



■ Upcoming

Oct. 23, Nov. 6, and Nov. 20

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>.

Oct. 26 and Nov. 9

Paint Parties

The Artful Place, A Fine Art Studio, 106 Faculty Street, Blacksburg • 7–9:30 p.m.

Join in the fun — \$30 covers all supplies. Upcoming themes are: Italian Villa and Olive Trees on Oct. 26 and Fall on the New River on Nov. 9. To register, visit <http://artfullawyergallery.org/events>.

October 27

Women Influencing the Arts Speaker Series Virginia Tech Women's Center, 206 Washington St., Blacksburg • 5:30 p.m.

This is the final talk in a series that explores the accomplishments and challenges facing women in the arts. For more about the speakers and to make reservations, visit womeninfluencingthearts.wordpress.com/speakerseries/.

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.

November 3

Name Tag Play Date

Blacksburg Library, Draper Road • 9–12 p.m.

Ever puzzled trying to remember the name of a fellow member? Paula Golden will lead this activity where you'll design your own BRAA name tag. You'll need to bring a few supplies, so email paulacgolden@comcast.net if you plan to attend.

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Gallery schedules set for 2017

Thanks to the diligent efforts of members **Charlotte Chan** and **Jeanette Bowker**, gallery exhibits for 2017 have been scheduled and are posted on the website at www.blacksburgart.org/galleries. More than 40 members will be showing works at 13 galleries throughout Blacksburg.

Artists are reminded that works must be framed or gallery-wrapped to present a professional product in good, clean condition, using the proper BRAA art tag (available at www.blacksburgart.org/galleries), and an artist's statement sheet. Artists are also responsible for contacting the gallery representative to determine best times and days to hang your exhibit and working with the outgoing artist to set an agreed upon time for the exchange.

Thanks to participating galleries and to the following members for their ongoing work as gallery chairs —

Raf Bedia (Warm Hearth Village Center) • **Pat Bevan** (Zeppoli's) • **Kirk Carter** (Blacksburg Transit) • **Marie Collier** (Mill Mountain Coffee and Tea) • **Judy Crowgey** (Main Street Inn) • **Carole Davis** (Community Arts Information Office) • **Teri Hoover** (Brown Insurance) • **Delbert Jones** (Blue Ridge Cancer Care and See Mark Optical) • **Ruth Lefko** (Rackspace) • **David Pearce** (Pointe West Management) • **Joy Rosenthal** (Virginia Tech Women's Center) • **Robi Sallee** (VTLS).



Gerri Young

Instructor Danie Janov leads a recent BRAA-sponsored collage workshop. The Oct. 15-17 sessions were held at the Warm Hearth Village Center.

BRAA Annual Meeting and Election

November 13 • 1:30–3 p.m.

**Blacksburg Community Center,
Patrick Henry Drive**

See details on p. 2.

If you can provide a treat for the refreshment table, please contact Robi Sallee at robisallee@hotmail.com.

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Nov. 11 and Dec. 9

*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 the featured speaker of the month.

November 13

*Annual BRAA Meeting
Blacksburg Community Center, Patrick Henry Drive • 1:30–3 p.m.*

Attend the annual meeting and learn more about the Center for the Arts from guest speaker Ruth Waalkes. A short meeting will follow with election of officers.

Newsletter editorial board seeks your input

What type of articles would you like included in future newsletters?

What information could you share that would benefit fellow members?

What inspires you to make art?

The editorial board would like to hear from you! We will be meeting quarterly to plan newsletter content in order to present a more thoughtful, comprehensive publication.

If you enjoy writing, we need you! Feature stories about fellow artists, critiques of workshops you've attended, how-to articles about techniques or tools you've developed, or your philosophical musings will all be considered!

Please share your ideas by emailing any of the editorial board members —

- Lois Stephens**, *stephens1@pemt.net*
- Gerri Young**, *younggerri@googlemail.com*
- Pat Bevan**, *patriciabevan@mac.com*
- Teri Hoover**, *crystalirisphotos@gmail.com*

If you would like to join the editorial board, please let us know that, too!

■ Welcome, new members!

BRAA welcomes all new members, most recently —

Terry Ellen Carter • Heather Gardner • Cynthia Hayes • Kim Sutliff • Carolina Tallon • Dee Ann West

■ President's Report

For the first time since the Art Spot program began, we had a luncheon this month without a speaker. This turn of events allowed for a longer free flow of discussion among our members that was a fun change.

However, we will continue the Art Spots because it gives us a chance to hear from folks outside our group as well as those within and we learn lots of new things.

Robi Sallee is in charge of scheduling the Art Spots and she would really like your help in suggesting speakers. The basic guideline is that the subject should have something to do with art. Sometimes that requirement is very obvious as in **Joy Rosenthal's** recent presentation on her photography. Sometimes it's a bit more remote like the Habitat for Humanity Restore folks talking about their annual recycled art event.

Members have had us make foam and insulation sheet stamps right at the lunch tables (me); brought their sewing machine to lunch to demo making fabric and cord baskets (**Teri Hoover**); and demonstrated an Icarus board for use with colored pencils (**Jennifer Carpenter**).

We love having members do the Art Spots because we learn about their subjects and themselves and they get to show off their skills, too.

So ... if you have suggestions for non-members you think would be good for Art Spots or are willing to do your own presentation, please email robisallee@hotmail.com so she can get you on the schedule.

Art Spots need only be 15 minutes long so the task is easy and fun!

Big thanks to **Ruth Lefko** for the great job she has done with scheduling plein air locations this year. The last three locations have been wonderful. The private home of new member, **Dianne Gills-Robinson**, has what is likely the most spectacular view in all of Blacksburg. Located in Deer Run, our places by Dianne's studio offered a very long and wide vista.

Our visit to the Poplar Hill Alpaca farm was such fun! Not a paint brush was pulled out, but cameras clicked away recording the fuzzy and delightful faces of alpacas and llamas from babies to moms. The most oft-uttered words of the day — "they are sooooo cute!" We hope to go back to one or both of these locations to capture beautiful autumn colors. Stay tuned.

ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION — Mark your calendar for the annual meeting and election on Nov. 13 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Blacksburg Community Center on Patrick Henry Drive. Our guest speaker will be **Ruth Waalkes**, executive director of the Moss Center, who will bring us up to date on these early years of this beautiful performing and visual arts center. I hope to see you there.

P.S. Your BRAA is one solution to van Gogh's lament on page 4. Let's all sing together!



Ruth Waalkes will be the guest speaker at the BRAA annual meeting on November 13.



○ Crystal Light plastic containers make excellent pen and mechanical pencil holders. (Gerri Young)

Do you have an art tip to share? Email stephens1@pemt.net or younggerri@googlemail.com.

Plein air is in the air! October is an ideal month for BRAA outdoor events ...



Ruth Lefko

Kirk Carter was one of the participants at the Oct. 2 plein air session held at the lovely home of Paula Golden.



Ruth Lefko

Poplar Hill Alpacas on Mount Tabor Road was the Oct. 9 destination. Host Patty Fuller (right) provided an educational overview on the habits of these fascinating creatures.



Gerri Young

An alpaca strikes a regal pose for Matt Gentry. Late afternoon offers wonderful shadows for plein air sketching and painting.

■ Now Showing

October 15 – January 15
(except where indicated otherwise)

Pat Bevan, Pointe West Management, Blacksburg

Patricia Bolton, New River Bank, Christiansburg (thru Dec.)

Jeanette Bowker, Community Arts Information Office, Blacksburg (thru Oct.)

Jennifer Carpenter, Montgomery Museum, Christiansburg (thru Jan.)

Charlotte Chan, Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, Suffolk, Va. (thru Dec.)

Riley Chan, Zeppoli's, Blacksburg

Marie Collier, See Mark Optical, Blacksburg and Christiansburg Library (thru Dec.)

Carole Davis, Brown Insurance, Blacksburg

Vera Dickerson, Holtzman Alumni Center, Virginia Tech (thru Dec.)

Anne Hammond Tooke, Zeppoli's, Blacksburg

Sue Hossack, Blue Ridge Cancer Care, Blacksburg

David Pearce, Route 8 Donuts, Christiansburg (thru Dec.)

Ruth Lefko, Mill Mountain Coffee and Tea, Blacksburg and Haga Law, Christiansburg (thru Dec.)

Sally Mook, Blacksburg Transit Office

Nancy Norton, Zeppoli's, Blacksburg

Suzanne Ross, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Blacksburg (thru Oct.)

Karen Sewell, Hahn Garden Pavilion, Virginia Tech (thru Oct.)

Lois Stephens, Main Street Inn, Blacksburg

Jane Thorp, New River Bank, Christiansburg (thru Dec.)

Nancy Trump, Chateau Morrisette, Floyd County (thru Nov.)

Michele Walter, Blue Ridge Cancer Care, Blacksburg

Lisabeth Weisband, Montgomery Museum, Christiansburg (thru Oct.)

Shaun Whiteside, VTLS, Blacksburg

Tom Wilkinson, Virginia Tech Women's Center

■ Exhibit opportunities

Holiday Shopping Day

November 5 • 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Blacksburg New School, 2500 N. Main St.

Artists who have small items for sale are invited to participate in this holiday fund raiser for the Blacksburg New School. Application deadline is **Sun., Oct. 23**. For more information contact Charlotte Valluzzo at charlottevalluzzo@gmail.com or call 540-449-9291.

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 or 540-375-2332.

Christmas Market

December

**Community Arts Information Office,
College Avenue**

All BRAA artists are invited to participate in this annual holiday market in downtown Blacksburg. More than 20 artists offered items (mostly under \$100) in 2015. More information coming soon!

“Gauguin says that when sailors have to move a heavy load or raise an anchor, they all sing together to keep them up and give them vim. That’s just what artists lack!” ~ Vincent van Gogh

The art featured in this month's nameplate is "Double Delight" (right, watercolor, 15 x 22") by Carole Davis. More of her work can be viewed at Brown Insurance in Blacksburg through January 15.

■ Other opportunities

Artist-in-Residence Program at Carilion Clinic

The Dr. Robert L.A. Keeley Healing Arts Program at Carilion Clinic is looking for artists who enjoy sharing their work with others to provide bedside activities for patients, demonstrations in public spaces and workshops for staff. Visual, performing and literary artists are encouraged to apply. A stipend will be provided as well as orientation and supplies. Time commitment is eight hours weekly over a nine-month period. For more information and an application form, contact the Carilion Clinic Foundation at healingarts@carilionclinic.org.

Have you had BRAA gallery sales this year?

The gallery committee would like to hear from BRAA artists who have had sales in BRAA galleries in 2016. Please tell us how many pieces you sold and in which galleries. Email this information to charlotteychan@gmail.com.

Member offers private watercolor classes

BRAA, BKA, VWS, WHS member Suzanne Davis Ross welcomes new private students to build their skills in expressive watercolor painting in her studio on Electric Rd/419, Roanoke. Classes meet weekly, 10 a.m. – noon, for a four-week commitment where a compatible class of two will be challenged in drawing and design, underpainting and still life, plein air and portraiture. Cost is \$15 per hour. For more information, contact suzannedavisross@gmail.com.



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