

**Vienna Arts Society, Inc**  
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Board Meeting, May 2, 10:30am  
Art Center

Membership Meeting  
May 12, 7:30pm

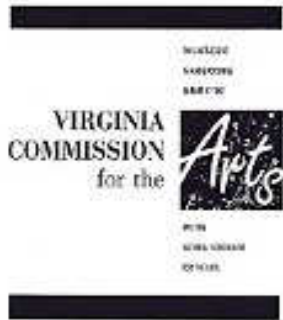
Critique Meeting June 12, 2pm-4pm

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

Virtual Workshop at Art Center  
Thursday, May 5



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

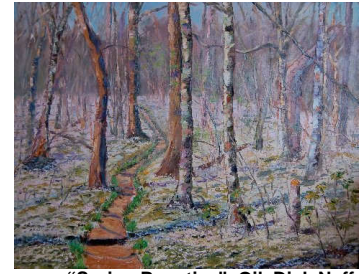


**VAS THANKS THE FOLLOWING DONORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2010/2011. WE LOOK FORWARD TO ADDING YOUR NAME!**

### SPRING SPLENDOR

Opening Reception for members only judged spring show: Saturday, May 7, 6 pm - 8 pm, Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Show runs from Tuesday, May 3 - Memorial Day Weekend.

See prospectus below!



"Spring Beauties", Oil, Dick Neff



Gabriel Riego de Dios, 40"x30", oil, "April"

### IT'S ALL ABOUT COLOR

Color can be bold, bright, or intense. It can also be soft, delicate or subtle. It is often used in paintings to evoke emotions and moods. Imagine a carnival scene without color. Imagine a spring garden without color. It is not surprising that most artists feel color is an essential part of their creative process.



Jan Burns, 12"x12" and one part of a triptych, acrylic, "Color/Texture" Study

In the Vienna Arts Society show "*It's All About Color,*" approximately 20 artists will display work in which color plays a dominant role. The show opens at the Vienna Arts Society Gallery on Tuesday, May 3 and runs until Saturday, June 11. The gallery is located at 513 Maple Avenue, West, in Vienna. Hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is 703-319-3220.

### SHEPHERD'S CENTER SILENT ART AUCTION BENEFIT

Calling all artists to consider donating art (paintings, photos, jewelry, pottery, glass, sculpture) to the Shepherd's Silent Auction. Art work can be dropped off at the Vienna Arts Center Tuesday May 24th-Friday May 27th. We will be hanging the show on Saturday. Please mark for the Shepherd's Center.

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV) in collaboration with the Vienna Arts Society will hold their 3rd annual Silent Auction Art Benefit during the month of June. The event will kick off with an Artists Reception on Sunday, June 5 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Vienna Art Center. Light refreshments will be served; the event is free and open to the public. Bidding starts on May 31 and will end on Saturday, June 25th at 4 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Shepherd's Center. Also Channel 10 will be there on June 5th doing an interview with artists and others involved with VAS and the Shepherd's Center.

### ANNUAL PHOTO SHOW, JULY, 2011

This event is open to the community. Please forward information regarding this show to your friends and peers you think may be interested. Stay tuned for more information.

<u>Patrons (\$1,000+)</u> George Dumas	<u>Donors (\$500-\$999)</u> Margaret Johnson	<u>Friends (\$100-\$499)</u>	<u>Friends (\$100-\$499)</u>	<u>Friends (\$25-\$99)</u>
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Thanks to Dick Neff for chairing the meetings this month and to VAS members who stepped up to donate and to give a hand to our Fundraiser, Ticket-to-Art. Grace Rooney will report on this event later. Thanks to Vivian Attermeyer, Pauline Lorfano, and Patrick Conte, who are forming the Budget committee. VAS Budget Committee will be reviewing our monetary transactions from this past year and outlining a budget for the next fiscal year. If you are a committee chair, please submit your expenditures to them for this document. This will be reported in May.

Teresa Ahmad, Carol Fogelson, and I have established a regular e-mail feature. Since there seems to be so many information items that need to be shared before the newsletter comes out we established Wednesday as Blast E-Mail day to VAS members. The information should go through Teresa or I so that this process does not become the "wild west" for Carol or our general membership. I want to remind you that you have access to all VAS members contact information via your membership directory. There are many directories remaining at the art center if you have not yet picked up your copy.

The nominations for the elected officers are open. I know that we have a lot of talent for these leadership positions, please respond to Dick Neff and his committee in regard to forming a ticket for the elections in June. This is a good way to keep your resume current and to make new friends within the Vienna Arts Society.

The Vienna Arts Society Long-Term-plan was adopted at the February meeting. The final printed version is on the bulletin board at the art center. One of the objectives in closing the financial gap was to raise the dues to \$40. This was also a recommendation from our Advisory board. It was discussed by the board this month and will be presented to the membership at the May meeting for discussion and vote.

Prepare your art. Our spring shows are proving to be exciting. Show your Art!

## **OTHER NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **Volunteering Produces Health Benefits**

Volunteers help themselves to better health while helping others, according to a study released this month by the Corporation for National and Community Service that reviews a compelling collection of recent scientific research.

*The Health Benefits of Volunteering: A Review of Recent Research* has found a significant connection between volunteering and good health. The report shows that volunteers have greater longevity, higher functional ability, lower rates of depression and less incidence of heart disease. (Report available at [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov).)

"Volunteering makes the heart grow stronger," said David Eisner, CEO of the Corporation. "More than 61 million Americans volunteer to improve conditions for people in need and to unselfishly give of themselves. While the motivation is altruistic, it is gratifying to learn that their efforts are returning considerable health benefits." Being an active member of the Vienna Arts Society is a healthy choice.

### **Newsletter**

I apologize for the late distribution of the April newsletter. Our "new editor", Gwynne Mason has been ill and needs to take leave of this appointment. We were very lucky that Nan Hornstein stepped up to compile this issue well past the deadline. We did not have access to all of the information submitted early and on time so not everything got printed. While meeting with Sherry Russo, our web manager, she asked if she could do the newsletter and I said yes. I want to thank other members who have also offered. I think that we should consider a team for this task so that there are a number of people who can do a newsletter. -Donna

## **TICKET TO ART / 2011**

### **Final Report**

There were 48 beautiful paintings donated. Thank all of you to make it a wonderful show. Please don't be disappointed if your painting did not go; you can sell it for what it is really worth. 23 tickets were sold for \$125 each including six sold at the door. One painting was purchased after the raffle. Total tickets sold 24. We brought in \$3 000

We sold Door Prize tickets before the raffle bringing in \$210. There were six door prizes donated by local businesses including: Plaka Grill, Great Harvest Bread Company, Caffee Amouri, Plaza Art, Black Eyed Susan, plus an Art Incentive Basket. Please frequent these businesses to support them.

We had a Tea and See Reception on Sunday, March 6, 1:00 – 3:00. The Harmonia School of Music and Art brought their young musicians who put on a great performance during the Tea.

The Raffle was held on Saturday, March 19, 4:30. Marni Lawson and Shari MacFarlane painted to the music of Dick Neff and the Higher Ground Trio. The drawings started around 5:30. Peggy James, owner of the Artful Gift Shop was our Master of Ceremonies.

Dori Skidmore, our new Public Relations Person, did a great job in getting the word out in our local papers. We had articles with pictures in the Vienna Connection, the Sun Gazette, Viva Tysons Magazine.

Teresa Ahmad did the postcards, the flyers and the thank you letters. Pauline Lorfano did a flyer; Joan Dimond worked up a letter to businesses.

The paintings were put up on the website with a ticket to be downloaded. Allen Pearson advertised on Facebook and Twitter.

We had many hands to help, Susan Segrist did a great job at decorating the table and setting up along with Joan Dimond, Richelle Kaufman, Viktoriya Maslova. Food was donated by Teresa Ahmad, Pauline Lorfano, Jean Conte, Vivian Attermeyer, Annette Masnik, Jean Johnston, and Susan Segrist. Others: Donna Grone, co-chair, who was my advisory, Pauline Lorfano, Marcia Horstman, Margaret Johnson, Dori Skidmore, Donna Diewald, Jan Watkins, and Carol Kelly were a great help also. Thanks to all. The total amount brought in was \$3,126.00.

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Marni Lawson has been awarded an Artist in Residency at Acadia National Park* this fall! She will have an opportunity to do two programs for the public and provide a painting, and the rest of the time is hers to create! If you see Marni, be sure to congratulate her on this great accomplishment.

*Thanks goes to Jane Coonce* for an informative program on “Trompe L’oeil” painting on April 14. Jane shared her techniques in achieving the illusion of wood, glass bottles, wood frames, cork fibre and drapery material in making realistic paintings. Jane teaches oil and acrylic painting in Arlington and was very complimentary about our facilities.

*Pauline Lorfano* will show on Thursday, May 5, at 10:15am at the Vienna Art Center, Charles Reid's Video, "Flowers in Watercolor." All those who wish, may bring their watercolor supplies and paint. The video is 58 minutes and you are encouraged to try his technique directly after the video. Lot's of fun.

*Pauline Lorfano* will have two paintings in the Washington Water Color "Spring Exhibit" at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville, May 1 thru June 26, Pauline will also have a painting in the Potomac Valley Watercolorist Exhibit at Green Springs Horticultural Center, April 25 to June 27, Reception May 1 from 1 to 3 pm.

*Vienna Art Society now has a google group.* It's an online painting “list” that you can join for free. Belonging to the list gets you questions, answers, and other tidbits of info from group members. To join, go to [www.groups.google.com](http://www.groups.google.com) and search for Vienna Arts Society. On the right side of the page, click on JOIN. Then join in the fun and education from each other. Got a question? Ask the group. Got a suggestion? Tell the group. Want to meet at the VAS Art Center to view a video? Tell the group. Want to meet to paint? Tell the group. This is going to be soooo much fun! See you on the internet! Please note that this is NOT the VASmember group. It's the Vienna Arts Society group.

If anyone is interested in *creating a group for plein aire painting* and/or a travel group to museums and exhibits, please let Teresa Ahmad know. This is to help promote VAS as well as build camaraderie among members with common interests.

### **UPCOMING COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS**

**Walk on the Hill** is scheduled for May 1st (Sunday)...we would like to know who would be interested to man hours at the Art Center as well as paint/sketch/photo on the "hill" during the festivities. Last year it was rained out and this could be our opportunity to work with Vienna Historic Inc and also have pieces to exhibit throughout Vienna with the help from the Town Liaison Committee finding venues to "tour" the exhibit in. Contact Teresa Ahmad if wanting to participate.

In last month's meeting there was discussion of **Viva Vienna**. There are no more booths available to rent, we would have to rent if we want to charge for a children's activity, as well as stay for two entire days throughout the weekend's event, which we cannot rally the manpower to do. The proposal is to host a Free Children's Activity Tent on the lawn of the Freeman Store (already approved by the Vienna Historic Inc. and Rotary of Vienna). We can put a donation can on the table, but we cannot ask for donations or funds to do the activity- this is not the proposal presented to the two organizations, this is a Community Outreach program since these two groups support us and we should in turn support them.

**"Arts Alive in Vienna"** This is an event Teresa Ahmad is furthering getting information and possibly coordinating through the Town on the Town Green, located on Mill Street and Church Street. We need to know who would be interested to host a 12x12 tent as a vendor/artist, who would volunteer on behalf of VAS and hand out information and answer inquiries, who would be interested to act as liaisons between vendors, town and VAS, etc. We plan to allow other art groups to participate and other art forms- such as performance, etc. There would be a fee to participate (TBD), and tents/set ups would be provided by the artist. However the sales would be 100% net to the artist. This may not happen this year especially if we do not have the support from our members.

### **MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING DEMONSTRATION**

**Jill Poyerd** is a watercolor artist who likes painting what she calls "life portraits" that offer glimpses into a child's life or the relationship between a parent and child. She also enjoys painting landscapes. Jill remarks that "Watercolor requires a different way of thinking than most painting mediums. You have to understand its movements. You have to



know when to control it and when to let it flow. You have to be flexible. It's these qualities that make it fun, challenging, beautiful, and maddening. Perhaps that's why I paint exclusively in watercolor. I like the challenge and variety it offers."

Jill first learned about painting from her mother, a successful oil painter. In her teens, her Parent's ran art workshops at their country inn in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania, where she was exposed to the works artists such as Don Getz, Hal Scroggy, and Edward Lis. She earned a B.A. in Mass Communications with studies in Fine Arts, and worked in advertising and public relations as an award-winning designer for a webpage company.

First as a full-time mom and then when her son started school, Jill began to explore watercolor by taking classes with nationally recognized watercolorist, Jean Gill, NWS, AWS. Jill is now an award-winning watercolorist and exhibits extensively throughout the metropolitan area. She is a member of the Baltimore Watercolor Society (BWS) and an associate member of both the National Watercolor Society and the Philadelphia Watercolor Society. Her works are currently in the BWS 2011 Mid-Atlantic Regional Exhibition in Bethesda, and in May-June her work will be exhibited at the Virginia Watercolor Society's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition at the Rappahannock Art League in Kilmarnock, VA.

In January of this year, Jill curated and participated in the "Portraits of Life" Exhibition at the Delaplane Visual Arts Education Center in Frederick, MD. She has developed techniques of wet and dry brushwork that she readily shares during demonstrations. For the VAS, Jill will speak on "Taking the Fear Out of Painting Portraits and Figures," including how to paint skin tones and hair. See her splendid work at [jpwatercolors.com](http://jpwatercolors.com).

### **GALLERY SITTING AND VOLUNTEER HOURS**

The Vienna Arts Society is a volunteer membership organization; each member is expected to volunteer at least five hours each year. We provide five venues to exhibit art for our members including a Gallery at the Village Green Shopping Center\*.

Vienna Arts Society Members exhibit free of charge at many venues such as the Art Center, L'Image Salon, Meadowlark Gardens, or Whole Foods Market,

(The exception is the VAS Gallery\*) in return we ask for a minimum of 3 hours per venue at the Arts Center during the duration of the exhibit. For example: if an artist is exhibiting at L'Image and Meadowlark Gardens at the same time, 6 hours of sitting time is due that month. The maximum amount of volunteer time during the exhibition periods is 6 hours. If an artist is showing at three venues, the maximum required is still 6 hours. If this time is not met, the artist's work will not be accepted for any other exhibit until the time is made up. If an exhibiting artist cannot meet the sitting requirement there are other options for volunteering hours, such as committee work or helping at VAS events. VAS Art Center hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. and from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. Artist must sign up either in person or on the phone by calling 703-319-3971.

\*Vienna Arts Society Gallery Policy: Participating artists may hang two paintings per gallery show and sign up for six hours of sitting, two three hour shifts or one six hour. This fulfills the hours required for participation in all VAS venues. The featured artist works an additional three-hour shift. Several of the Gallery artists dedicate a Sunday afternoon to help hang each Gallery Show.

All artists, when sitting, need to sign the log as proof of sitting. If an artist isn't able to sit his or her shift, it is the artist's responsibility to find a replacement. Substitutes may sit for the artist, however, when signing the log, must indicate that they are a substitute and for whom.

Coordinators at each of the venue sites will provide the volunteer coordinator with names of exhibiting members no later than two days after each gallery is hung. The volunteer coordinator, in turn, will provide the respective chairpersons with the names of people who have not fulfilled their obligations in sitting and who may not hang their work at future venues until the obligation is met. This will be referred to as the "Delinquent Hours list". It will be kept by the volunteer coordinator and not be published.

Venue chairpersons are asked to enforce these rules by refusing artwork from those people who are on the "Delinquent Hours List".

These rules and procedures shall be published and made available as follows:

1. Displayed at all venues during show changes.
2. Published in the annual membership directory and in the newsletter at least once per year.

Elected officers, all venue and committee chairs, web master, newsletter editor, publicity coordinator, show chairs, Treasury of Arts Show coordinator, volunteer coordinator, Arts Council of Fairfax representative are exempted from this additional volunteer requirement, if they choose.

### **GALLERY FEATURED ARTIST**



**Janice Burns** will be the featured artist until May 1.

**"Textured Paintings"**

### **BE A VAS GALLERY FEATURED ARTIST**

Featured artist are entitled to show about 8 paintings in the most prominent area of our gallery. The VAS will submit your publicity to the local media. To be featured, you must have participated in at least six different VAS Gallery shows during the past 12 months.

## **SHOW CHANGE**

Vienna Arts Society Gallery, 513 Maple Avenue, W. 703-319-3220

To register, you must be a VAS member and agree to sit at the Gallery. You may enter two paintings (two dimensional only). Size limitations and VAS exhibiting standard apply. To enter, send your painting information to Carol Milton ([miltons22182@yahoo.com](mailto:miltons22182@yahoo.com), 703-759-5320). Please sign up before April 27. On Sunday May 1, deliver your paintings to the gallery by 1:30 PM.

The 2011 Gallery show schedule is January 2, February 13, March 27, May 1, June 12, July 24, August 28, October 2, November 13 and December 18.

Carol Milton is the VAS Gallery director and Janice Burns is assistant director. Contact Carol, or Janice for information regarding the show change, participating, or how you can help. New members are always welcome.

## **CONTINUING SHOWS :**

Show change for Whole Foods Market is Sunday, April 3, at 7:00am. Meadowlark Gardens for bin pieces only will be on Thursday, April 21, at 10:00am. Please contact Loy McGaughy or Gertrud Mohr-Friedrich to pre-register. L'Image change will be on May 9, at 12:00pm. Please contact Debi Elliott or Viktoriya Maslova to pre-register. Sandy Spring Bank will change on Thursday May 26, at 10:00am. Please contact Jim Cardwell at 703-938-8066 to pre-register. June changes are: Meadowlark Gardens on Thursday, June 2, at 10:00am and Whole Foods on Sunday, June 5, at 7:00am.

## **ART CENTER**

April's showcase runs through April 30th with Armando Meschieri and Teresa Ahmad as featured artists and other VAS members on display. When this show comes down we lead into the Annual Judged Spring Show "Spring Splendor"...attached is a prospectus and all are encouraged to enter their latest work. Gwen Bragg is going to judge our pieces the week of May 2nd.

## **JUST A NOTE**

As VAS members we should continue to advertise and spread the word about our featured artists both in the gallery and in the art center, as well as our other venues and partnerships. If you are submitting any work to any site, please pass the invitation along to friends, family, peers, co-workers, etc. to view your work and the work of your friends at VAS, and always pass the invitation along in regards to receptions- this is an opportunity to support VAS and its individual artists to allow us all to thrive.

## **CLASSES**

### **On-Going Figure Studio - Mondays**

18+ years of age, unless written permission to attend by legal guardian.

4:30pm-6:30pm Monday evenings, 6 sessions for \$50

(or \$10 per walk-in)

This is not a class but an open studio to "brush-up" your anatomy. \*\*\*This studio is a wonderful opportunity for high school and college students to enhance their figure drawing skills- pass this information along...

**Cartooning with Janet Watkins**, Saturdays May 7th and May 21st. Ages 8-10 hosted at 10am-12pm and a 1:30p-3:30p workshop for ages 12-14. Each workshop is \$75 per student.

**Lassie Corbett**- please contact her directly to register  
**WATERCOLOR BASICS** (7 weeks) Wednesdays May 4-June 15 10a-12p \$140  
**PAINTING NATURE** (7 weeks) Wednesdays May 4-June 15 1pm-3pm \$140  
**ORIENTAL BRUSH** (7 weeks) Wednesdays May 4-June 15 3:30p-5:30p \$140

## 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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513 Maple Avenue, West  
Vienna, VA 22180  
Phone: (703) 319-3220  
**Carol Milton:** 703-759-5320 and  
her e-mail is  
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Day	PLACE	DATE	TIME	Contact	Telephone
Sun.	<u>Art Center</u> Preregister by 4/27/11	5/2/11	10-1:00pm	Teresa Ahmad	319-3971
Thu	<u>Meadowlark</u> <u>Gardens</u> <u>Bin Pieces Only!</u>	4/21/11	10:00am	G. Mohr-Friedrich Loy McGaughy	938-5842 758-9566
Thu	<u>Sandy Springs</u> <u>Bank</u>	5/26/11	10:00am	Jim Caldwell	938-8066
Sun	<u>VAS Gallery</u> Preregister by 4/27/11	5/1/11	1:30pm	Carol Milton Loy McGaughy	759-5320 758-9566
Sun	<u>Whole Foods</u> <u>Market</u> Preregister by 5/29/11	6/5/11	7:00 a.m.	G. Mohr- Friedrich A.Pearson	938-5842 961-9466
Mon	<u>L'Image Salon</u> Preregister by 5/7/10	5/9/11	12:00pm	Debi Elliott ViktoriyaMaslova	319-1420 560-0575
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