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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 Usually second Thursday of the month at the VAS Art Center. 7:30pm except 10:30am in winter. Check website and Email News for details.

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Jackie Saunders Floral Workshop - March



"Art is not simply works of art; it is the spirit that knows beauty, that has music in its soul and the color of sunsets in its handkerchief, that can dance on a flaming world and make the world dance too. Thank you Jackie Saunders for knowing how to teach us ways that we can create beauty. A wonderful workshop yesterday at the Vienna Arts Society." -Shari MacFarlane

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Keep checking the VAS website for up to date info on events as well as time & date changes



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"Painting from nature is not copying the object; it is realizing one's sensations." -Paul Cezanne

Paul Cezanne, perhaps most famous for his landscapes, has 60 portraits on display at the National Gallery of Art through July 1. A great opportunity to channel Paul Cezanne might be during our Monday night Open Studio with David Delano. Check the VAS website for details.

Meanwhile, Hayden Luczka and Sheeler Kowalewski have worked with Meadowlark Gardens to exhibit members' artwork inspired by nature through the end of May. Visitors will see works that might just rival those of Cezanne.

On April 29, members will have an opportunity to realize their "sensations" by creating artworks inspired by nature during the annual "Walk on the Hill" in Vienna's Historic Windover Neighborhood, just up the hill from our Art Center. Gardens will be open to the public from 2-5 pm, and artists are encouraged to bring their easels or cameras.

Now that spring is here, VAS plein air painters are once again planning outings to capture nature around our region. If you're interested in joining them, contact either Deb Schneider or Dick Neff.

As always, please check our web site to see what the Vienna Arts Society is up to: meetings, workshops, receptions, outreach and more. Members receive updates on "eblasts" at dawn each Wednesday morning.

Doré Skidmore - VAS President

PS, I wrote the following a year ago. This time I mean it! "Over the summer VAS will be moving "just around the corner" to 243 Church Street NW."

ON THE HORIZON

See weekly Email Members News, the VAS website or call the Art Center for more information

ART CENTER SHOWS CHANGE DATES

Mon, May 7 - 10am-11:30am "Rays & Waves" will hang through June Mon. July 2 - 10am-11:30am "From Sea to Shining Sea" will hang through August with "Healing Wall" Mon. Sept 4 - 10am-11:30am - Theme to be advised - will hang through October "Note: Participating members will sign up to sit each month their work is in any show.

UPCOMING EVENTS - see weekly Email News for up to date information

Sun. Apr 29 - 2pm-5pm - Walk on the Hill

Thu. May 10 - 7:30pm Meeting - Amy Shawley GOLDEN Mixed Media

Sat. June 9 - 10am-4pm - Bryan Jernigan, Pastel Workshop, members \$150

Thu. June 14 - 7:30pm Meeting - Election and Nancy Sill, painting miniatures

Date TBA - Reception for Healing Wall No Meeting in July or August

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Information on this page is brief - visit the VAS website frequently for updates and additions of shows, events, and occasional time or date changes.

OPEN STUDIO is organized by David Delano on Monday evenings 6-9pm - for more information and to get on Dave's email list for future schedules, model information, etc. <u>davidrdelano@me.com</u>

JANUARY 2018



Guests enjoying art at the reception for "Jazz It Up!" which hung through January and Febtuary.



Enjoying the Reception at Green Springs Botanical Gardens show



"Jazz It Up!" Above: Watercolor by Ken Frye Right: Acrylic painting by Jan Burns



AT THE VAS GALLERY 513 Maple Avenue W. Tues- Sat 10am-4pm Featured Artist SUSAN SCANLON

Painter, graphic designer, and photographer, Susan has worked for public relations firms, magazines, and newspapers. The photos in this exhibit were taken when she visited Havana, Cuba in January 2017. She is thrilled to share the many rich, visual images of her journey with you.



FEBRUARY 2018



2018 Regional Scholastic Art Award Winner!

Congratulations to Oakton High School senior Esther Park, winner of the Vienna Arts Society's 2018 scholarship. Hers was one of dozens of Gold Key winning Art Portfolios reviewed by VAS judges **Sue Tilton** and **Jeff Gorrell**. They learned that the portfolio they selected was Esther's, and on Feb. 21, Sue made the presentation to Esther in front of a full house at the Ernst Cultural Arts Center at



Right: Acrylic painting by Yoko Albayrak featured in Member Show "Jazz It Up!" which hung January and February.



AT THE VAS GALLERY 513 Maple Avenue W. Tues-Sat 10am-4pm Featured Artist DEBORAH SCHNEIDER

Deborah recently retired from retail and is now a full time artist. She set a goal of fifty paintings in one hundred weeks. She met her goal early and has selected some of her favorite paintings for this show.

"First 100 Weeks" paintings by Deborah Schneider, through April 7.

Left: Blue Flowers for Robyn - Acrylic

MARCH 2018 "Bon Appetit" Member Show hangs through April





Top Left: Oil Painting by Judi Condes Middle Left: Acrylic Painting by Sue Tilton Bottom Left: Oil painting by Yoshiko Doherty Below: Oil Painting by Anna Watson



Children's Print Making Workshop

St. Patrick's Day found VAS members working with dozens of kids on several printmaking techniques at Patrick Henry Library. This outreach began in 2001. Below: Lassie Corbett mesmerizing one of the participants.





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MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETINGS

JANUARY MEETING

Visitors were transfixed as they watched **Jackie Saunders** create a Watercolor portrait of our "Artist of the Year" Dick Neff.

Jackie later followed up with an all-day watercolor portrait workshop at the Art Center featuring her favorite model.

In March she also gave us a wonderful Floral Workshop - see front cover.





FEBRUARY MEETING

Robert Dowler shared his knowledge of classic bookbinding techniques with members and visitors at our February meeting.

By creating his own art journals, Robert is able to use a variety of papers and sizes not found in mass-produced journals.

MARCH MEETING

Our very own **Ruth Ensley** drew a big crowd and everone was fascinated by her presentation:

"From There to Here and In Between: An artist's journey of over 50 years. From collage to photography to batik to watercolor and why I paint what I do, and how I paint what I do."



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE: Please remember your obligation to sit at the Art Center to help us keep the doors open. You must sit at the Art Center <u>for one 3 hour period</u> each month that you have artwork on display at the Art Center and/or in any special exhibition or continuing show.

ART CENTER SIGN UPS

are now handled online, at <u>www.viennaartssociety.org/membership/vas-calendar</u> For assistance contact our Volunteer Sign Up Coordinator, Emilse Wolff at: alfredwolff@comcast.net or 703-860-0922.

For the VAS Gallery check with Loy McGaughy at mcgaughy2@verizon.net to schedule a time.

| DAY | PLACE | DATE | TIME | CONTACT TO PREREGISTER | EMAIL |
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| Monday | VAS Art Center 115 Pleasant St. | 7 May 2 July | 10am- 11:30am | Lu Cousins | artcenter@viennaartssociety.org |
| Sunday | VAS Gallery 513 Maple Ave. W | 8 Apr 3 June | 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 | 14 May 9 July | 1:00pm NOTE TIME CHANGE | Grace Rooney | gracemrooney@gmail.com |
| Wednesday | Channel 10, 2929 Eskridge Road, Fairfax | 23 May 18 July | 11:00am | Ginger Sanaie | vbsanaie@gmail.com |
| Monday | Patrick Henry Library Vienna | To be advised | 10-11am | Anita Epstein Terry Svat | akepstein3555@gmail.com terrysvat@gmail.com |
| Friday | Ameriprise Financial 1950 Old Gallows Rd. Vienna | 20 Apr 20 July | 10:30am | Grace Rooney Lu Cousins | gracemrooney@gmail.com artcenter@viennaartssociety.org |
| Thursday | Art Speaks Uniterian Church Oakton | 5 Apr 3 May | check weekly Eblast | | artspeaks@uucf.org |

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VAS Art Center:

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Information for the next newsletter should be sent to susanwebster@verizon.net Deadline for Summer is June 20