

## ■ Upcoming

### August 21

#### *Plein Air in Dublin*

*Hedge Lane, Dublin • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.*

This location offers many scenes from two properties; one newer home and a farmhouse. To register and receive directions, contact Ruth Lefko at [rlefk2@gmail.com](mailto:rlefk2@gmail.com).

### August 26–28

#### *Seeing, Composing and Creating the Image*

*Hahn Horticulture Garden, Virginia Tech*

• *Fri. 6:30–9 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., Sun. 1:30–6 p.m.*

This garden photography workshop is taught by Robert Lyons, Anne Hammond-Tooke, and Robert McDuffie. Registration deadline is **Aug. 19**. To enroll, visit <http://www.hort.vt.edu/hhg/events.html>.

### August 27–28

#### *Moss Show and Gallery Open House*

*P. Buckley Moss Gallery, 223 Gilbert Street, Blacksburg • Sat. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sun. 12 noon – 4 p.m.*

Come meet the artist and view her latest works. For more information about this popular artist's work, visit her website at [www.pbuckleymoss.com](http://www.pbuckleymoss.com).

### August 28 and Sept. 12

#### *Figure Drawing*

*The Artful Lawyer, Blacksburg • 6–8 p.m.*

The model, easels and drawing boards are provided and the cost is \$10. Reserve your spot online by the Friday before each session at <http://artfullawyergallery.org/events>.

### August 31, Sept. 14, and Sept. 28

#### *Paint Parties*

*The Artful Place, A Fine Art Studio, 318 N. Main Street, Blacksburg • 7 – 9:30 p.m.*

Join in the fun — \$30 covers all supplies. Upcoming themes are: Bicycles on August 31, Koi on September 14, and Boats on September 28. To register, visit <http://artfullawyergallery.org/events>

### Sept. 9 and Oct. 14

#### *BRAA Monthly Lunch and Art Spot*

*Famous Anthony's, Blacksburg • 11:30 a.m.*

Join your fellow members over lunch to discuss the latest art happenings and hear

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## Annual theme show draws many interesting faces



The BRAA annual theme show features 53 pieces by more than 30 member artists. This year's subject was a portrait exhibit, Let's Face It, and is on display through mid-October at VTLS, located at 1701 Kraft Drive in the Corporate Research Center in Blacksburg. People's choice awards were presented by President Gerri Young at the July 21 reception. **Fred Jones'** oil painting, "Bunny," won first place, and **Linda Weatherly Shroyer** was awarded second place for her pastel, "Aislinn." ■



photos by Riley Chan



## Simply Elemental — another outdoor art adventure

A large exhibit of one-of-a-kind works by regional artists is on display at the Hahn Horticulture garden through September. Each of the 33 pieces have been thoughtfully placed to catch the eye, ignite the mind, and inspire the spirit. The exhibit includes nine interactive works that encourage visitors to become participants in the adventure.

BRAA artists participating in the exhibit include **Kirk Carter** (Angel Chair), **Paula Golden** (New World Porcupines), **Teri Hoover** (Doors of Light and Shadow and Huckleberry Weave), **Sue Hossack** (Flowers and Bees), **Joe Jennelle** (Wind Dancer Iris), **Susan Lockwood** (V2T2, with Stan Stanley), **Bill**

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the featured speaker of the month. Joy Rosenthal will share thoughts about her photography on Sept. 9.

### September 9

#### *Lisabeth Weisband Reception*

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

Come view an assortment of works by fellow member Lisabeth Weisband. Exhibit will be displayed until the end of October.

### September 8–12

#### *Backyard Stonecarvers Workshop*

Newport Recreation Center

Bob Lockhart will lead this workshop that begins with a potluck social on Thursday evening followed by three and a half days of instruction. For more information, contact Linda Correll at [Lcorrell83@gmail.com](mailto:Lcorrell83@gmail.com).

### October 2

#### *Plein Air in Blacksburg*

2095 Plank Dr., Blacksburg • 3–5 p.m.

Paula Golden welcomes members to paint the scenes around her home. Register at [rlefo2@gmail.com](mailto:rlefo2@gmail.com).

### October 8–9

#### *Plein Air and Art Show at South Peak*

South Peak, Roanoke • Sat. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday offers plein air painting, an art show, and painting demos. On Sunday there will be a “wet paint” sale and people’s choice award. Participation is free and there is no commission. To register, email name, address, and phone no. to [bhooper@southpeak.net](mailto:bhooper@southpeak.net) or call 540-904-2403.

### October 15–17

#### *Collage Workshop with Danie Janov*

Warm Hearth Village Center • 2387 Warm Hearth Drive, Blacksburg

Popular instructor Danie Janov leads this three-day workshop exploring collage art. Member cost is \$150 and includes lunch and snacks each day. For more information, contact Charlotte Chan at [charlotteychan@gmail.com](mailto:charlotteychan@gmail.com).

### November 2

#### *Golden Product Demonstration*

Warm Hearth Village Center, 2387 Warm Hearth Drive, Blacksburg • 6–8 p.m.

Amy Shawley, representative of Golden Artist Colors, Inc., and author of the book, “Acrylic Texture Techniques—Rock, Metal and Wood” will demonstrate how to use the company’s many products. Golden A to Z will focus on acrylic gels, paints and more, but will also touch on the world of oil and watercolor painting products. Mark your calendar and watch for further information on this free event.

## ■ President’s Report

A look back at my July calendar and I get tired just thinking about it! After a rather civilized June, the month of July sort of exploded.

I took down a show, took four half-day workshops (haven’t finished my one painting from that yet), painted at the berry farm by myself, picked up work from a closing show, painted at Woods Hole Hostel with Matt, led the BRAA luncheon, got a haircut, attended a lawn concert, went to a day-long plein air workshop, listened to Christine Kosiba lecture, did the one day workshop with Christine, took my 80-something aunt to see Leslie Gregg and Michael Abraham talk about their book, attended an art opening at Creekmore, hung a show, attended an artist talk, attended a lawn concert, showed at Art at the Market with Lois and Teri, helped Robi with theme show delivery, created Huckleberry Weave with Teri, attended the theme show reception, attended a lawn concert, had a birthday, went to Barter Theater and The Arts Depot in Abingdon, installed three projects in Hahn Garden, attended Hahn Garden reception, went to a party at an artist’s house and, lastly, thank goodness, went to the last lawn concert of the season and sat once again with artist friends.

Who knew art could be so much work and so much fun all at the same time?

Art has been my passport to friends in Blacksburg since I moved here in 2010. It is now a rare event for me without bumping into artist friends. BRAA seems to do more than just bring artists together to talk about and share art. For some, it is the joy of finding “my people!” For some “it changed our lives.” For others, it “reignited my creativity,” “helped me come out of my shell.”

Whatever your reason for belonging to BRAA, art is at the center of it and perhaps you, like me have exploding calendars because you want to do it all!

Thanks for hanging around with us!




Lois Stephens



Linda Weatherly Shroyer



Gerri Young

Included in the *Simply Elemental* exhibit at Hahn Horticulture Garden are (top, clockwise) “Be Your Own Art” by Rhonda Morgan, Dave Angle, and Diane Relf (with Lois Stephens’ grandson, Griffin); “New World Porcupines” by Paula Golden, and “Rockin’ with Mondrian” by Bill Pulley. Plan to visit this wonderful show before the end of September!

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**Pulley**, (Rockin’ with Mondrian) **Diane Relf** (Flowers in Rust and more), **Pam Shanley** (Logs a Glow), **Darcy Meeker** (Opening Light), and **Gerri Young** (Fancy Pants and Huckleberry Weave).

The garden is open from dawn to dusk. Please tag shared photos on social media with #SimplyElemental2016.

## 1 Chair, 20 Artists



If you missed the August 5 reception for the "chair" show at the Alexander Black House, you still have time to see it until Sept 26. The opening coincided with Steppin' Out and the exhibit was visited by 172 people that evening. The chair that inspired the project is displayed in the center of the room surrounded by 13 works of art, with the 16 Blocks grid (filled with 8x8 inch pieces, left) featured in the adjoining room. The 107-year-old chair was depicted in a wide variety of styles and media.

Gerri Young

## Art at the Market

Three BRAA members were honored on July 16 at Downtown Blacksburg's annual Art at the Market. **Sally Mook** (far right) won first place in the 2D category and **Robi Sallee** (third from left) was awarded second place. **Susan Lockwood** (fifth from left) earned honorable mention. Tacie Jones (second from right) judged the event.



Lois Stephens

## Moss Center offers forum for artists

An open critique, discussion, and fellowship forum called ArtSphere is hosted by the Center for the Arts at 2 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month in the Miles C. Horton Gallery in the Moss Arts Center. The gallery is located at 190 Alumni Mall, 2nd floor, Turner Street side of building (gallery with glass walls).

ArtSphere is a space for emerging, working, or recently-graduated artists, art students, and art lovers to gather and share ideas, collaborate, network, or just talk. Exhibits Program Manager Meggin Hicklin created this space in response to conversations with area artists who voiced a desire for more opportunities for peer critique and collaboration, especially for those not connected with a university or who have graduated.

There is no membership, no agenda, and no programming on the part of the Center for the Arts. This is a group created for artists, by artists and will evolve and grow to fit the needs of those who participate.

Feel free to bring images or samples of your work, news of shows, sketches, or anything else from your world. All are welcome!

## Help Wanted

Would you like to put your stamp on a worthy cause? Nancy Norton has requested assistance in developing a simple logo for the name "Blacksburg Refugee Partnership." Anyone interested can contact her for details at 540-257-9977.

## Now Showing

**July 15 – October 15**

(except where indicated otherwise)

**Lisa Acciai**, Brown Insurance, Blacksburg

**Patricia Bolton**, Haga Law, Christiansburg (thru September)

**Linda Correll**, Holtzman Alumni Center, Virginia Tech (until Sept. 6)

**Judy Crowgey**, Christiansburg Library (thru September)

**Susan Hensley**, Pointe West Management, Blacksburg

**Ruth Lefko**, Route 8 Donuts, Christiansburg (thru September)

**Rita Montross**, Virginia Tech Women's Center

**Betty Moore**, Main Street Inn, Blacksburg

**Nancy Norton**, Zeppoli's, Blacksburg

**David Pearce**, Mill Mountain Coffee and Tea, Blacksburg; and New River Bank, Christiansburg (thru September)

**Robi Sallee**, Blue Ridge Cancer Care, Blacksburg

**Karen Sewell**, Blue Ridge Cancer Care, Blacksburg and Hahn Garden Pavilion, Virginia Tech (Sept. and Oct.).

**Jane Thorp**, New River Bank, Christiansburg (thru September)

**Michele Walter**, Virginia Tech Women's Center

**Shaun Whiteside**, Fleda A. Ring Gallery, Roanoke (thru Sept.)

**Norma Woodward**, See Mark Optical, Blacksburg

**Gerri Young**, Zeppoli's, Blacksburg

*"Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michaelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein."*

~ H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

## ■ Exhibit Opportunities

### **BRAA Community Galleries**

2017 • Various Locations

BRAA members who have been approved as exhibiting artists are invited to apply to display their works in community galleries throughout 2017. Application deadline is **August 20**. For more information and the request form, visit the Galleries page at [www.blacksburgart.org](http://www.blacksburgart.org).

### **2017 Biennial Juried Exhibition**

**Olin Hall Galleries, Roanoke College**

This show is Jan. 27 – Feb. 26 and is open to all artists within a 180 mile radius of Roanoke College. Work must be original and executed within the past two years. The deadline (receipt, rather than postmark) is **Nov. 7**; for more information contact Talia Logan at [mlogan@roanoke.edu](mailto:mlogan@roanoke.edu) or 540-375-2332.

## ■ Kudos

**Shaun Whiteside** was awarded first place in The Bower Center's 2016 Annual National Juried Exhibition in Bedford.



Juror Janly Jaggard presented the award for Whiteside's painting

"Elegy to the US Republic no. 2 (after Motherwell)" at the closing reception on July 8.

BRAA member **Linda Correll's** work was accepted in the Jacksonville Center for the Arts' Jax Juried Art Show. Her photograph, "Beautifully Aged," will be displayed through October 1 in the center's Hayloft Gallery.

Three BRAA members received awards at Art at the Market on July 16: **Sally Mook, Robi Sallee, and Susan Lockwood**. (see more info and photo on page 3).

Congratulations to all!

*The art featured in this month's nameplate is "Mama and Baby Elephant" (right, mixed water media, 14 x 11") by Michele Walter. This and more of her work can be viewed at the Virginia Tech Women's Center in Blacksburg through October 15.*

## Applications open for VMFA Fellowship program

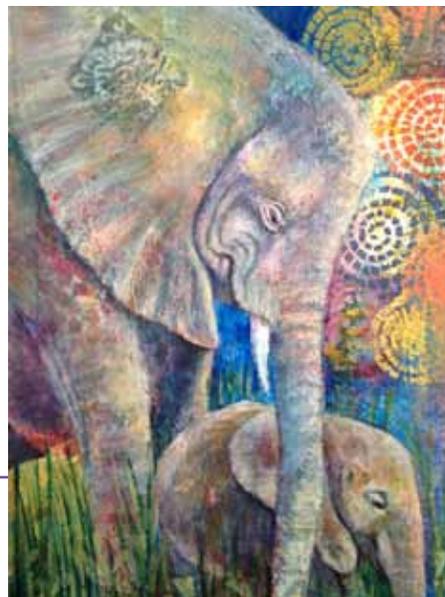
The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Fellowship program was established in 1940 through a generous contribution by the late John Lee Pratt of Fredericksburg. Offered through VMFA Statewide, Fellowships are still largely funded through the Pratt endowment, and supplemented by annual gifts from the Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation and the J. Warwick McClintic, Jr. Scholarship Fund.

The Fellowship program has a long and established history of supporting Virginia's artistic talent and has helped to further the careers and studies of many distinguished individuals, including recent recipients Charlie Brouwer of Willis, Cynthia Henebry of Richmond, and Leigh Anne Chambers of Courtland.

VMFA offers \$8,000 awards to professional artists, \$6,000 awards to graduate students, and \$4,000 awards to undergraduate students. 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. on Friday, **November 4**.

Full eligibility criteria can be found at [www.VMFA.museum/fellowships](http://www.VMFA.museum/fellowships).



### **BRAA Officers**

- Gerri Young**, president
- Charlotte Chan**, co-vice president
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- Robi Sallee**, past president



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