



Vienna Arts Society, Inc
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Executive Board Meeting

Vienna Art Center Sept 3,
2009, 10:35am

Membership Meeting, Sept 10,

2009 7:30pm

International Children's

Festival Sept 19 & 20, 2009-

Wolftrap

Oktoberfest Oct 3, 2009

Treasury of Art Nov 20-22,

2009

Our activities are partially supported by the Va. Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts and the Arts Council of Fairfax County.



September Demonstration: Darlene Kaplan

She will give a demonstration of Chinese Brush Painting in Lingnan style. Her work may be viewed at the Workhouse Art Center in Lorton, Bldg. 16 and at Gallery West at 1213 King Street in Alexandria.

She writes "The paintings are from the very simple, elegant brush stroke of the bamboo orchid to the complicated soothing landscapes that your eyes can take a journey up into the mountains and off into the mist before returning home.

Subtlety of a good painting lies in its being alike and yet unlike the subject where the absence of content can itself create rhythm and variety.

I believe that an artist is a person who can see something within the mind that can be brought into reality where it can be seen, felt, touched, heard, and even sometimes smelled.



For many years I painted realism in oils before making the change to oriental brush painting. Studying martial arts for years inspired me to try this medium, which I fell in love with right away. The calming effect of grinding the ink before painting, the energy that is put into throwing ink on paper is just the greatest of pleasures that only this style of art allows me to feel."

Darlene Kaplan

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</p>	<p><u>Friends (\$100-\$499)</u> Maureen & Joe Kammerer American Friends of Pinacothèque Harris Miller Aldo Becci Gertrud Mohr-Friedrich Sandy Springs Bank Business Bank Nancy Garcia</p>	<p><u>Associates (\$25-\$100)</u> Daphne Sloan Susan Johnson</p>
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The new season for the Vienna Arts Society is shaping up to be an active and interesting time. Something new that I will propose at the September meeting is an associate membership to the Vienna Arts Society. This would be a membership for those community members who support the arts but do not plan to be actively involved. Our advisory board recommended this addition.

Associate Members would be contributing members, patrons, and those who want to support the arts and the activities of VAS. Our organizational by-laws state that an addition such as this could be done by recommendation of the executive board and a vote of the membership. As noted on the cover of our newsletter, patrons are those who donate \$25 - \$100 are called "Associates." The membership would be priced as such. These members should receive the newsletter and be invited to receptions and exhibits. They would not, however, have the privilege of exhibit or the responsibility of volunteerism. They will be reminded to renew their membership each summer along with our artist members.

This issue will be an action item at the September 13 membership meeting asking for a vote so that this membership information can be disseminated at the public events in which VAS will be participating this fall.

We do have an action packed fall season with events that give a face to the Vienna Arts Society in our community. **The International Children's Festival** sponsored by the Arts Council of Fairfax will be taking place at **Wolftrap Farm Park** the weekend of September 19 and 20. This is the first year that they have planned to include the visual arts. VAS artists will be participating by exhibiting and demonstrating their art. Also we are helping to staff the information booth, which will include information about our organization. **Pat Conte** is spearheading this for us. conte28@aol.com.

Oktoberfest sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce is taking place October 3. VAS will be on hand sponsoring a children's activities booth. We are presently signing up volunteers for two-hour stints to help staff the booth and disseminate the project materials to the children. patricia.farrell3@verizon.net.

What is November without **Treasury of Art**, our premier juried art exhibit? **Doré Skidmore** and **Debi Elliott** are co-chairing this event along with a host of committee people. Plans are moving along. **Please contact them to give a hand.**

The Vienna Arts Society is a volunteer member organization. These activities give us creditability and support in our community. I hope that you can find an opportunity to help with one of these activities. Every little bit helps. Please call one of these chairpersons to ask what it is that you can do.

We had a wonderful critique session at the Art Center with **Sara Linda Poly** on August 13. She had such a wonderful approach to the artists and artworks presented. We drank in her constructive comments and listened to the opinions of other artists. It was a great learning experience and a chance to get to know our fellow members.

There is a critique on a regular basis at the Arts Center on the first Sunday each month. Contact **Robert Dowler** for more information, or just drop by with your artwork.

The strength of our organization is its members and the talents and time that they all give to create the Vienna Arts Society. I am glad that you are a member. Tell your artist friends about VAS.

Donna R. Grone, President

VAS GALLERY NEWS FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWS LETTER

GALLERY FEATURED ARTIST from AUGUST 30 TO OCTOBER 11 WILL BE FRAN RATHJEN.

Impressionist **Fran Rathjen's** career in fine art started in New York area in the 1960's showing in galleries, museums, exhibits and sidewalk shows. After several years, Fran participated in shows in other parts of the country; mainly, Colorado, Arizona and California.

Retirement led to further interest in the fine arts in the capitol area. Fran started again as a painter in all mediums and sculpture. Her paintings and sculptures are in many private collections.



“At Rest”



“Regatta”

Artist’s Statement

“Like your subject, take it as a challenge and treat it freely, allowing fluency as much as possible. It is essential that one’s work captures the eye of the beholder, and holds it. By this I mean a work should not lose interest in time, or it is not well portrayed.

The Title of Fran’s exhibit is “ *The World Around US*”

The featured artist from OCTOBER 11 TO NOVEMBER 22 will be JANICE BURNS.

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 is ready.

VAS GALLERY October 11, 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 **Rita Bentley** 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 October 7, 2009. On Sunday, October 11,** please bring your pictures to the Gallery at 2:00 p.m. Your assistance in hanging the show will be appreciated.

The Gallery show change schedule for the remainder of 2009 is: October 11, November 22. New members are always welcome!

PATRICK HENRY LIBRARY: Next show change at Patrick Henry Library will be on September 21 at 9 AM. Please pre-register by Sept. 18 with **Madeleine Chen** 703-280-0983.

WHOLE FOODS CAFÉ: The date for the Whole Foods Cafe change is Sunday, Sept. 13 at 6am. . **Gertrud** needs a partner for the next and future changes. Please call her at 703 938 5842.

MEADOWLARK GARDENS: Change at Meadowlark Gardens is Thursday, September 24 at 10.am.

ART CENTER

September brings us "Water!" Please come by and enjoy the themed show, defined by our many artists at VAS and the community. The reception is to be held Friday, August 28th 7pm-9pm and we will present awards by juror **P. Delia Chisholm**.

Maureen Kammerer and **Suzanne Farrell** will be showing their work for the month of October. Their show is titled "*In Monet's Garden and Other Landscapes*". The reception will be October 18th, and they hope to see many of you there.

WORKSHOPS

AUGUST: **Pauline Lorfano** will be teaching a workshop the 21st and 22nd on drawing...9:30a-3:30p

SEPTEMBER: **Lassie Corbett** will be instructing in the use of Acrylic and Mixed Media Sept. 14-18th, 10a-4:30pm ,

OCTOBER: **Shari MacFarlane** is scheduled to teach Mixed Media Oct. 16-17th, 10am-4pm, \$200.

NOVEMBER: **Lassie Corbett** will host a Watercolor Workshop Nov. 6-7th, 10am-4:30pm, \$150.

Contact **Teresa Ahmad** for further information and to register for workshops! Please contact the instructor for classes!

CLASSES

September 21-November 2, 2009

"Creative Thinking Through Watercolors"
10am-12:30pm \$150 (7 sessions)

MONDAYS WITH MARNI LAWSON 703-577-0967.

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. marnilawsonwatercolors@hotmail.com

September 23- November 18, 2009

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

WEDNESDAYS WITH LASSIE CORBETT
703-435-1888

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.

September 23 – November 18, 2009

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

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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.

September 23 – November 18, 2009

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

WEDNESDAYS WITH LASSIE CORBETT
703-435-1888

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.

Carolyn Grossé Gawarecki, NWS, WHS, locally and nationally known artist, will be teaching watercolor classes incorporating the 7 Principles and 8 Elements of Design while studying landscapes, figures, and florals.

Classes begin Tue. Sept. 22, morning at 9:45 am -12:30 pm and afternoon at 1:15 pm - 3:30 pm to Dec. 1. A second morning class begins on Sept. 29 to Dec. 8. Classes meet every other week for 5 weeks for in-depth critiques and demonstrations; artists paint at home. All lessons are the same for 2 weeks in a row which allows for make-ups. Register at the Falls Church Recreation and Parks Dept., 223 Little Falls St., Falls Church from late Aug. through Sept. On line go to www.fallschurchva.gov or call 703-248-507, or stop in in person. Free parking. More

information call Carolyn 703-532-5278 or grosseart@cox.net.

WEBSITE

Arla Albers is still waiting on most of you to send her your personal pictures and a picture of your work to put on the VAS web page. Email them to her directly at Arla@ArlaStudio.com. Your work will make our web look more professional.

If you don't have a web page, that's OK. Still send her a picture of your work, etc. If you don't have it digital, just bring those pictures to the next meeting. And if you haven't had a chance, DO take a look at our new look on the website. www.viennaartsociety.org You'll be happy you did. Arla is upkeeping the site almost on a daily basis, so if you want to know something, just go to the site. Thanks. Arla

SAVE THE DATE! Our 40th Annual **TREASURY OF ART** show and sale is November 20 - 22, in Vienna's Community Center on Park Street. Look for the banner across Maple Avenue that week, and tell everyone you know about this milestone event. And, of course, make sure you have three wonderful works of art to enter!

Frederic S. Briggs, AWS has been selected by our society to jury the show. A member of the faculty of the Schuler School of Fine Art, he also teaches throughout the Baltimore area and conducts working art tours in Europe. Twice named the top watercolorist in the United States, Mr. Briggs has been elected to the American Watercolor Society, and has won the prestigious Salmagundi award in New York. He is also a member of the Charcoal Club of Maryland.

The Prospectus will be on the VAS Web Site soon, (www.ViennaArtsSociety.org) as well as in upcoming newsletters.

We are building our team of volunteers, so please let us know if you would like to help work on the following: Publicity (beginning now!); Drop off/on site registration (Weds., Nov. 18); *Hanging the* show (Thurs., Nov. 1); Artwork pick-up (Thurs., Nov. 19); Refreshments for the Awards Reception (Fri., Nov. 20); Decorating for

the Awards Reception (Fri., Nov. 20); Entertainment for the Awards Reception (Fri. Nov. 20); Sales (Fri., Nov. 20 - Sun., Nov. 22); Closing (Sun., Nov. 22).

Let's give our town a show to remember!

Co-Chairs: **Doré Skidmore** 703-281-1921, **Debi Elliott** 703-319-1420

SALES FOR JULY

Meadowlark	8	\$438
L'Image	2	\$1,025
Art Center	2	\$235

APPOINTED EXECUTIVE BOARD 2009/2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Art Center Director	Teresa Ahmad
Chamber of Commerce Liaisons	Patricia Farrell Mary Ellen Larkin
*Continuing shows	(open)
Directory	Arla Albers
*Fundraising Chair	(open)
Gallery Directors	Carol Milton Rita Bentley
*Grant Applications	(open)
*Historian	(open)
Hospitality Chairs	Gwinn Ward Susan Segrist Jackie Liedl Arla Albers
Mailing Coordinator	Margaret Johnson?
Membership	Nan Hornstein
New York City Trip	Pauline Lorfano there is a "team"
Newsletter Editor	Allen Pearson
Parliamentarian	Mary Ann Taylor, Helen Dilley Barsalou
Photographer	Patricia Farrell, Beverly Schindler
Photography Show	Penny Champagne
Program Chairs	Debi Elliott Grace Rooney Dore' Skidmore Debi Elliott
Public Relations Coordinators	Arla Albers
Spring Show	(open)
State Agent for Corporation	
Ticket to Art	
Treasury of Arts Show	
Webmaster	Arla Albers
*Workshops	(open)

***THESE POSITIONS ARE OPEN AND WAITING FOR YOU TO STEP UP AND FILL ONE OF THEM. PLEASE CONTACT DONNA GRONE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING YOUR ORGANIZATION. WE NEED YOU!**

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:

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"Enriching
our community
through the arts."

Day	PLACE	DATE	TIME	Contact	Telephone
Sun.	<u>Art Center</u>	9/27/09	10-1:00pm	Teresa Ahmad	319-3971
Thu	<u>Meadowlark Gardens Bin Pieces Only!</u>	9/24/09	10-1030am	G. Mohr-Friedrich Loy McGaughy	938-5842 758-9566
Thu	<u>Potomac Bank</u>	9/17/09	10:00am	J. Caldwell	938-8066
Sun	<u>VAS Gallery Preregister by 10/0709</u>	10/11/09	2-2:30 pm	Rita Bentley	281-3933
Sun	<u>Whole Foods Market</u>	9/13/09	6:00 a.m.	G. Mohr- Friedrich	938-5842
Mon	<u>L'Image Salon Preregister by 9/10/09</u>	9/14/09	12-12:30pm	Debi Elliott Viktoria Maslova	319-1420
Mon	<u>Patrick Henry Library Pre-register 9/18/09</u>	9/21/09	9:00am	Madeleine Chen	280-0983



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