

■ Upcoming

August 26

Gelli Plate Play Date

Warm Hearth Village Center, Blacksburg • 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

This BRAA-member only event will explore making art with gelli plates and acrylic paint. There will be no formal teacher, but those who already use this method will share their knowledge. For more information, visit www.blacksburgart.org. Sign up by emailing charlotteychan@gmail.com.

August 26

Heritage Day

Montgomery Museum, 300 S. Pepper St., Christiansburg

Don't miss this day of fun activities for the whole family. Plein air painting, demonstrations, children's activities, and more.

August 29

Coffee House Talk

YMCA, 1000 N. Main St., Blacksburg • 5:30–7 p.m.

This Blacksburg Partnership Collaborative for the Arts seminar includes the following topics: available calendars for artists to advertise their events for free, how to join and use the new Arts Collaborate email list-serve, and presentation and tour of available artists' spaces. YMCA staff will attend to discuss and receive feedback on how best to serve the Blacksburg artists' community. RSVP to info@blacksburgpartnership.org by August 25.

September 1

Reception, Simply Elemental 2017

Hahn Horticulture Garden, Virginia Tech Campus • 4:30–7 p.m.

Come visit the garden and see the 35 jury-selected outdoor installations. This year's theme was "Garden Variety." Works will be displayed until September 30.

September 7

Opening Reception, Danie Janov

Montgomery Museum, 300 S. Pepper St., Christiansburg • 5–7 p.m.

This exhibit, Vestiges, features recent works of artist Danie Janov and will be displayed through October.

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Exhibit offers window views of Blacksburg

Led by BRAA member Diane Relf and her husband, Dave Angle, a wonderful art project is gracing the lawn at the Alexander Black House on Draper Road in Blacksburg this month. "My Window on Blacksburg" was conceived and facilitated by Diane. She and Dave provided free old windows to all artists willing to participate. Sixteen artists responded, with 10 of them being members of or associated with BRAA.

Artists were encouraged to convert the windows into a statement about the town and the artists' connection to it. Relf and Angle built the supporting frames and installed them into the lawn of the house. The staff of the Black House wrote to say how much they love this exhibit on the lawn and asked if they can stay even longer than planned! At this writing they will remain through August, but don't be surprised if they "hang" around there even longer!

BRAA artists included in this project are:
Loretta and Rafael Bedia, Sara Fortier (granddaughter of member **Jeanette Bowker**), **Paula Golden, Delbert Jones, Sally Mook, Diane Relf, Robi Sallee, Donald Sunshine, Joanna Sunshine,** and **Gerri Young.** ■



Diane Relf and Dave Angle led the show by providing their ideas, windows, and frames for hanging the exhibit.



Gerri Young's window featured Happy Hollow childhood memories.



A supportive and encouraging community was the focus of Donald Sunshine's window.

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September 7

Erin Collins – Art Talk and Printmaking Demo
The Artful Lawyer, A Fine Gallery, Inc., 318 N. Main Street, Blacksburg • 5:30–7 p.m.

Participants in this hands-on demo will learn how to plan images for block printing and gain a familiarity of the tools needed to carve, ink, and print. For more information and to RSVP, visit www.artfullawyergallery.org/event/printmaking-workshop-erin-collins. Space is limited.

September 8 and October 13

BRAA Monthly Lunch and Art Spot
Bull and Bones (Sept.), First and Main, Blacksburg • 11:30 a.m.

Join your fellow members for lunch and hear about the latest art happenings. Each luncheon features a short Art Spot presentation. BRAA is looking for a new venue for luncheons and participants will be polled following the September gathering.

September 13 and October 11

Paint Parties
The Artful Lawyer, A Fine Gallery, Inc., 318 N. Main Street, Blacksburg • 7–9:30 p.m.

The theme for the September party is the Mill Mountain Star. In October, participants will paint Monet-style water gardens. The fee for each party is \$30. For more information, visit <http://artfullawyergallery.org/events>.

September 21–24

Stonecarvers' Workshop
Newport Community Center, Newport

Learn by sharing time and working with experienced stone carvers to understand how the elements of design are formed into stone sculptures. The cost is \$50. Materials: Experienced carvers — bring your stone; Beginners — stone will be available to purchase for a reasonable cost and tools can be shared from experience carvers. For more information, contact Linda Correll, lcorrell83@gmail.com or 540-599-7376.

October 4

Opening Reception: The New River Valley Through an Artist's Eye
The Artful Lawyer, A Fine Gallery, Inc., 318 N. Main Street, Blacksburg • 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Artists from across the New River Valley were invited to photograph, paint, collage, or otherwise interpret artistically what moves them about this area and 52 artists responded. The works are featured in a book that will be unveiled at the reception along with cash prizes and a silent auction. Visit artfullawyergallery.org/2017-book-project for more information.

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Loretta and Rafael Bedia illustrated locations and events connected with their family's memories.



Paula Golden's kinetic 16-squares installation represented the original town layout and the many cultures of Blacksburg.



"Earth's Center" was the theme of Sally Mook's window which included her expression of feelings about Blacksburg.



Diane Relf depicted a branch in her figurative tree of life.

Read more about the inspiration behind the windows at www.blacksburgart.org (see tab in upper left corner of home page).

Application now open for VMFA fellowship program

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Fellowship program is a vital source of funding for the visual arts and art history in Virginia. VMFA is committed to supporting professional artists and art students who demonstrate exceptional creative ability in their chosen discipline and, as such has awarded nearly \$5.5 million to Virginia's artists since the program's creation more than 76 years ago.

VMFA offers \$8,000 awards to professional artists, \$6,000 awards to graduate students, and \$4,000 awards to undergraduate students. Applicants may apply in the disciplines of Crafts, Drawing, Film/Video, Mixed Media, New/Emerging Media, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture, and Art History (graduate students only). All applicants must be legal residents of Virginia and student applicants must be enrolled full-time in degree-seeking programs. Applicants' works are reviewed anonymously by distinguished jurors and awards are made based on artistic merit.

The deadline for fellowship applications is 5 p.m. Friday, **November 3, 2017**. Full eligibility criteria, how to apply instructions, and a printable flyer can be found at www.VMFA.museum/fellowships.

BRAA Theme Show Winners!

Abstracts were the subject of this year's theme show. Winners were determined by "people's choice" votes and first place went to **Marie Collier**, second to **Fred Jones** and third to **Michele Walter**. Big thanks to **Robi Sallee** and her hanging crew for hanging 47 pieces of abstract art in such a beautiful manner. Thanks also to **Michele Walter**, **Sue Hossack** and all the folks who brought a beautiful selection of refreshments. Works will be on display through October 13 at the VTLS building on Kraft Drive in the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center.



photos by Riley Chan

Marie Collier (above, left) was awarded first place, Fred Jones won second, and Michele Walter third place.

More Kudos

Jennifer Carpenter won an Award of Merit for her colored pencil work, "Emergence" at the Bower Center for the Arts show in Bedford, Va.

Jeanette Bowker, **Sally Mook**, **Rhonda Whitehurst** and **Gerri Young**'s works were accepted in the Central Virginia Watercolor Guild show held from August to October.

BRAA members won top awards at Blacksburg's Art at the Market event on July 15. **Sally Mook** was awarded first place in the 2D category and member **Robi Sallee** won honorable mention. **Charity Hall** took first place in the 3D category.

Congratulations to all!

Sally Mook poses with her award-winning painting at Art at the Market.



photo by Gerri Young

Now Showing

July 15 – October 15

(except where indicated otherwise)

Patricia Bolton, Pointe West Management, Blacksburg, and The Farmhouse, Christiansburg (thru Oct.)

Jeanette Bowker, Zeppoli's dining room, Blacksburg

Charlotte Chan, Warm Hearth Village Center, Blacksburg (thru August)

Riley Chan, Brown Insurance, Blacksburg

Marie Collier, Zeppoli's wine room, Blacksburg, and Haga Law, Christiansburg (thru Oct.)

Judy Crowgey, The Farmhouse, Christiansburg (thru Oct.)

Carole Davis, Main Street Inn, Blacksburg, and Holtzman Alumni Gallery, Virginia Tech (until Sept. 4)

Danie Janov, Montgomery Museum, Christiansburg (Sept. thru Oct.)

Delbert Jones, See Mark Optical, Blacksburg

Angela Kinzie, Mill Mountain Coffee and Tea, Blacksburg

Ruth Lefko, Hotel Floyd, downtown Floyd (July 14 – Sept. 5); Christiansburg Library (thru Oct.)

Maxine Lyons, Community Arts Information Office (CAIO), Blacksburg (thru August)

Cheryl Mackian, Rack Space, Blacksburg, and Clifton Forge School of the Arts (thru Aug. 19)

David Pearce, Virginia Tech Women's Center

Diane Relf, Blue Ridge Cancer Care, Blacksburg

Jane Thorp, Route 8 Donuts, Christiansburg (thru October)

Norma Woodward, First Bank and Trust, Christiansburg

Gerri Young, Blacksburg Transit

"CREATIVITY is part of human nature. It can only be untaught."
~ Ai Weiwei

■ Exhibit and other opportunities

Heritage Day

August 26

Montgomery Museum, 300 Pepper St., Christiansburg

Be a part of Heritage Day and plein air paint! Please contact Sue Farrar at 540-382-5644 if you are interested in being a part of this popular event.

Third Annual Plein Air Roanoke at South Peak

October 13-15

South Peak, Roanoke

This Paint Out and Art Show offers cash awards totaling \$1000, models, and no commissions for sales. The deadline to enter is **August 31**. Notifications will be mailed by **September 8**. For entry and other information, contact Bonnie Hooper at bhooper@southpeak.net.

Glade Church Gallery Exhibit

October 15 – January 15

Glade Church, Glade Road, Blacksburg

New members are invited to exhibit at this new gallery as a group without any pre-approval process. In doing so, you could get familiarized with the hanging, and the procedure of being an exhibiting artist in future BRAA shows. Glade Church will host the "First Friday" of the newly hung exhibit with a reception and live music. Contact Charlotte at charlottechan@gmail.com if you would like to participate!

Art project aims to increase water quality awareness

What Color is Water? Is a social practice art opportunity working towards community water quality awareness. Hosted by Virginia Tech Perspective Gallery's Art Reach Program, the project will culminate in a site-specific art installation at Perspective Gallery at Squires Student Center in spring 2018.

What Color is Water? is a collaboration between water quality education programs and the residents of the region to "connect" with water in a way which encourages us to see our most fragile resource, as clean, refreshing, pure, and in need of our protection and good stewardship.

Participants will create a 9" x 9" watercolor of their perceived "color of water." Each artist will sign their name and donate the work for the site specific installation in Perspective Gallery to be installed and exhibited during spring 2018.



Carilion Patient Art Show

November 1 – January 25

Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital

This show is an initiative of the Dr. Robert L.A. Keeley Healing Arts Program, conducted in partnership with the National Arts Program.® Registration is accepted online through The National Arts Program® now through **September 28** at www.nationalartsprogram.org/carilionpatient

Anyone who received care or services at any Carilion facility in 2016 or 2017 is eligible to participate. All ages and abilities are encouraged to enter one of the five classifications: Youth, Teen, Adult Amateur, Adult Intermediate and Adult Professional.

Artwork dropoff is October 9-18 and each person who registers online will receive an email on or before September 29 with detailed instructions based on the location chosen during registration (Roanoke, Rocky Mount, Lexington, Christiansburg, Pearisburg, or Tazewell).

Three art professionals will determine the winners of 19 cash prizes totaling \$3,950. A reception to announce winners will be held on December 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Works for sale will include a 20% commission to benefit the Dr. Robert L.A. Keeley Healing Arts Program at Carilion Clinic.

Open to all ages and ability levels. Contact rboucher@vt.edu if you'd like to participate.

The art featured in this month's nameplate is "Blended Beauty" (left, photography) by Riley Chan. This and more of his work can be viewed at Brown Insurance in Blacksburg from mid-July until mid-October.



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