

**ENRICHING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE ARTS**

**[www.viennaartssociety.org](http://www.viennaartssociety.org)**

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**Board Meetings**

*Usually held First Thursday of the month at 10:30 am at the Art Center. President Grace Rooney 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. 7:30pm except in Nov/Jan/Feb/Mar which are 10:00am. Check the website for details.*

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**PAULINE D. LORFANO**

It is with great sadness we announce the passing on Friday August the 8th, of our beloved founding member Pauline Lorfano. A wonderful artist, friend and active VAS member. She will be missed by us all.

We also recently lost members, Bev Nickens, Aldo Becci and our good friend and supporter of VAS, Mayor Jane Seeman.

Donations are being accepted so that we may pre-

sent awards in each of their names at the forthcoming Treasury of Art Show in November. If you would like to make a donation, make your check payable to VAS, write a note of the name of the person you wish to contribute to, and drop it off or mail it to the VAS Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street, Vienna, VA 22180. (see back page for opening times)

**SHOWING NOW AT THE VAS  
ART CENTER  
AUTUMN GLOW!**

*More images will be shown in the Winter edition of the VAS Newsletter.*



*"Autumn Dream" Acrylic  
By Kinda Barazi (Beydoun)*

**A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR ....**

This is the first edition of the newsletter in it's new format, quarterly instead of monthly. It is intended to be a report on what has been happening with VAS in the preceding quarter, along with images of paintings and events. We will still give a brief outline of future activities, and full details are provided on both the VAS website at [www.viennaartssociety.org](http://www.viennaartssociety.org) and in the weekly EBlast which you receive by email. If you don't receive it, email or call Lu Cousins to be added to her list: email to [ArtCenter@ViennaArtsSociety.org](mailto:ArtCenter@ViennaArtsSociety.org) or call 703-319-3971.

I hope you enjoy the new newsletter, and please send information that is appropriate to include to [susanwebster@verizon.net](mailto:susanwebster@verizon.net)  
Thank you ..... SUSAN WEBSTER

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

I hope everyone had a great summer. It is hard to believe it is over and fall is here. As you noticed, the board decided to have the Newsletter come out quarterly instead of monthly. So, January, April, July and October will be the months for the newsletter. Because we have a weekly eblast and a website with the present news, the monthly newsletter will focus more on the events that have happened and we will be able to include a lot more pictures and follow ups of our activities.

Summer months brought some new events. July was our Fun-Raiser month with the theme being "Fun N' Games". We had blank puzzle pieces that we painted, put together and hung and offered them for sale in a silent auction. We learned some lessons on how to put them together and hang them and they turned out to be a great display with many being sold. The Healing Wall, which consisted of puzzle pieces that were painted by our recovering Veterans from Ft. Belvoir was a success and brought in people while it was displayed. Thank you Shari MacFarlane, Dore Skidmore and Terry Svat who went there to assist. Ft. Belvoir will keep theirs and use it for an interactive display for their veterans.

We had our first BUNCO Fun Night. Although many did not know what it was, we all had a good time and Mary Ellen Larkin is organizing another one on Thursday, October 16, 7 – 9pm. Please come, it's fun and a good way to raise funds. The painted playing cards are fun also, and we are selling them, where else can you get an original piece of art for \$5? We have a new logo, stationary, post cards and business cards thanks to Bob Magneson's great painting of the Art Center. The photography show was very well received thanks to Dani Keating.

The Art Center and Gallery show changes are up on the bulletin board and can be downloaded. We have put together themes for the year so you can start painting now. We tried to choose themes so they can be broadly interpreted. On the Horizon is the Treasury of Art Show in November chaired by Dore Skidmore, January/February will be a show at Green-spring chaired by Ruth Ensley, and then a show at Meadowlark in May. I am thankful for all those who volunteer to make our activities a success. I am extremely grateful to Lu Cousins, our director who has added so much to our society. Along with many other things, she has started an online sign-up for refreshments and an on-line sign up for sitting. We really need people to follow through on their sitting requirements so this is making it real easy for you to sign up to sit. Be an active member, it can be fun!

**..... Grace Rooney, VAS President**

## **ON THE HORIZON**

**OPEN STUDIO** - is now in session on Wednesdays 6-9pm, coordinated by David Delano. You can sign up for all 8 sessions, or pay each time \$13 per session. Draw or paint as you wish, clothed model for one long pose. Email David to be added to his reminder notices or for more info : [davidrdelano@me.com](mailto:davidrdelano@me.com)

**FOOD DRIVE** - VAS will participate in the town-wide Food Drive for Committee For Helping Others (CHO) sponsored by The Northeast Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA) from November 1 to December 31. Drop off canned food, detergent, diapers, SPAM, peanut butter, etc at the box at the Art Center. Please make sure the food is NOT expired. CHO has been around for 45 years helping families throughout Fairfax County. The Wolftrap Girl Scouts will be picking up the food to take to the food bank. Please help. Thank you

### **ART CENTER SHOWS & CHANGE DATES:**

NOVEMBER 3, Monday, 10 – 1. "Warm Thoughts" people, places, events

DECEMBER 1, Monday 10 – 1. –"Sparkle" snow, ice, lights, decorations, gifts, faces

JANUARY 5, Monday, 10 – 1. "Winners Wall" featuring the winners of the Treasury of Art Show and the Artist of the Year. Members "Back to Square One" 10x10" or 12x12"

FEBRUARY 2, Monday, 10 – 1. "All Things Red"

MARCH 2, Monday, 10 – 1. "Weather or Not" landscapes, water, clouds

***WATCH FOR THE WEEKLY EBLAST AND CHECK THE VAS WEBSITE FREQUENTLY  
FOR DETAILS ON UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS!***

## HEALING WALL PUZZLE PROJECT - JULY

President Grace Rooney had the great idea of a Puzzle Project as a fundraiser. VAS members paid a small fee for a 12" puzzle piece which were put together to make a large puzzle. At the same time, some of our artists took puzzle pieces and art supplies to the troops on the mend at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, inviting them to create original paintings/collages on the pieces. The result was a well received exhibition, with sales that benefited VAS. The soldiers' paintings will become part of a permanent interactive display at the Fort Belvoir Hospital.



Above: paintings by our wounded warriors  
Left: VAS members Shari MacFarlane and Dore Skidmore with medical techs from Fort Belvoir who helped with the project.

Below: Jigsaw Puzzle squares painted by VAS artists





## ***BUNCO! July 24***

VAS announced a new idea for a fund raiser - BUNCO! Everyone had such a spectacular time at our first Bunco evening in July, that we plan on doing it again! Thursday, October 16 is the next date - don't miss it!

Never played before? NO PROBLEM! We'll have an expert to explain this fun and easy dice game to help us raise money for our Society. Open to members, relatives, friends and whoever will donate \$20 for an evening of fun, fun, fun!!! Your \$20 dollar donation will save your seat! Snacks and wine provided. Sign up at the Art Center, and watch the Eblast for more information on future BUNCO Nights.



## ***VAS "PICTURE THIS" Photography Show AUGUST Judge: Nikhil Bahl***

Congratulations to the winners of the VAS annual photograph show.

**1st Place: Kathrin Swoboda;** Eastern Bluebirds

**2nd Place: Jan Ponder;** Morning Dew

**3rd Place: Karen Saunders;** Moon Hill Village, Yangshuo, China

**Honorable Mention: Margaret Raymond;** Destiny

**Honorable Mention: Willa Siegel;** Mysterious Calla

**Honorable Mention: Duncan Whitaker;** Sunflower



*1st place, "Eastern Bluebirds" by Kathrin Swoboda*



*The winners at the Awards Reception*

## ***NEWS FROM OUR MEMBER MARY ELLEN LARKINS***

Skip the Mall; Bypass the Big-Box Stores; Ditch the Web! Come to a great Gift Home Show that features a dozen or more artists doing Fused Glass Jewelry, Plates, Sculpture; silk scarves; pottery; accessories; soaps; paintings; cards; painted floor mats and much more. Enjoy some lovely baked goods and soups and enjoy a lovely atmosphere as you browse.

December 5, Friday, 12noon-6pm.      December 6, Saturday, 10am-5pm      December 7, Sunday, 12noon-4 pm

Mary Ellen Larkins, 317 Church St., NE, Vienna, VA 22180      Questions, call 703 281 7847

## ALL AROUND VIENNA - SEPTEMBER



Original works by artists from around the region were judged by local leaders including Mayor Laurie DiRocco. At a well-attended reception on Thursday, Sept. 18, visitors were able to meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments at the Vienna Art Center.

First place - Harris Miller / Village Green #1 - image below  
(seen at left accepting his award)

Second Place - Dore Skidmore / Church Street Steeple #2

Third Place - Ken Frye / Freeman Store #3

Honorable Mention - Richard Neff / Pleasant Spring #4

Honorable Mention - Steve Myles / Vienna Caboose #5

Honorable Mention - Bob Magneson / Vienna Presbyterian Church #6



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## NEWS FROM THE VAS GALLERY



**Redwoods Remembered** by artist Jan Burns was on display through September.

The artist's statement: *As a child growing up in Northern California, I was a frequent visitor to the redwood groves that grew near the California coast. These tall, mysterious trees always fascinated me, but as an artist I was always at a loss as to how to portray these magnificent giants on a little piece of paper or canvas. Recently I was inspired to do a series of paintings that focused on the many details of the redwood groves . . . the texture of the bark, the profusion of ferns growing at the base of a the trees, a knothole, and so on. The end result has been a series of semi-abstract ink and watercolor paintings that for me bring back fond memories of these beautiful trees.*

*Knothole, 28"x22" (framed) Ink and Watercolor*



*Franklin Farm Pond. Oil. 24x30*

**EAST and WEST** was the Gallery show in October.

Featured artist was Libby Eckert.

Libby, a native Virginian, has had a lifelong love of painting. Her paintings and miniatures reflect an infallible eye for the details of the Virginia countryside. A part time resident of the Outer Banks, she also captures the many moods of the sea and sky in paintings. This is the East part of the show. The west comes from a recent trip to New Mexico which inspired paintings with a different palette and genre.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

July Meeting featured George Williams shown here doing a portrait demo in watercolor.

In September Patricia Farrell demonstrated her colorful method of pouring layers of watercolor on with intermittent applications of frisket.

(there was no meeting in August)



### UPCOMING VAS EXHIBITIONS

We have two exciting exhibitions coming soon - watch out for more information and download prospectus on the VAS website at [www.viennaartsociety.org](http://www.viennaartsociety.org) and the weekly Eblast. If you don't receive the Eblast, call Lu Cousins at 703-319-3971 to be added to the list.

#### TREASURY OF ART, November 21-23

**Juror Deborah Ellis** will select 150 – 200 original works of art, and hundreds of bin pieces will be for sale. Over \$1,700 in cash and merchandise will be awarded. At the Awards Reception on Friday, November 21, guests will enjoy wine and light refreshments and a performance by the Serenada String Quartet. Saturday evening features the Difficult Run String Band.

#### GREEN SPRINGS GARDEN PARK, December 29 - February 23

For our second exhibit at this lovely location, we will have all four venues which includes the Historic House. Juried with prizes, the show is only open to VAS members, one entry fee of \$25 for up to three entries, photography included. Reception Sunday, January 4. **Juror is Jean K. Gill, AWS, NWS,** [www.jeankgill.com](http://www.jeankgill.com)

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:** Please 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 at another location, 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](mailto:mcgaughy2@verizon.net) to schedule a time.

DAY	PLACE	DATE	TIME	CONTACT TO PREREGISTER	EMAIL
Monday	VAS Art Center 115 Pleasant St.	3 Nov 1 Dec 10 Jan	10am-1pm	Lu Cousins	<a href="mailto:vasdirector@viennaartssociety.org">vasdirector@viennaartssociety.org</a>
Thursday	Vienna Community Center	16 Oct 18 Dec	10am	Bob Kaminski	<a href="mailto:bobkaminski@usa.net">bobkaminski@usa.net</a>
Sunday	VAS Gallery 513 Maple Ave. W	11 Oct 22 Nov 3 Jan	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	10 Nov 12 Jan	12:00noon	Debi Elliott Winnie Reedy	dmelliott@cox.net winifreddavis@cox.net
Wednesday	Channel 10, 2929 Eskridge Road, Fairfax	26 Nov 28 Jan	11:00am	Ruth Ensley	<a href="mailto:rensleyart@verizon.net">rensleyart@verizon.net</a>
Monday	Sweet City Desserts, 131A Maple Ave. Vienna	16 Oct 15 Dec	10:00am	Patricia Farrell	<a href="mailto:patricia.farrell3@verizon.net">patricia.farrell3@verizon.net</a>

### VIENNA ARTS SOCIETY CONTACTS

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**Deadline for Winter 2015 is Dec. 15**  
**NOTE: RUTH ENSLEY HAS A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE**



# COMMUNITY YOGA

At The Vienna Art Center

Surrounded by the ever-changing displays of original art in the light-filled Vienna Art Center, Yoga instructor and new VAS member, Kindea Barazi (Beydoun), will lead us through a complete and gentle yoga flow.

All levels welcome. Enjoy what it's all about working on healing and strengthening your body & mind. Just bring your Mat! (small blanket or large towel recommended)

*Free and open to the public.*  
(Donations accepted to benefit the fine arts in Vienna)

**Thursdays 8:45 am**

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