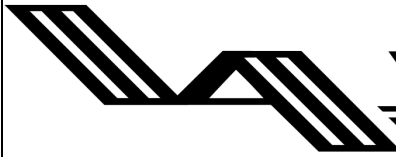


*HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!*

JANUARY 2010



# VAS News

*Enriching our community through the arts*

**Vienna Arts Society, Inc**  
www.ViennaArtsSociety.org

Executive Board Meeting

January 11, 10:35am-Art Center

Membership Meeting

January 14, 2010, 10:00 am

Life Drawing Class Mondays

4:30-6:30pm, Art Center, email Arline Liu for info @ all\_4\_walls@hotmail.com

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



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

I invited our members and guests who received awards at our Annual Treasury of Art show in November to exhibit during the month of January. This invitational exhibit at the Vienna Art Society Art Center during the month of January is dedicated to you; there is always room for our members to show at the art center. The show change date is January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Our program at the monthly meeting on January 14 at 10 AM will feature **Robert Liberace**. I hope that you will have a chance to visit the center and attend this program.

The Vienna Light Opera Company recently dissolved and remembered us with a contribution from their treasury. We thank them for the sizeable donation; and welcome the members of their organization to participate in our public events.

The committee will be planning our spring fundraiser, Ticket to Art. This activity has become an expected event for patrons and has maintained success in providing needed funding. Consider artwork that you will contribute to this drawing.

Thanks to Santa and all who attended our annual Holiday Party. It is always fun to see people enjoying one another. The committee came together well to decorate, organize the art center for the fun activity. I thank you for a job well done.

On January 5 we will close the center and do some cleaning, clearing of clutter, and organizing. Anyone who can come is welcome. Sorters will be necessary.

I wish you a Healthy, Warm and Joyful New Year.

**VAS THANKS THE FOLLOWING DONORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2009. WE LOOK FORWARD TO ADDING YOUR NAME FOR 2010!**

<u>Patrons (\$1,000+)</u>	<u>Donors (\$500-\$999)</u>	<u>Friends (\$100-\$499)</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Associates (\$25-\$99)</u>
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## VAS GALLERY NEWS FOR JANUARY

### GALLERY FEATURED ARTIST

#### GABRIEL RIEGO DE VIOS will be the featured artist from January 3 to February 14

With no formal instruction in the fine arts, he developed his love for painting and drawing while watching his grandmother do Chinese-brush paintings, his father paint watercolor seascapes, and his mother do portraits in oil. He picked up his first brush at the age of four and has not dropped it since!

Gaby graduated with a Bachelor's in Science degree from the Philippine Military Academy in 1981. His nine-year stint as a career army officer took him to far-flung places in the southern region of the country where the breathtaking sceneries and colors of Mindanao's plains and mountains further stroked his passion to explore and express his native talent. Also known as Gabriego in the art world, he does almost everything from landscapes, florals, still lifes, abstracts, to portraits. And he paints using various mediums from oil, acrylic, and watercolor, depending on how he feels a certain composition should go.

He has attended workshops by the respected and well-known colorist Michael Linstrom, whom Gaby considers as the influence to his colorist background. He has also attended workshops with the portrait artist Bob Gerbracht. He loves playing jazz on trumpet and is also a part-time Shotokan Karate instructor.

His show is titled *"The Colorful World of Gabriego."*



*"Alone and Waiting"*



*"Mountain Beauty"*

### 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. The calendar for 2010 has two openings.

### VAS GALLERY February 14, 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 limitations and VAS exhibiting requirements apply. We can accommodate up to 30 artists per exhibit. To enter send your picture information to Carol Milton 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, February 10<sup>th</sup>.** **On Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>,** please bring your pictures to the Gallery at 2:00 p.m. Your assistance in hanging the show will be appreciated.

Carol Milton is the Director of the Gallery. Please contact Carol for information regarding the show changes, belonging to the Gallery, and asking how you can help.

New members are always welcome!

**Santa paid a surprise visit to VAS's holiday party on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Handmade cards were exchanged, good cheer and a table full of holiday treats were enjoyed by all.**



**Nancy Morehead (aka Mrs. Santa), Santa, Donna Grone, Pat Conte, Lenny Cujé**

### **ART CENTER**

**January:** an introduction to the New Year and an introduction to our "winners" during the Treasury of Art Show. Since the show is open to non-members we don't often get to recognize once again their talent. And for some members, we don't see them often enough. January 4th, 10am-1pm is the next show change. All VAS members are welcome to join the exhibit by calling **Teresa Ahmad** to pre-register, but we are inviting the prize winners of the 40th Annual Treasury to bring in at least two samples of their work to be on display through February 1st, 2010 (show change to be 10am-1pm. A reception will be determined at a later date since weather can be unpredictable at this time of year. Please keep posted for emails and the web site.

We are looking forward to viewing more of the following artists work:

**First Place: Betty Ganley**

**Second Place: Teresa Oaxaca**

**Third Place: Rob Nevitte.**

**Honorable Mentions:**

**Penny Champagne; Tricia DeWeese; Larissa Tung-Berry; Eileen Olson; Jocelyn BuckHunn; Deborah Conn; Michelle Cruickshank; and Carolyn Grosse Gawarecki**

**Winner of the 'George Dumas' Award: Rob Nevitte**

**People's Choice: Tricia DeWeese Artist of the year- Jean Johnston**

**February- Jennifer Schoechle and Friends!** VAS Members please consider showing

some of your work on the VAS wall. Call Teresa to pre-register by January 15th.

The **Vienna Light Opera Company** recently disbanded their organization. Due to policies, non-profits have to give their funds to other non-profits when their club dissolves. We were put up for consideration and on Saturday Dec. 5th, we gratefully accepted a check from them for \$2,000. We have extended an invitation to their members to join us at any event so if you were to meet someone that was a member, please thank them for their support and generosity.

We have also been informed that we are to be considered once again for a \$1500 grant from the **Vienna Rotary Club**. This is a great group of people willing to go the extra mile for the community. Please take the time to thank them for their funding, kindness and advocacy for the arts in the community.

**Looking for instructors for 2010 to host weekend workshops, week-long workshops, classes throughout the year and summer art camps. Contact Teresa Ahmad ASAP!**

### **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.

*Creative Thinking Through Watercolors*  
February 22 – April 5, 2010.  
(Mondays, 10-12 Noon)

**Marni Lawson**

While learning the tools/building blocks for creating watercolors, students will also share exercises in creative thinking. All levels of ability welcome. Class size is 5-8 students. Students supply their own materials. Cost \$150 for 7 sessions. (Mondays 10-12:30, Feb.22, March1, 8,15,22,29, April 5th at the Vienna Art Society.) Please contact **Marni Lawson** at [marnilawsonwatercolors@hotmail.com](mailto:marnilawsonwatercolors@hotmail.com) or 703-577-0967 to arrange for sign-up and payment. **MAKE CHECKS OUT TO Marni Lawson.**

**TICKET TO ART** Ticket to Art is right around the corner. Please decide what painting you would like to donate to this once a year fundraiser. The money raised from this event will benefit the Art Center and its activities. The tickets will sell for \$125 so your painting must be worth at least that amount. Each ticket holder will have the opportunity on the night of the drawing to take home an original piece of art painted by a member of the Vienna Arts Society. We will be collecting the paintings until February 15th and all the paintings will be displayed the month of March to give the ticket holders a chance to look at their choices before the raffle drawing. The exact date for the deadline for painting drop off and the times of the raffle will be forthcoming. If you would like to volunteer and help with this event, please contact **Grace Rooney**.

## **MEADOWLARK EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITY**

Members are encouraged to bring (6) matted, professionally wrapped, original, nature-related paintings and/or photographs to sell in the VAS bins at Meadowlark Gardens. The specific dates for the 10:00 a.m. Thursday exchanges are listed in the directory. If Thursday is a problem, other arrangements may be made with **Gertrud Mohr-Friedrich** (703-938-5842). Next change date is January 14, 2010.

## **MEMBERS NEWS**

**FOR SALE:** Three brand new baroque picture frames. Big and VERY heavy. Gold in color. Fancy. 24x36 opening with a 6 inch border around the opening. Normally sell for well over \$150. Get a bargain at \$75 each. (Tell your spouse you want one as a Christmas present!) Frame your paintings in style and luxury. To purchase, call Arla at 703-560-5596.

**SAND DUNES AND OCEAN WAVES.** Workshop Instructor—**Carolyn Grossé Gawarecki**. Jan. 6 and 7, 2010 - Wednesday and Thursday 10:00am–4:00pm. Tuition: \$170.00. Register with the Art League School 703-683-2323 or [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org). Learn to paint the anatomy of a wave, how it gathers up and then breaks and washes onto the beach. Study the colors of the sea and paint the texture of foam. Capture the light and shadows on the dunes, then add sea grasses for pattern and movement. Each class begins with a demonstration, followed by work time with individual help and ends with a class critique.

**JANUARY DEMO ARTIST:** In January we will have a demo by internationally known, **Robert Liberace**, the portrait artist. He is also a resident of Vienna. You may see his work on Utube, also in International Artists magazine. We are honored to have him. Please feel free to invite other friends to this very special event.

Robert Liberace is a contemporary classicist, equally accomplished in drawing, painting, and sculpture. His work is inspired by the centuries of knowledge, skill, and elegance of the old masters. Liberace teaches painting, anatomy, figure drawing and sculpture at The Art League of Virginia. He also teaches workshops throughout the United States and abroad.



**WHEN THE WEATHER OUTSIDE LOOKS LIKE THIS, THE GALLERY AND THE ART CENTER WILL BE CLOSED!**

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**CONTINUING SHOW SET-UP SCHEDULE**

Day	PLACE				Telephone
Sun.	<u>Art Center</u> Pre-register by 1/15/10	01/04/10 02/01/10	10-1:00pm	Teresa Ahmad	319-3971
Thu	<u>Meadowlark Gardens</u> <u>Bin Pieces Only!</u>	01/14/10	10-1030am	G. Mohr-Friedrich Loy McGaughy	938-5842 758-9566
Thu	<u>Sandy Springs Bank</u>	01/22/10	10-11am	Jim Caldwell	938-8066
Sun	<u>VAS Gallery</u> Preregister by 12/30/09 02/10/10	01/03/10 02/14/10	2-2:30 pm	Carol Milton	759-5320
Sun	<u>Whole Foods Market</u> Preregister by 12/31/09	01/03/10	6:00 a.m.	G. Mohr- Friedrich	938-5842
Mon	<u>L'Image Salon</u> Preregister by 12/30/09	01/04/10	12-12:30pm	Debi Elliott Viktoria Maslova	319-1420
Mon	<u>Patrick Henry Library</u> Pre-register 01/20/10	01/25/10	9:00am	Madeleine Chen	280-0983

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