### PRESIDENT'S PEN:

Don't you just love this season?? Everyone gets to celebrate. I'm told that January 6 was the first date for celebrating Christ's birth and still is observed by the Orthodox churches. Many of the early Christians were servants and had to work that day, unable to observe their Holy Day. The 25th of December was celebrated by the Romans as the beginning of winter with all having a day of no work. It was also a time to shop for gifts and special foods.

So the early Christians, with a day off, "stole" the 25th for their Christmas, celebrating as it is this day here and in other countries. Even the practice of gifts and special foods, "shopping", has been "stolen". So we can't really complain about the commercialization of Christmas.

There are other persuasions also celebrating this season. The ages-old Jewish celebration of Hanukkah is also at this time, a wonderful family tradition. And now we have new groups celebrating, Kwanzaa, Ramadan and many with no particular spiritual affiliation. All celebrating. A time of good will towards men and woman. Isn't this a great country??

This season has also had sad celebrations. Some of our good friends have had to celebrate a life taken from them not long ago. It is not easy to have a loved one for so long and then to feel that ache of their departure. It is important to remember these loved ones were here for a purpose, important in the scheme of things, contributing to our growth, our love, our happiness. As artists, these times will be evident in our work, for our work is part of our life, and we too are here for a purpose.

Yes, this a season to celebrate the One and the ones who have given meaning and purpose to life. I do hope and pray everyone found some joy and peace this holiday season and are all excited to creatively proclaim the Happy New Year.

**Margaret Johnson**

### VAS THANKS THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS)

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## VAS GALLERY NEWS FOR JANUARY 2009

**GALLERY MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: FOR THE FEBRUARY 1, 2009 SHOW PLEASE REGISTER WITH LOY MCGAUGHY AT 703-758-9566 OR [mccaughy2@verizon.net](mailto:mccaughy2@verizon.net).**

### **VAS GALLERY FEATURED ARTIST**

**Alina Bennett** will be the VAS Gallery featured artist in the show starting February 1, 2009.



**Alina** studied watercolor at the Art League School in Alexandria; figure drawing in Warsaw, Poland; and oil painting in Moscow, Russia. She has won awards in watercolor and in oil painting, and has given private lessons to children and adults. She organized art shows at several American embassies overseas.

She has been painting in watercolor for over 20 years. Her dream was to paint portraits in oil, but then she had her first child. The turpentine fumes were not good for the baby, so she tried painting in watercolor and fell in love with the medium. It was just as well, because then she had her second child, then her third ... and eventually her sixth.

People ask her how she finds time to paint with six children. The most important thing is to have a passion for painting. She paints with a child under her arm and while she's brushing her teeth. She has simply made painting a part of her life. Since she has won several awards and gotten accepted into juried shows, she must be doing something right. And when she volunteers to sit for VAS galleries, she paints there, too!

### **VAS GALLERY NEXT FEATURED ARTIST**

**Jolanta Noska** will be the VAS Gallery featured artist from March 15 to April 21, 2009..

### **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. 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.

### **VAS GALLERY FEBRUARY 1, 2009 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 **Loy McGaughy** at the above number, by phone to VAS Gallery phone number (703) 319-3220 or by signing the "sign up sheet" you'll find at the Gallery. **Please sign up by Wednesday January 28, 2009.** On Sunday, February 1, 2009 please bring your pictures to the Gallery at 2:00 p.m. Your assistance in hanging the show will be appreciated.

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### **UPCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS**

**Christine Lashley** works in both watercolor and oils. Her demonstration on January 8 will be on watercolor wet into wet techniques. Christine studied in Paris at the Parsons Art Institute and the Sorbonne. She earned her BFA at Washington University in St Louis and then worked for several years as a muralist before pursuing fine art. She works 'en plein air' capturing fleeting light

and atmospheric conditions on site. Christine paints locally at the Potomac River, Great Falls, C & O Canal, McLean, Oatlands Plantation and the Leesburg gardens. This year her paintings have earned First Place in the League of Reston Artists' Annual Show and the Annapolis Award from the Baltimore Watercolor Society's Mid-Atlantic Regional Exhibition. Ms Lashley has won numerous awards for her work and her paintings have been exhibited across the United States as well as in Paris, France. She is a juried, signature member of several watercolor groups and currently Christine serves as president of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists. To see her work and examples of her demonstrations please see her beautiful and informative website, [lashleystudio.tripod.com](http://lashleystudio.tripod.com). Don't miss this artist on **January 8 @ 10 AM at the Art Center!**

On February 12 **Arman Cabrera** will do a 2 hour demonstration of his alla prima oil painting techniques. He completes a painting in one session in the studio or outdoors on site. Before turning his artistic talents to fine art, Mr. Cabrera spent 12 years as a production artist in the computer games industry creating conceptual designs, background art, special effects animation and storyboarding. His clients included Disney, LucasFilm Games, Microsoft and Paramount Pictures. Now he is a regular guest columnist for [OutdoorPainting.com](http://OutdoorPainting.com), a sponsor of The Grand View, a National PBS painting series. His work is featured in many publications including a recent 10 page article in The International Artist Magazine ( Feb/March 2008). Other books and magazines recognize him as one of the premier, contemporary artists in the country, including American Art Collector, International Artist, Art of the West, and Southwest Art. Among his many awards, Mr. Cabrera recently earned the Best of Show in both the Havre de Grace Plein Air Competition as well as in the Riverbend Plein Air Competition in Great Falls. His paintings are in corporate and private collections nationwide. He has painted and exhibited in California, New Mexico, Utah, Texas, Illinois, Wyoming, Oregon, Colorado, Georgia, South Carolina as well as locally. He is also a popular workshop instructor. We are fortunate to have this talented, well-known painter at the Art Center for a "mini workshop" at our **February meeting (10AM February 12<sup>th</sup>)**. His website is [Armandcabrera.com](http://Armandcabrera.com).

## **ART CENTER**

January is going to KICK OFF the 40th Birthday Celebration of the Vienna Arts Society...And what better way than to theme "What's in Your Backyard- Celebrating 40 Years". This is a Members Only Show and there is no registration fee since it will not be judged/juried. However, please contact Vienna Art Center Director, **Teresa Ahmad**, to pre-register your art work by Dec. 23rd, so that she knows how much work will be coming in on Dec. 29th (Monday 10a-1p). If you are unable to make it during that time due to visiting family and friends, please don't hesitate to call Teresa and make other arrangements.

Classes and Workshops also begin in January to help celebrate this important year for VAS! We have organized once-a-month workshops throughout the year to enrich our skills, offer more opportunity in the community to appreciate art and well--JUST HAVE FUN! Some months we have already scheduled more than one and there may be more coming, so keep advised and check out the web site, newsletter and/or drop by the Art Center for further information.

## **WORKSHOPS**

**Please contact Teresa Ahmad for any workshops**

**January 24, 2009**

Pen in Ink Workshop with Teresa Ahmad

Saturday 9am-1pm \$65

Learn basic concepts to using pen in ink to create contrasts between lights and darks, texture, and creating dimension.

*Materials included.*

**February 7, 2009**

**Watercolor with Chica Brunsvold**

Saturday 10am-4pm, \$75

Watercolor (and possibly Acrylic) with Yupo paper (provided)~the plastic surface which allows for some exciting textural effects. Encourage yourself to explore painting from imagination, rather than painting from any particular source material. Beginning the painting non-

objectively and then pulling out images within the painting or leaving it totally nonobjective. Basic supplies list will be provided. *This approach is going to be featured in the column "Creativity Workshop" in the February issue of Watercolor Artist. And also in "Competition Spotlight" in the March issue of The Artist's Magazine.*

**February "Freedom For Creation" Month-** A workshop for an "Art Exchange"- for children in our area to do work for the children in Uganda. Please check out the web site for further information.

**March 20-22, 2009**

**Acrylics Workshop with Pauline Lorfano**

Friday-Saturday 9:30am-3:30pm

Sunday 1pm-4pm \$100

Different acrylic techniques- transparent to opaque. Discover the versatility and the unlimited possibilities of acrylic paint. Basic supplies list will be provided. Minimum class size of 5.

**April 25, 2009**

**"April Showers Bring May Flowers"- Drawing Plants with Botanical Accuracy Workshop with Doreen Bolnick**

Saturday 9am-4:30pm \$65

Dramatically improve your portrayals of plants and capture their characters more vividly, by exploring basic plant anatomy, and underlying geometric forms. *Supplies list will be provided upon registration.*

## **CLASSES**

**PLEASE register with Lassie or Marni directly to be a part of their class**

**January 7- February 25, 2009**

**WEDNESDAYS WITH LASSIE CORBETT**

**"Painting Nature" 1pm-3pm \$165**

Subjects will vary from landscapes, floral and seascapes to buildings. The emphasis will be on painting glowing light, value studies and designing a good composition. We will use new ideas from the book "Exploring Watercolor" by Elizabeth Groves. There will be weekly critiques and bi-weekly demonstrations of subjects.

#### **"Oriental Brush Painting" 4pm-6pm \$165**

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 landscape painting. If there is an interest we will also use crinkle paper techniques.

#### **"Beginning Watercolor" 7pm-9pm \$165**

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

#### **February 23- April 6, 2009**

#### **"Creative Thinking Through Watercolors"**

**10am-12:30pm \$150**

#### **MONDAYS WITH MARNI LAWSON**

While learning the tools/building blocks for creating watercolors, students will also share exercises to learn to think like an artist/creator. All levels of ability are welcome. Class size 5-8 students. Students supply their own materials

**AND JUST TO KEEP YOU FOCUSED-** in February the Vienna Arts Society is partnering with "Freedom for Creation" a charity providing support for children and their families in Uganda. We will be exhibiting work done by children in Uganda throughout the month, hosting receptions and having a workshop for children in our community to do art for the children in Uganda as an Art Exchange. We will also be raising money to collect water for the areas, and collecting art supplies for the children to continue their creative expression. If you have any art supplies you would like to donate- Teresa is storing them now!

Side note: just a reminder that if you hang at a continued art show venue, you must volunteer sitting hours at the Art Center. January and February have continued to be tough months for volunteers to do their part. However, these are also months that have unpredictable weather conditions. Please be aware that we follow Fairfax County School Guidelines for delays and cancellations. If there is a delay, cancellation or roads are bad, the Art Center will most likely be closed on those days as well...please call Teresa Ahmad to reschedule your time- we do not expect anyone to drive in bad weather conditions. ***We appreciate all that our members do to support the Vienna Arts Society!***

#### **CONTINUED ART SHOWS**

#### **L'Image Salon**

Next Show change is January 5th, 2009 at 12 (noon)...**Debi Elliott** is looking for someone to assist in co-chairing this venue and helping to hang it. It doesn't take but an hour or

two and a great way to stay active with VAS and a wonderful partnership! We have continued to sell our art on a consistent level at this venue.

Whole Foods is looking for someone(s) to assist/take over coordinating this venue. Please contact **Gertrud Mohr-Friedrich** and/or **Lisa Neher**.

#### **TICKET TO ART**

Our annual fundraiser is approaching quickly! We will be needing your support by donating your artwork, or time soon! All artwork to be donated must be in the hands of VAS by February 22, 2009.

Ticket-to-Art our annual fundraiser will be taking place on March 28, 2009. It is not too early to plan on your participation. Create an artwork for our raffle. Let's fill the VAS center with wonderful art for our community. You are the best salesperson to sell least one ticket to someone who you know would like to have your art (and at a bargain price!). You know your clients.

We will sell only one ticket for each artwork donated. We sold each ticket for \$125 last year. There was much discussion on the price rise then. We made money (more than the year before) with that price. The value of your artwork is worth much more than that. I want those who purchase tickets to get a bargain.

Our grant funding this year, with the same efforts as the past years, will not net the same results because our grant providers have cut funds. In times like these, when the money is not there it is time to step up and do things ourselves. Volunteerism is needed, encouraged, and the thing to do. What to do? Just ask. I am looking for a few fellow committee members to help with small tasks.

**Donna Grone** drgrone@aol.com (703) 532-6458

**VAS Grant Committee will meet on January 24, 2009 at 1PM at the Art Center.**

#### **OPPORTUNITY**

The US Geological Survey in Reston, Virginia is seeking proposals for month-long exhibitions in 2009-10.

USGS scientists study the environment, natural hazards, and natural resources. Images that depict the natural world, its biota, geology, maps, landscapes, and water would be appropriate for this space.

Exhibitions will be held in a long, wide, art hallway, which leads from the auditorium to the lobby, elevators and cafeteria. The hanging spaces are 12' high by 119' and 45' long. Artists or groups of artists should submit resumes, contact information and at least 5 digital images, or the URL for a website that contains equivalent information and images. There is no entry fee and no commission. Entries and requests for hanging guidelines should be submitted to Sarah Gerould at [sgerould@usgs.gov](mailto:sgerould@usgs.gov) by January 11, 2009. **Sarah Gerould**, Ph.D, Bureau Program Coordinator, Contaminant Biology Program, U.S Geological Survey Mail

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

Because of the double holiday of **Martin Luther King Day** and **Inauguration Day**, there is a change in the show change date for the Patrick Henry Library venue. We will now be changing the show on Monday, January 26 instead of Tuesday the 20th.

**MEMBERS' NEWS**

**Vivian Attermeyer** will be teaching adult classes, *Watercolor Works and Discover Painting*, at Spring Hill RECenter on Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning January 14, 2009. She will also be teaching *Discover Drawing for Children* and *Watercolor Works* for adults at Providence RECenter on Saturdays beginning January 10, 2009. Please call **Vivian Attermeyer** at 703-560-2016 for more information.

**Marni Lawson** was accepted into the PVW show at Strathmore Mansion in Jan-Feb and her "Spring" watercolor classes will be starting at VAS the last week of February. Also, she will be doing a presentation for the National League of American Penwomen in DC on January 17, 2009.

**Pauline Lorfano** will be having an Exhibit of her paintings at the U.S. Geological National Center, Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston March 3-30, 2009. Pauline also has a painting in the Potomac Valley Anniversary Show at Strathmore Hall, Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD, January 5 -February 23, 2009.

**Kris Herzog** won 3rd place in the annual handpainted holiday ornament show at the Art League Gallery in Alexandria.

**THOUGHTS ON TREASURY OF ART SHOW:**

"The second year I entered the Treasury of Art Show, I sent postcards to everyone I knew ( mostly my husband's co-workers and our neighbors) inviting them to the Opening. To my joy, several of them came. To my chagrin, I didn't have any of my 3 works accepted that year! Now I wait to see if I am accepted and then e-mail everyone that I know in Virginia(78 e-mails) and invite them to check out the show. This year several people did so. Not only that, one bought all 3 of my bin pieces( each under \$100) which enabled me to make back my entry fee and also get into the profit margin. E-mailing might be a good advertising tool for all of us. Also, we don't have to pay for stamps. Just a thought..."

**Marni Lawson**

*Happy New Year!*



## 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  
513 Maple Avenue, West  
Vienna, VA 22180  
Phone: (703) 319-3220

### **Website:**

[www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org)

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through the arts."

Day	PLACE	DATE	TIME	Contact	Telephone
Sun.	<u>Art Center</u>	12/29/08	10am-1pm	Teresa Ahmad	319-3971
Thu	<u>Meadowlark Gardens Bin Pieces Only!</u>	1/15/09	10-1030am	G. Mohr Friedrich Loy McGaughy	938-5842 758-9566
Thu	<u>Potomac Bank</u>	2/05/09	10:00am	J. Caldwell	938-8066
Sun	<u>VAS Gallery Preregister by 1/28/09</u>	2/01/09 3/15/09	2-2:30 pm	Rita Bentley	281-3933
Sun	<u>Whole Foods Market Preregister by 1/16/09</u>	1/18/09	6:00 a.m.	Lisa Neher G. Mohr Friedrich	698-9473 938-5842
Mon	<u>L'Image Salon Preregister by 1/2/09</u>	1/5/09	12-12:30pm	Teresa Ahmad Debi Elliott	319-3971 319-1420
Mon	<u>Patrick Henry Library</u>	1/26/09	9:00am	Madeleine Chen	280-0983



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