



Vienna Arts Society, Inc
www.viennaartssociety.org

Board Meeting

Thursday, February 2, 7pm

Membership Meeting

February 9, 10:30am, Art Center

Critique Meeting

Sunday, February 19?

Life Drawing Class Mondays

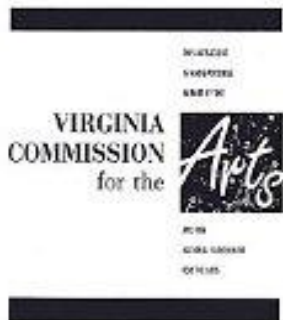
4:30-6:30pm, Art Center, email
Arline Liu for info @
all_4_walls@hotmail.com

Virtual Workshop at Art Center

February 16, 10:00am-12:00pm



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 2011/2012. WE LOOK FORWARD TO ADDING YOUR NAME!

**VAS Gallery Show
January 31 – March 9, 2012
“Bright Beginnings”**

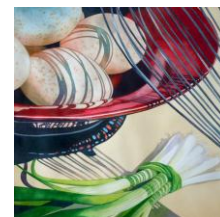


Marni Lawson, “Breakthrough”

This is a Vienna Arts Society Gallery theme show. The words “Bright Beginnings” can be interpreted many different ways: a new life, a new year, fresh start and daybreak are just a few examples. No matter how these words are interpreted they almost always evoke feelings of hope and optimism. You can find more information about the show below!

**VAS Art Center Show
JANUARY 31 - MARCH 3, 2012
“Journey into Light”**

Watercolor paintings by D. Marshall Elliott, winner the Vienna Arts Society's Treasury of Art juried show. Meet the artist at a reception Friday, February 24, 7:00 p.m. - 10 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. NW, Vienna. Free, Tuesdays - Saturdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 703-319-3971
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D. Marshall Elliott,
"Not Yet Beaten"

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, February 9, 2012**

Contemporary Impressionistic Art Demonstration by Elaine Elinsky. Elaine will be discussing how she approaches her subject and will give a brief demonstration. She considers herself a contemporary impressionistic artist using color and brush strokes to create still life and landscape paintings. She comes from a family of creative people. Her father was a talented wood carver who created carousel horses and a variety of other playful and colorful wood sculptures and pictures. Her brother is a well-known stained glass artist in England. His studio in London produces both traditional and contemporary windows for public and private spaces. She is part of the Great Falls Artist Atelier. Her work is available through the Chasen gallery in at the Vienna Arts Society's general membership meeting. Free and open to the public. 10:00 a.m. - noon, Thursday, Feb. 9, Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna.



UPCOMING

The Vienna Arts Society Presents
It's APRIL 2012 Spring Show
Art in Bloom
VAS membership Exhibit
All Paintings contain Flowers/Botanical
Open to Public: April 3, through April. 29.
Vienna Art Center and Gallery
[Click here](#) for more information!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A BIG welcome to our new art center director, Pat Buteux, pronounced "butoo". She has hit the ground running, as we used to say in the Navy. I can already tell that Pat is going to be a BIG asset to VAS.

Also, a BIG thank you to all who committed to donating to our new paint job and have already sent in their checks to VAS. And if you committed and have not sent your check, please bring it to the meeting on Feb. 9th. What a difference new paint makes! And a big thanks to Debi Elliott who found the painter that was willing to do it for us at a non-profit price.

Remember, the meeting on Feb. 9th is during the day. 10:30 A.M. And be there on time to receive a chance for a nice gift.

Speaking of BIG, I would encourage you to supersize your canvas. Go BIG. Working on a large scale is something everyone should try at least once. It's a big different painting big than working on a smaller canvas. Also, people like to buy bigger artwork, so go for it! GO BIG and go bold!

Art in Bloom is coming up in April, so now is the time to prepare for that show. This is a judged show. And Pauline has set up a series of wonderful Wednesday mornings where artists will be painting flowers. This is open to the public, so bring your friends.

Also, we have children's classes coming up in February. Pat has made flyers for everyone to distribute to your neighbors. Let's make these classes a "go". Remember all classes held provide money to the art center.

We have so many talented artists at the Art Center. I'm happy that you can come to participate. Be safe in the coming snow.....and maybe paint it?

Arla Albers, President, Vienna Arts Society

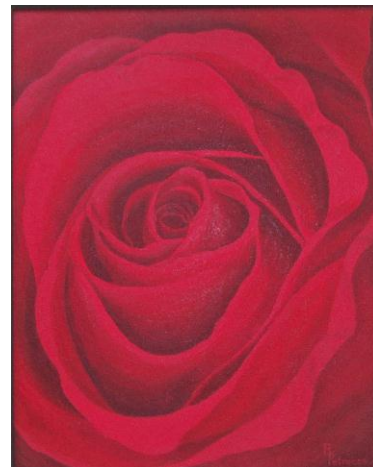
VAS GALLERY SHOW

"**Bright Beginnings**", a Vienna Arts Society Gallery theme show will open January 31 and run through March 9. The words "Bright Beginnings" can be interpreted many different ways: new life, a new year, daybreak, a fresh start are just a few examples. No matter how these words are interpreted they almost always evoke feelings of hope and optimism.

Approximately 20 artists will display their vision of the phrase "Bright Beginnings". Two of the artist represented will be Regina Petrecca and Marnie Lawson.

Regina studied art years ago, but didn't pick up her brushes again till she retired. She feels there's something magical about taking a totally blank canvas and transforming it into something that she (and, hopefully, others) enjoy. She gets her inspiration from many sources, which explains her varied subjects. She considers herself a contemporary realist with a love of color that shines through in all her paintings.

Winner of "Best Collaboration" (along with Sue Shaw, poet) at the recent Lorton Workhouse Art Gallery's juried "**Poetic Art**" show, Marni Lawson is an award winning watercolor artist, teacher, and creative thinker. A signature member of the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, the Baltimore WC Society, and the Potomac Valley Watercolorists, Marni was awarded an Artist in Residency at Acadia National Park in Maine in the fall of 2011. She teaches "Creative Thinking Through Watercolors" both at the Vienna Art Society on Pleasant St. in Vienna, VA. as well as at her studio in Haymarket. <http://www.marnilawsonwatercolors.com>



Regina Petrecca

The Vienna Arts Society Gallery which is located at 513 Maple Avenue West, Vienna, VA. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. at to 4 p.m. For more information call 703-319-3220.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL TRIP TO NYC IN 2012

Potomac Valley Watercolorists, Vienna Arts Society and McLean Art Society will motorbus up to New York City on April 12, 2012 (a Thursday) for our annual visit to the American Watercolor Society International Exhibition. We will depart the morning of April 12. After visiting the exhibition and enjoying the many attractions offered by the Big Apple for two days we will motorbus home on the afternoon of April 14 (Saturday). Hotel and motorbus arrangements are being made and we will have more information and costs shortly. For now, get out your brand new calendar and put a circle around April 12, 2012

BE A VAS GALLERY FEATURED ARTIST

SHOW CHANGE

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

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.

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 (miltonts22182@yahoo.com, 703-759-5320).

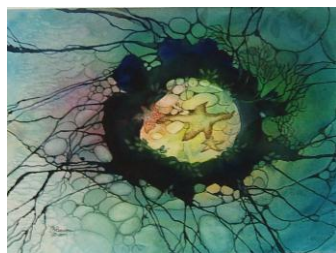
Carol Milton is the VAS Gallery director and Janice Burns is assistant director. Contact Carol or Janice for information regarding the show change, participating, or how you can help. New members are always welcome.

CONTINUING SHOWS:

Meadowlark has decided not to have our bin pieces anymore. We will see if we could share or alternate the wall space with the photographers. We will keep you informed. There are no changeovers in February. The change over for March will be: SANDY SPRING BANK: Thursday, March 1, at 10:00. Please pre-register with Jim Cardwell at 703-938-8066. L'IMAGE: Monday, March 12 at 12:00. Please pre-register with Debi Elliott at dmelliott@cox.net. CHANNEL 10: Wednesday, March 28 at 11:00. Please pre-register with Grace Rooney at gracemrooney@gmail.com. The good news is that five paintings were sold at L'Image: Congratulations to Jean Johnson, Viktoriya Maslova who sold two and to Marvel Adams who also sold two. Good Job! If anyone knows of a place that we might be able to hang our work, please let me know. We are looking into Joe's Pizza and Pasta in Vienna. I will keep you updated. Remember that if you hang in any of these venues you must sign up to sit at the Art Center or do other volunteer hours. Thanks. Grace Rooney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruth Ensley was juried into the Potomac Valley Watercolorists in December! Ruth will be doing a Demo at the monthly meeting of the Springfield Art Guild on Feb. 8th in the Springfield Mall. The topic is: **IDEAS TO KEEP YOUR CREATIONS LOOKING FRESHER AND MORE EXCITING.** Ruth will show the painting process that she has used throughout the years while working in several different media. Also, she will discuss the importance of good design, various painting techniques, capitalizing on "Happy Accidents" and the thought processes that have really worked for her.



Marni Lawson will have two artworks on display at **1st Stage Theatre** along with the Potomac Valley Watercolorists beginning in February. This is in conjunction with their play "Almost, Maine." (a series of 9 or 10 sketches from the fictitious town of "Almost" in Maine. Photo of one of the two pieces, "**Five Point Pool**" is attached below. The other one is called "**First and Last Run of the Season**" (Of Sugarloaf Ski area in Maine) and includes an inset with the view from the first aid toboggan.

OPPORTUNITY

Is it time for the next step in your professional career? Gallery West has been in business 32 years, now on King St in Alexandria. Gallery West has monthly shows with room for a group of pieces by each artist. Sit once a month. Huge mailing list available. Special New Members show in your first year. www.gallery-west.com or call or Helen Barsalou 703-560-3977

WANTED: A FEW GOOD ARTISTS



Our annual outreach to kids in Vienna is the free Printmaking Workshop at Patrick Henry Library, Tuesday, Mar. 20 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. No experience necessary, because each station has two artists, one of whom has worked on this before. You and a dozen other VAS members will help several dozen kids create mono-prints, relief prints, veggie prints. They print a fish! Please call or email me if you are willing to help out! Dore' Skidmore, 703-281-1921 or fskidmore@aol.com.

UPCOMING

Marni Lawson will be doing a program for the March meeting of the Vienna Art Society. It is an evening program and will be on the **ARTIST IN RESIDENCE** program at **Acadia National Park in Maine**. Marni will have a copy of the application as well as the actual application that she sent in to get me accepted. She will be showing a digital presentation of the area in Maine where this is held, the views from around there, and sketchbook pieces and finished works from my time there. **They award 4-6 residencies each year and one year awarded 15!!!** So it is not like it is a one shot deal like the Carinna House on Monhegan is.

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

SATURDAY, CHILDREN'S CLASSES at The VIENNA Art Center

- **MINI MASTERS**

8-12 years of age, starting Saturday, February 18, 10am-12pm. The classes will run for five weeks. Some materials will be required. Cost \$150. Checks should be made out to Vienna Arts Society and mailed to Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. Vienna, VA 22180. Attn: Pauline Lorfano.

Great Masterpieces

*Students will study what makes Picasso Collages Cubist- they will explore with paper and paint and also create "Picasso works of art" for Young Picasso's.

*Students will discuss and study how Leonardo DaVinci's inventions were ahead of his time--- we will discuss and also create some of Leonardo's inventions.

* Students will discuss and study why do Monet's Water Lillies look so Serene- and visuals of all the Masters work, and will also create a "Monet".

- **YOUNG ADULT PAINTING CLASSES**

12-18 years of age, Saturday, February 18, 1-3pm
Richelle Kaufman, instructor

*Students will develop-- Painting skills using direct observation and beyond. The class will focus on Line, Color, Shape, Perspective and Composition. Principles of design and Elements will be discussed as well as short teacher demonstrations.

Mediums include - Pencil, charcoal and Acrylic Paint. Emphasis of this class will be placed on finding and developing each student's personal style. Material list will be provided upon registration.

Five Week session, \$150. Checks should be made out to Vienna Arts Society and mailed to Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. Vienna, VA 22180. Attn: Pauline Lorfano.

RICHELLE KAUFMAN

Richelle Kaufman is a classically trained artist with a certification in Forensic Art.

Ms Kaufman has studied under Nelson Shanks in Philadelphia, Pa. as well as taken workshops from Bo Bartlett. She currently teaches art to inner City DC children through the Higher Achievement program, as well as teaching watercolor classes at CHAW on Tuesday evenings, throughout the year. Her work is in many private collections worldwide, as well as, The Villa Camilla Hotel in the Republic of Panama, and several Hospitals in the City of Philadelphia.

- **"Creative Thinking Through Watercolors with Marni Lawson, Monday, Feb. 27, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr. 2, 9, 10:00am-12:30pm, Vienna Art Society, 115 Pleasant St. Vienna VA. Wed. morning and Thurs. evening classes available in Haymarket as well. Cost \$150.00 for 7 sessions. [Click here](#) for more information or call 703-577-0967.**

While learning the tools/building blocks for creating watercolors, students will also share exercises in creative thinking. All levels of ability are welcome. Class size 5-8 students. Students supply their own materials.

WATERCOLOR MONOTYPES with DEBORAH CONN on Tuesday Mornings

10 am to 12 noon, starting February 28, for five weeks, \$150.

In these classes, you'll learn how to prepare plexiglass plates (provided) and paint images on them using watercolor, caran d'ache, watercolor pencils and/or Stabilo crayons. You'll then transfer your images to damp printmaking paper using a small etching press. Artists will explore other techniques such as chine colle, using wet media acetate, and a two-plate process. One class will focus on constructing a small "flip press" and making hand-rubbed monotypes using that and other tools.

Beginners through experienced painters are welcome. "Happy accidents," instant gratification, and a sense of play are integral to the process, making it an engaging and really fun creative experience!

Register before Feb. 21. Send check for \$150, made out to Vienna Arts Society to Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., Vienna, VA 22180, ATTN. Pauline Lorfano

DEBORAH CONN www.DeborahConn.com is primarily a watercolorist, but she also works in acrylic, collage and various forms of drawing media. Her favorite subjects are people. Deborah has studied at the Art League School at the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria and at workshops around the country. She is a signature member of Potomac Valley Watercolorists and the Baltimore Watercolor Society and is an artist member of the Virginia Watercolor Society. In addition to Falls Church Arts, she also belongs to the Art League of Alexandria, Vienna Arts Society and the Miniature Painters, Sculptors, and Gravers Society of Washington, DC.

- **“WATERCOLOR BOOTCAMP” WORKSHOP with CATHERINE HILLIS**, Sponsored by the Vienna Arts Society, Vienna, VA, April 27 & 28, 2012, 10:00am until 4:00pm , \$150.

TO register, send check to Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street, Vienna, VA 22180, made out to Vienna Arts Society. By April 15, 2012. Please include email address and material list will be sent to you. For more information contact Pauline Lorfano, Education 703-938-8539 or Call (703) 319-3971 www.viennaartssociety.org/

If you'd like to advance your skills in watercolors, and move up to the next level of painting, this workshop is for you. The instructor will present new techniques and products, share some of the latest “tricks of the trade,” and guide students in their journey to advanced technique in painting, as well as in composition and design. Demonstrations and individual coaching are a part of every workshop. Students may also bring in incomplete or unsuccessful pieces and discover new ways to approach old ideas. Finish those paintings! Bring photographs to work from, and all supplies. Catherine Hillis is an energetic and entertaining workshop instructor, who has presented popular workshops in locations such as Tuscany, Italy, Abiqui, New Mexico, Georgia, North Carolina and throughout Virginia. She has earned five signature memberships and competes regularly in national competitions. Her work was included in the 2011 North Light publication, “SPLASH 12” and she has been featured in *American Artist Magazine*. Her website is www.catherinehillis.com and you can watch her teach on www.monkeysee.com (enter *watercolors* on the subject line).

SALES: We now have a Square Up credit card system. When making a sale, call Sally Cook and she will run the credit card.

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Vienna, VA 22180
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CONTINUING SHOW SET-UP SCHEDULE

Day	PLACE	DATE	TIME	Contact	Telephone
Fri.	Art Center Preregister by	3/5/12	10-12:00pm	Patricia Buteux	560-5596
Thu	Sandy Springs Bank	3/1/12	10:00am	Jim Caldwell	938-8066
Sun	VAS Gallery Preregister by	3/11/12	1:30pm	Carol Milton Loy McGaughy	759-5320 758-9566
Mon	L'Image Salon Preregister by	3/12/12	12:00pm	Debi Elliott ViktoriyaMaslova	319-1420 560-0575
Wed	Channel 10	3/28/12	11:00am	Grace Rooney	620-6153