

■ Art Calendar

October 23–24

Jordi Calvera Art Sale

German Club Ballroom, 711 Southgate Drive, Blacksburg • 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

This public sale offers the entire collection of the late artist and BRAA member, Jordi Calvera. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase an original work by this beloved artist. For more information, visit www.blacksburgart.org.

October 24

Opening Reception, SWARM and Multiply Moss Arts Center, Virginia Tech • 5–7 p.m.

Celebrate the opening of two new exhibitions. SWARM features a selection of works that explore bodies that converge to occupy, invade, or even dominate our airspace. Multiply is a one-of-a-kind art installation that invites viewers to participate in proliferating thousands of hexagons throughout the gallery space.

October 26–28

Blue Ridge Potter's Annual Show and Sale Patrick Henry High School, Roanoke • 6:30–9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday; 12–4 p.m. Sunday

This 19th annual show and sale features more than 80 ceramic artists and is the largest pottery show in Virginia. A meet the artists reception will be held Friday evening.

October 28 and November 11

Figure Drawing

The Artful Lawyer, A Fine Gallery, Inc., 318 N. Main Street, 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>.

November 3

Painting Demo by Z.L. Feng Christiansburg Library • 1–4 p.m.

Sign up soon to watch award-winning watercolorist Z.L. Feng in action. The demo is free (thanks to support from Sage Title Company) but space is limited. To reserve your space, email charlottteychan@gmail.com.

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Annual meeting features speaker sponsored by Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

The 2018 annual meeting and election of officers will take place Sunday, **Nov. 4**, from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Hahn Horticulture Garden Pavilion. No parking permits are needed on Sundays. The meeting is open to BRAA members and the public alike.

The agenda will include a speaker, election of board officers and annual report to the members. Refreshments will be available.



John Plashal will be the speaker at BRAA's annual meeting on Nov. 4.

Our speaker this year is John Plashal, a photographer, author, and speaker for the Statewide Faculty Speakers Bureau, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, in Richmond. In addition to pursuing extreme landscape photography, John spends a considerable amount of his free time assimilating into rural communities in Virginia, ultimately with the goal of tapping into local knowledge in order to identify, photograph and document places offering beauty in decay and unique histories. John's inaugural photographic coffee table book, "A Beautifully Broken Virginia," offers a creative visual commemoration to the places he has visited and has come to deeply appreciate. He is speaking to VMFA affiliates about

his journey, in the form of a presentation full of captivating imagery and amazing stories. Learn more about Plashal at <http://www.johnplashalphoto.com/about/>.

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New River Art Juried Biennial open for entries

By Gerri Young

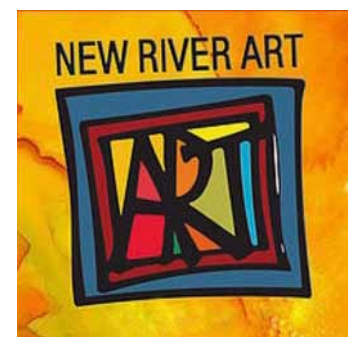
The Blacksburg Regional Art Association is pleased to announce the 15th New River Art Juried Biennial 2019 is now open for entries.

This exhibition began in 1991 and rotates between the BRAA, the Floyd Center for the Arts and the Fine Arts Center of the New River Valley in Pulaski.

Applications are now being taken only through www.callforentry.org. Deadline for entry is **March 1, 2019**. Payment may be made through credit card, PayPal and personal check.

Artists familiar with the biennial will notice some significant changes to this year's event which will be open to the public June 13 through Aug. 3, 2019.

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November 4

BRAA Annual Meeting

Hahn Horticulture Pavilion, Virginia Tech Campus • 1:30–3:00 p.m.

Featuring guest speaker John Plashal, author and photographer of the book, "Beautifully Broken Places of Virginia." The meeting will also include an annual report, election of officers, and refreshments.

November 7

Paint Parties

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

Participants will paint in the style of Claude Monet. The cost is \$30 per person per session and includes all supplies (wine extra). Register at <http://artfullawyergallery.org/events> or call 540-443-9350, ext. 707.

November 9 and December 14

BRAA Monthly Lunch and Art Spot

Bull and Bones, First and Main, Blacksburg • 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join your fellow members for lunch, hear the featured speaker's Art Spot, and share news about the latest art happenings.

November 9–11

Art of the Carolinas

Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown (3415 Wake Forest Road Raleigh, North Carolina)

This annual event draws enthusiasts from across the country. Workshops begin on November 8. Free admission and parking for the expo, which features product demonstrations and free samples. Search Art of the Carolinas for the schedule of events and more information.

November 10

Studio School Art Blast

Towers Shopping Center • 1–5 p.m.

Portfolio art and small works will be offered for sale by 40 artists, many Studio School members.

December 7

Holiday Market and Winter Lights Festival

Downtown Blacksburg • 5–8 p.m.

BRAA will join in the festivities by welcoming visitors to its holiday market in the Community Arts Information Office. Stop by and start your holiday shopping with this selection of beautiful, unique gifts.

December 8

Newport Village Christmas Market

Newport Community Center • 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

This event features artisans, crafters, open studios, music, food, and more!

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For the first time ever, the biennial will take place in the beautiful Moss Arts Center at Virginia Tech. The area of eligibility will be a radius of 170 miles from Blacksburg versus the most often used distance of 150 miles. This expansion was decided upon due to the spectacular facility made available for the show. This facility will allow for more and larger pieces to be exhibited than ever before and is expected to draw a high caliber of fine arts ranging from paintings to sculptures, textiles and more. Due to the excellent video capabilities of the center, video entries will be accepted for the first time.

Juror for the show was selected by the Moss Arts Center and is Emily Smith, executive director of 1708 Gallery, a non-profit contemporary art space in Richmond. Other art affiliations include the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, Piedmont Arts in Martinsville, Second Street Gallery in Charlottesville, and Patrick Henry Community College in Martinsville. She holds a masters in art history from the University of Virginia.

Full details on all aspects of the biennial may be found at www.callforentry.org and www.blacksburgart.org. ■

Lunch and learn with us!

Spend time getting to know other artists and learn about happenings in our art community by attending our monthly luncheons.

Members pay on their own at these get-togethers held at 11:30 a.m. on the second Friday of each month at Bull and Bones restaurant at First in Main in Blacksburg.

Each month features a short "art spot" by a member or outside guest. September's spot was a member show and tell. Phil Ramsey was the speaker this month and discussed his portrait work with the non-profit organization, Freedom 58.



Gerri Young shares her work during the art spot at the September luncheon.

Terri H Hoover Photography



At the October luncheon, Phil Ramsey talks about one of the paintings he donated to Freedom 58, an organization dedicated to ending modern day slavery.

Lois Stephens

Still time to sign up for 2018 Holiday Market!

Hurry ... installation begins on Oct. 31! The 2018 Holiday Market at the Community Arts Information Office (CAIO) begins Nov. 2. By opening a month earlier this year, we should attract early shoppers and create greater public awareness of our talented BRAA members.

The physical space at CAIO hasn't changed much and we will continue to look for ways to improve our display. With several extra weeks of sales, this year could be the most successful ever. The 2017 December market yielded \$3400 in sales.

Items priced under \$150 will help make this a customer-friendly market for holiday gift-giving. Consider joining the excitement and fun!

More information and registration details are linked to the BRAA home page at www.blacksburgart.org/. If you are interested in providing planning assistance, email ccarrerad@aol.com or call 540-951-1700.



Scenes from last year's BRAA holiday market, held in the Community Arts Information Office on College Avenue in Blacksburg.



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BRAA, an affiliate of the VMFA, generally draws its speakers from the VMFA speakers bureau. After Plashal's remarks, a brief question and answer period will take place, to be followed by the annual business portion of the meeting to include a report to members and election of officers.

The election of officers includes the following positions and candidates:

- President – Gerri Young** (looking for a replacement because she plans to step down in mid 2019 and would like someone to begin as an understudy as soon as possible)
- Vice President – Charlotte Chan**
- Secretary – Pat Bevan**
- Treasurer – Jeanette Bowker**

Members continuing in their current non-board positions are: **Robi Sallee** as past president, **Rafael Bedia** as membership chairman, **Lois Stephens** as newsletter editor, **Charlotte Chan** and **Jeanette Bowker** as gallery committee, and **Charlotte Chan** as workshop coordinator.

We look forward to seeing many members and guests on Nov. 4!



Photographer John Plashal will share his photographic journey through the beautifully decaying rural places within our state. He has commemorated these abandoned gems by capturing their beauty and delivering them in a presentation full of powerful imagery and emotional stories.

Now Showing

October 15 – January 15
(except where indicated otherwise)

Lisa Acciai, First Bank and Trust, Christiansburg

Pat Bevan, Virginia Tech Women's Center

Riley Chan, Blacksburg Transit

Judy Crowgey, See Mark Optical, Blacksburg

Diana Dougherty, Zeppoli's wine room, Blacksburg

Dianne Gillis-Robinson, Main Street Inn, Blacksburg

Paula Golden, Brown Insurance, Blacksburg

Susan Hensley, Warm Hearth, Blacksburg (thru Nov.)

Teri Hoover, National Bank, Blacksburg

Ava Howard, Zeppoli's dining room, Blacksburg

Delbert Jones, Zeppoli's wine room, Blacksburg

Ruth Lefko, Pointe West Management, Blacksburg

Maxine Lyons, Long and Foster, Blacksburg

Philip Ramsey, Shaheen Law Firm, Blacksburg

Joy Rosenthal, Glade Church, Blacksburg

Karen Sewell, Mill Mountain Coffee and Tea, Blacksburg

Lois Stephens, Blue Ridge Cancer Care, Blacksburg

Gerri Young, Hahn Horticulture Pavilion, Virginia Tech campus (thru Oct.)

"It is a risk to connect. But the artist — the ones the Creator shows — does so with the understanding that connection itself is simply the expression of her or his being, and that not to at least make the effort is to die."

~ Alice Walker

■ Exhibit and other opportunities

Carilion Patient Art Show **Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital** **November 20 – February 7, 2019**

All Carilion patients are eligible to apply for this annual exhibit. 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® through **October 24** at www.nationalartsprogram.org/carilionpatient.

Newport Village Christmas Market **Newport Community Center** **December 8, 2018 • 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

Artisans, crafters and other makers are invited to participate in this new event. The entry fee is \$25 and the registration deadline is **November 1**. Apply online at www.newportcommunitycenter.com or email newportpr@gmail.com or icorrell83@gmail.com for more information.

Call for Artists for Visual Arts Fellowships 2019–20

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 state wide as well as art and art history students who demonstrate exceptional creative ability in their chosen discipline and, as such, has awarded nearly \$5.5 million in Fellowships to Virginians. Application deadline is 5 pm, **November 2, 2018**. Stipends range from \$2,000 to \$8,000. For more information visit www.vmfa.museum/programs/college/visual-arts-fellowships/.

Olin Hall Galleries **2019 Biennial Exhibition** **Roanoke College** **January 25 – March 17, 2019**

This exhibition is open to all artists within a 200-mile radius of Roanoke College.



All fine arts media are eligible, including crafts, drawing, film and video, mixed media, painting, photography, print-making and sculpture. Entry deadline is **November 5**. Application available at <https://2019biennialolinhallgalleries.artcall.org/users/register>.

HArts on Main Festival **Great Road on Main, Christiansburg** **February 15–16, 2019**

Mark your calendar to participate in this second annual event. Watch for more information about selling your art in this lovely venue, or contact rlefk02@gmail.com.

The Power of Art in the Palm of the Hand **January 31, 2019**

Carilion Clinic Foundation invites professional artists to create an original work of art for a silent auction during an annual fundraising event on January 31. This is an opportunity for local artists to create small scale works of art that are meant to be treasured as closely as that which is held in the palm of one's hand. They invite submissions of different mediums and forms, including sculpture, pottery, painting, illustration, photography, and woodwork. The overall area of a two-dimensional piece must not exceed 25 inches (area of any frame not to exceed 39 square inches). Sculptures may not exceed 5 inches in any direction. The artist will receive 50% of the realized sales price (before sales tax) for the creation; the remaining 50% of the realized sales price will benefit the Dr. Robert L. A. Keeley Healing Arts Program at Carilion Clinic. Any items not sold will be returned to the artist. To participate, email healingarts@carilionclinic.org, to receive an entry form. Deadline is **December 31, 2018**.

2019 New River Art Juried Biennial **Moss Arts Center, Virginia Tech** **June 13 – August 3, 2019**

See the cover article in this issue for more information. Applications are now being accepted at www.callforentry.org. Deadline is **March 1, 2019**.

The art featured in this month's nameplate is "Your Shot" (left, watercolor, 8x10") by Dianne Gillis-Robinson (studio 3519.com). This and more of her work can be viewed at Main Street Inn in Blacksburg through mid-January.



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