



ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE ARTS

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Board Meetings

Usually held First Thursday of the month at 10:30 am at the Art Center. President **Doré Skidmore**, will email Board members if there is a change in time or location.

Membership Meetings

Second Thursday of the month at the VAS Art Center *with the exception of our June meeting, which is scheduled for the third Thursday, June 16.* Check the Email News for details.

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NEWSLETTER



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2016

“NATURE’S TREASURES”

Green Springs Garden Park - January & February

Judge: Carolyn Grossé Gawarecki



On the right:
Two long time VAS
members
Judge
Carolyn Grossé Gawarecki
presenting the 3rd place
award to Harris Miller

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Arts Council of Fairfax County



MAPPING THE FUTURE
OF THE ARTS IN FAIRFAX

WHO WAS THE SNOW ANGEL?

When Doré Skidmore went to the Art Center, shovel in hand, after the Big Blizzard, this what she found.

Our thanks to the Snow Angel who dug us out!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!

Kudos to our members who make it possible for VAS to display art at locations throughout the region. Donna Grone introduced us to Falls Church with the Mason Government Center exhibition. Mary Ellen Larkins and Debi Conn arranged for us to partner with 1st Stage in Tysons. Anita Epstein is chairing our annual Meadowlark exhibition in May and June. Our continuing show chairs keep track of our exhibitions at the Gallery in the Village Green, L'Image, Ameriprize, Channel 10and of course, the Vienna Art Center relies on the hard work of our Director, Lu Cousins, as our little home of twelve years continues to serve us well, brimming with exciting exhibitions and events.

However, 115 Pleasant Street and the surrounding block have been purchased by a developer, and we must face the challenge of finding a new home for VAS in the year ahead. Our wish list is long: in the heart of Vienna, handicap accessible, adequate parking, and more. Ken Britz, chair of our newly formed Relocation Task Force, is leading a search for space. Please email Ken at kbritz518@gmail.com if you think you have found the perfect location for a new home for the Vienna Arts Society.

Doré Skidmore President, Vienna Arts Society

ON THE HORIZON -- VIENNA ARTS SOCIETY 703-319-3971

All events at Vienna Art Center unless noted

APRIL:

April 4 - *SPRING DELIGHTS* show change 10am-12n

April 5 - 30 "SPRING DELIGHTS", members only
judged show

April 10 - 1st STAGE Reception: 4:30 - 6:30 pm

1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Rd., Tysons, VA

April 14 - evening BRIEF MEETING/Golden Paints
demo: 7:00 pm

April 15 -- OPEN HOUSE: George Mason Government
Center: 10am-3pm

April 16 - "SPRING DELIGHTS" Awards Reception: 4-6

April 24 - WALK ON THE HILL 2:00 - 5:00 pm

plein air painting; RAIN DATE May 1

April 30 - PLANET ART for Kids: all day

MAY:

May 1 - June 30 - MEADOWLARK Regional Park
exhibition

May 2 - "SLICE of LIFE" & NGA Copiests show
change :10 am - noon

May 6 - RECEPTION for "Slice of Life"/NGA Copiests:
7:00 - 9:00 pm

May 12 - MEETING & Elizabeth Witcher Inks demo:
7:30 pm

May 31 - "ANIMAL KINGDOM" show change: 10am-noon

JUNE:

June 11 - Pet Fair: 10:00am-4:00pm (rain date June 12)

June 11 - "ANIMAL KINGDOM" reception 4:00 - 6:00

June 16 - MEETING & ELECTION: 7:30 pm

JULY:

July 5 -- "ALL STARS" & HEALING WALL, show change
10:00 - noon

July 9 - RECEPTION featuring Rita Bentley, Artist of the Year
and HEALING WALL 4:00 - 6:00 pm

July 14 - MEETING 7:30 PM

AUGUST: (no meeting this month)

August 1 - show change ANNUAL PHOTO SHOW

In August, you have the opportunity to be juried into the town's 2017 Calendar, which will feature Vienna Arts Society artworks. Every household in the 22180 zipcode will receive a copy!

August 6: Photo Show Awards Reception 4:00 - 6:00 pm

SEPTEMBER:

Sept. 6 - Show change for "All Around Town": 10 am - noon

Sept. 8 - MEETING 7:30 pm

DATE TBD - Town Leaders present awards for "All Around Town"

OCTOBER:

Oct. 13 - MEETING 7:30 pm

NOVEMBER:

Nov. 10 - MEETING 10:30 am

Nov. 18-19 - BIG SALE/small
works!

IMPORTANT
Subject to change.
Check eblast &
website for details.

OPEN STUDIO is now on MONDAYs 6-9pm. Arranged by David Delano each session has a different model, bring your drawing/painting tools of choice and draw, draw, draw! For more info email David at: davidrdelano@me.com

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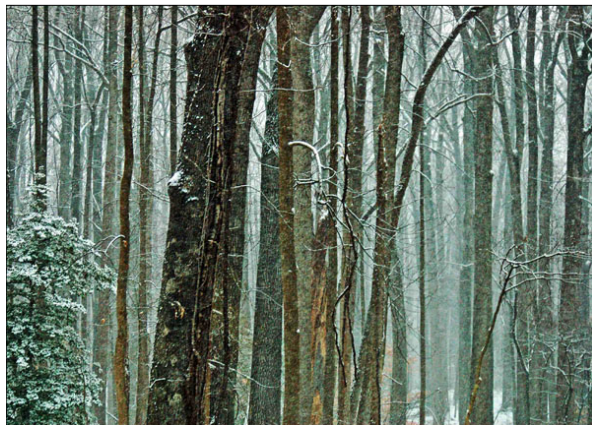
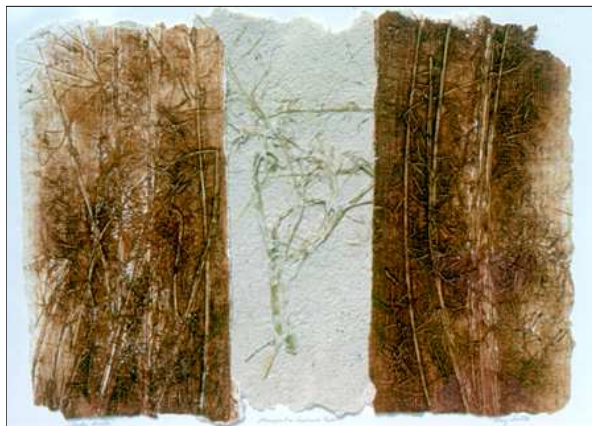


Above, enjoying the reception

***Top right: 1st Place, Terry Svat, "Garden Secrets",
Monoprint***

***Right: 2nd Place Margaret Raymond, "Forest Deep",
Photograph***

3rd Place: Harris Miller, "N Strand", Watercolor



Honorable Mentions were awarded to:

***Helen Dilley Barsalou, Patricia Deege, Ruth Ensley, Anita Epstein, Jeff Gorrell,
Carol Higgs, Ava Neff, Sandy Olszowy, Susan Webster, Duncan Whitaker***

”THE BLUES” January Member Show at the Art Center



Blue Room, Gouache by Kate Montoya



***“Hotel L'Etang” Watercolor & Ink
by Carl Landow***

JANUARY - "AN INTRODUCTION TO PASTELS"

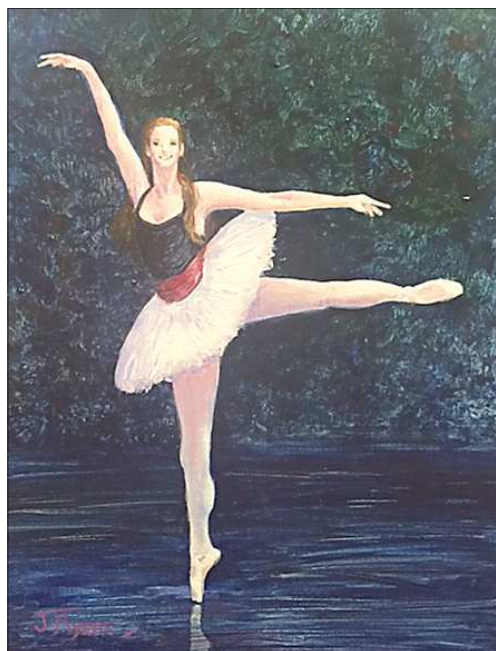
A special Fundraiser event in memory of Jamie Brooks, a VAS member who passed away last year. Jamie was a pastelist and her family donated her big supply of pastels to VAS for us to raise funds. Pastel artists/VAS members Susan Webster and Roxanne Himmelberger kindly offered to give this presentation. Each participant paid a donation fee and received a box of Jamie's pastels. Susan brought samples of various papers donated by herself and also by Jack Richeson & Co. and UArt. Participants had a grand time experimenting with this medium and some funds were raised for VAS.



FEBRUARY - "POETRY IN MOTION"

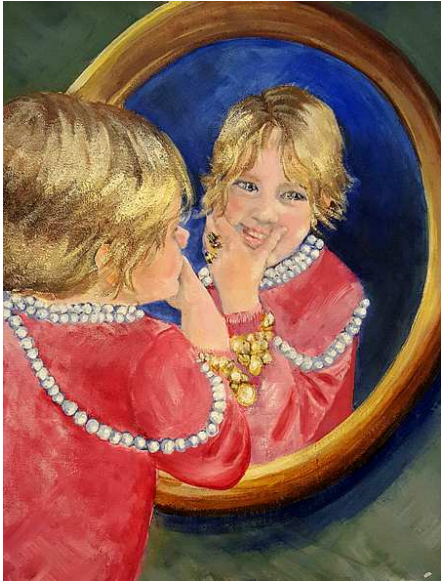


Copy of "Marcelle Lender Dancing the Bolero" by Toulouse Lautrec from the National Gallery of Art. 35x36" oil by Richard Neff.



"Sarah en Pointe" by Joyce Myers

MARCH - "WISHES & DREAMS" ***MEMBER SHOW AT THE VAS CENTER***



*"Dressing Up" watercolor by
Doré Skidmore*



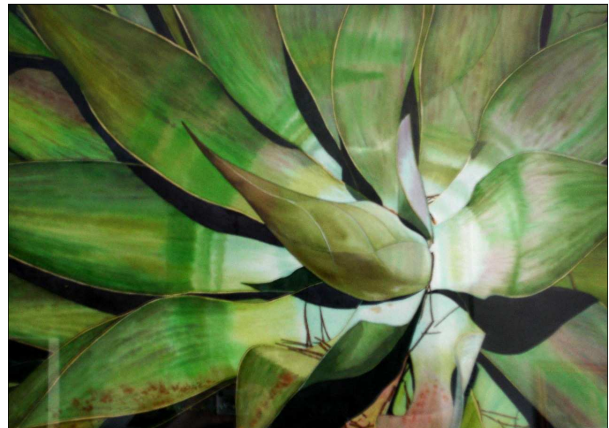
"Hill Town, Tuscany" Collage by Lassie Corbett

MASON DISTRICT GOVERNMENT CENTER

A new show is currently hanging at 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale/Falls Church, in the office of the District Supervisor, Penny Gross. This show will hang until the end of April, and we will then consider whether it will be continued.

VAS is hosting an Open House on Friday, April 15 from 10am to 3:00pm, free and open to all, please come and bring your friends and neighbors.

A big thank you to Donna Grone who coordinated this new location.



"American Aloe" Watercolor by Debi Elliott

SOMETHING NEW! The VAS PET FAIR

The Vienna Arts Society is holding their first pet expo adoption and pet related vendor fair on June 11th from 10 - 4. It will be held in the parking lot at 115 Pleasant Street NW . This community outreach will feature rescues, a donation center to benefit the Fairfax County Animal Center; items to be collected are towels, small blankets, pet toys and food. Artists will be doing caricatures of your pet as well as taking commissions for pastel portraits. We are also looking forward to having a wonderful bake sale on the premises. In support of this effort the Art Center theme is going to be "Animal Kingdom" Please call [703 319- 3971](tel:7033193971) and speak to Lu Cousins if you are willing to volunteer to help in any way or are a vendor interested in putting up a tent or a table. Admission to the fair is free and open to the public. Support the pets of your community and come out to this fun event. Rain date June 12th

“GALLERY NEWS”

**VAS GALLERY, 513 Maple Avenue W.
703-319-3971 Tuesday - Saturday 10am-4pm**



JANUARY FEATURED ARTIST - GABRIEGO

GABRIEGO (Gabriel Riego de Dios) uses the flat of the brush to layer almost transparent glazes of color. with diagonal, vertical, and horizontal strokes, to form an image in an impressionistic yet abstracted style.

Left “Shenandoah Sunrise” Acrylic by Gabriego



FEBRUARY & MARCH “WOMEN IN BATIK” FEATURED ARTIST - CAROL HIGGS

This award winning artist uses the ancient art of batik, the art of decorating cloth with wax and dye, to create a unique visual effect of sparkling without glitter. Through the use of this medium Carol creates imaginative images that surprise the viewers with colors, shapes, and dark and light contrasts which only a batik artwork can achieve.

Middle Left: “Beatrice”

Bottom Left: “Giovanna”

Batiks by Carol Higgs



*The gallery shows hang for eight weeks
and each show has a Featured Artist.
There are a few spaces for more artists to
join the Gallery, for more information
contact Gallery Director Ruth Ensley at:
rensleyart@verizon.net*

VAS MONTHLY MEETINGS



JANUARY - Jack Harding (above) demonstrating his method of watercolor on a textured surface.



FEBRUARY - David Delano (above right) painting a portrait of our own Mary Ellen Larkins

MARCH - Davi D'Agostina (lower right) spoke to the group about her methods of painting in oils for sale and in acrylic for teaching quickly finished works.



Special Exhibit at 1st Stage Tysons Corner

In conjunction with the opening of each new play, 1st stage presents a supporting art exhibit in the theater lobby. VAS is honored to have been invited to exhibit during the showing of "Proof" which will be presented from March 31 to May 1st. Only 25 pieces will be hung.

Below: "Red Rising" Acrylic by Shari MacFarlane



Annual Children's Printmaking Workshop

Saturday, March 12 co-sponsored with Patrick Henry Library, Vienna. Several VAS member artists volunteered and run several art stations, including mono-prints, relief prints and fish prints. Above: Terry Svat working with two young artists.

Great fun was had by all!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE: Remember to sign up to sit to keep the Art Center open. If you have work hanging at the Art Center, or in one of the continuing shows, you are required to sit for one 3 hour period per month. If you have work in two or more locations, you are required to sit for two 3 hour periods per month. Artists hanging at the VAS Gallery are required to sit at that location, check with Loy McGaughy mcgaughy2@verizon.net to schedule a time.

DAY	PLACE	DATE	TIME	CONTACT TO PREREGISTER	EMAIL
Monday	VAS Art Center 115 Pleasant St.	2 May 30 May	10am-12noon	Lu Cousins	artcenter@viennaartssociety.org
Sunday	VAS Gallery 513 Maple Ave. W	1-May	1:00pm	Ruth Ensley Loy McGaughy Janice Burns	rensleyart@verizon.net mcgaughy2@verizon.net janhburns@cal.berkeley.edu
Monday	L'Image Salon Pan Am Shopping Center, Vienna	9 May 11 July	12:00noon	Grace Rooney	gracemrooney@gmail.com
Wednesday	Channel 10, 2929 Eskridge Road, Fairfax	25 May 27 July	11:00am	Ginger Sanaie	gsanaie@cox.net
Tuesday	Sweet City Desserts, 131A Maple Ave. Vienna	To be advised	Watch the Email News for updates	Bob Kaminski	bobkaminski@usa.net
Friday	Ameriprise Financial 1950 Old Gallows Rd. Vienna	22 Apr 15 July	10:30am	Grace Rooney Lu Cousins	gracemrooney@gmail.com artcenter@viennaartssociety.org

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**Information for the next newsletter should be sent to editor Susan Webster at susanwebster@verizon.net
Deadline for Summer 2015 is June 15**

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