

Art Calendar

April 24

Pottery, Poetry and Pastels Reception

The Artful Lawyer, A Fine Gallery, Inc., 318 N. Main Street, Blacksburg • 5:30 p.m.

This opening for the latest Whet Your Palette exhibit features a variety of pottery, poetry, and pastel creations. Works will be displayed until July.

April 27–28

Roanoke Open Studios Tour

Various Locations, Roanoke • 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Roanoke artists open their homes and studios for you to experience their newest works in intimate and inspiring settings. Admission is free and art is for sale at all nine locations featuring the work of 22 regional artists. Visit www.openstudiotouroanoke.com for more information.

May 2–5

Backyard Stone Carvers

Newport Community Center, Newport

Beginning and experienced sculptors will want to make time for this creative workshop! For more information, contact icorrell83@gmail.com.

May 5

Reception, Windows to the Hahn Garden

Hahn Horticulture Garden, Virginia Tech campus • 12–2 p.m.

This art installation is part of a series of exhibits where local artists share their perspective on their surroundings by repurposing old window panes as canvases. Works will be displayed in the garden through June.

May 9

Jeanette Bowker Reception

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

Come celebrate the paintings of featured artist, Jeanette Bowker. Works will be displayed through June.

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Who Is Your Customer? A Coffee House Talk for Artists

Alexander Black House, 204 Draper Rd. SW, Blacksburg • 5:30 p.m.

The Blacksburg Partnership Collaborative for the Arts presents this training workshop

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Where we make art

Maybe you have reserved one corner of your dining room table. Or perhaps your dream studio is a reality. In any case, most agree that carving out space to create is key to inspiration and productivity.

A recent “where do you make art” survey of BRAA members yielded a nearly 50 percent response rate. Of those, 94.1 percent have designated art spaces. Home studios are employed by 64.7 percent, 20.6 percent have studios outside their homes but on their properties, and 14.7 percent have off-site studios.

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Photos courtesy of Diane Relf

Diane Relf's studio is located on her and Dave Angle's property in Blacksburg and has evolved over 40 years. She describes her work space as continuously changing chaos. Relf admits to being overwhelmed by the “potential” she collects for rusted and recycled art, but loves having the space to do it.

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for area artists. Amanda Forrester with the Regional Small Business Development Center is the presenter with networking to follow. Email info@blacksburgpartnership.org by **May 3** if you plan to attend this free workshop.

May 9–11

Draw Your Way to Better Paintings with Robin Poteet
St. Paul Methodist Church Annex, 220 W. Main St., Christiansburg

The Montgomery Museum is once again bringing this talented artist and teacher to Christiansburg. Drawing demos, exercises, experimentation and watercolor techniques will be featured. Students may work in watercolor or acrylics. The fee is \$175 per person; register by calling the museum at 540-382-5644.

May 10 and June 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.

May 23

Opening Reception, Radford City Fine Arts Show
Radford University Art Museum, 214 Tyler Ave., Radford • 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Come view the array of juried art in this annual show. Works will be displayed until June 21.

June 1–2

Sidewalk Art Show
Downtown Roanoke • 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sponsored by the Taubman Museum, this annual event in the downtown market area features original paintings, photography, fine craft and sculpture.

June 7

Artemis Reception
Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke • 6:30 p.m.

Join the celebration for the 2019 Artemis journal. The publication is supported by the Roanoke Arts Commission and The Taubman Museum of Art.

June 13

Opening Reception, New River Art Juried Biennial Exhibition
Moss Arts Center, Virginia Tech • 5–7 p.m.

Be among the first to view the exhibition of nearly 70 works and hear the presentation of awards. The art will be displayed until August 3.

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Convenience was cited as the most popular response to what members like about their current workspaces. As it goes, some with home studios cited a desire for offsite space so they could have fewer distractions and more interactions with others ... and some with off site studios longed for the convenience of home.

Many respondents thought studios outside their homes but on their properties would offer the best of both worlds with distraction-free convenience.

The most desired change was for more space — even from an artist with a 1200 sq. ft. studio!

Other jobs and family and home responsibilities were most cited as barriers to spending more time in our studios. Others admit that self-inflicted distractions and procrastination keeps them from forging ahead.

While there's no arguing that having a dedicated space to work is inspirational, it doesn't guarantee productivity. Regardless of our personal situations, artists who are motivated will likely find some sacred spaces and time to spend with our muses. Now go make art! ■



Joanna Sunshine's home studio not only provides space for her weaving but offers a stunning view as well.

Phil Ramsey's spacious, well-lit studio in the Newport Community Center allows him to focus on work such as the in-progress commissioned painting shown on his easel.



Photos provided by Joanna Sunshine

Lois Stephens



Photo provided by Teri Hoover

BRAA members recently took part in the Words and Picture night at Falling Branch Elementary so students could meet and view artists at work. Matt Gentry, Teri Hoover, Ruth Lefko and Gerri Young participated in the event.

■ Welcome New Members

BRAA has received the following new memberships: **Thomas Jenssen, Mary Ollendick, and Kay Tisdale.** Welcome!

■ Kudos

Congratulations to BRAA member **Shaun Whiteside** who was awarded best in show at the April 5 opening of the 2019



Autoportrait (acrylic, 44 x 45") by Shaun Whiteside

National Juried Art Exhibition at the Academy Center of the Arts in Lynchburg. The award was for his acrylic body of work, Autoportrait and Fascism I.



Fascism I (acrylic, 48 x 36") by Shaun Whiteside

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June 28

Opening Reception, BRAA Theme Show
Radford University Art Gallery, 214 Tyler Ave.
• 5–7 p.m.

Come view BRAA member's interpretation of this year's theme, Slice of Life. Works will be displayed until Aug. 14. For more information, contact robisallee@hotmail.com or visit the calendar of events tab at www.blacksburgart.org.

July 12–14

Quilting Workshop
Warm Hearth Village Center, Blacksburg

Paula Golden, internationally recognized fabric artist, will be teaching this workshop. Contact charlotteychan@gmail.com to express your interest in attending.

July 20

Art and Breakfast at the Market
Draper Road, Blacksburg • 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Have breakfast, listen to music, and stroll this sidewalk exposition of unique works where you'll find paintings, collages, photography, sculpture, and more.

September 27–29

Yupo Workshop
Warm Hearth Village Center, Blacksburg

Popular water media artist Jesi Pace Berkeley will lead this workshop on how to create exciting effects on Yupo paper. Watch for more information or contact charlotteychan@gmail.com to express your interest in attending.

October 3–5

Tri-State Sculptors Conference
Radford University's Selu Conservancy

This conference features workshops, informational sessions, and demonstrations of such arts/crafts as blacksmithing and glass blowing at the Art Annex. For more information, contact larrybechtel@rocketmail.com.

■ Now Showing

April 15 – July 15

(except where indicated otherwise)

David Angle, Brown Insurance, Blacksburg

Patricia Bevan, Pointe West Management, Blacksburg

Patricia Bolton, Long and Foster, Blacksburg

Jeanette Bowker, Montgomery Museum, Christiansburg (May–June)

Marie Collier, Bluefield College, Bluefield, Virginia (May–August)

Judy Crowgey, First Bank & Trust, Christiansburg

Susan Hensley, Virginia Tech Women's Center

Teri Hoover, Shaheen Law Firm, Blacksburg

Delbert Jones, Blacksburg Transit

Johanna Jones, See Mark Optical, Blacksburg

Darcy Meeker, Alexander Black House & Cultural Center, Blacksburg (thru June 10)

David Pearce, Zeppoli's, Blacksburg

Diane Relf, Glade Church, Blacksburg

Linda Weatherly Shroyer, Blue Ridge Cancer Care, Blacksburg

Karen Sewell, Warm Hearth Village Center, Blacksburg (May–June)

Lois Stephens, Main Street Inn, Blacksburg

Lisabeth Weisband, Holtzman Alumni Center Gallery, Virginia Tech (thru May)

Shaun Whiteside, MishMish, Blacksburg (thru April)

"In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit."

~ Albert Schweitzer

■ Exhibit and other opportunities

Radford City Fine Arts Show

Radford University Art Museum on Tyler,
214 Tyler Ave., Radford • May 23 – June 21

This competition is open to any artists, ages 18 and older, who live in Southwest Virginia. There will be cash awards, including a top award of \$500 for Best in Show. Online entry deadline is **April 22** and the opening reception will be May 23. For more information, visit www.radford.edu/RadfordCityShow.

Garden Gala Auction Donations

June 8 • Hahn Horticulture Garden,
Virginia Tech campus

Artists are encouraged to participate in the most important fundraiser of the year for the horticulture garden. Donations of art will contribute greatly to the mission of this self-supporting public garden serving southwest Virginia. Deadline is **May 1** in order to be included in the online and printed program. For more information, contact Lisa Lipsey at 540-231-0473 or llipsey@vt.edu.

Whet Your Palette 2019 Exhibitions

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

Mark your calendar to apply for one or more of these remaining shows. For more information, visit www.artfullawyergallery.org or email diana@creekmorelaw.com.

July 24 – October 9 • Inside Out: Selfies
Application deadline: **June 21**

October 15 – December 18 • Fiber Art
Application deadline: **September 13**



The art featured in this month's nameplate is "Roadside Redbud II" (above, oil, 12x 12") by Lois Stephens. This and more of her work can be viewed at Main Street Inn in Blacksburg through mid-July.

BRAA 2019 Theme Show

Radford University Gallery, 214 Tyler Ave.,
Radford

The event is open to all BRAA members — exhibition approval is not required. The theme for this year's event is Slice of Life. Artists are invited to creatively interpret this theme in their submissions. **Volunteers will be needed to staff this new gallery space for the duration of the exhibit.**

Please mark the following deadlines on your calendar and watch for more information on how to register.

- Artwork delivery on **June 27**.
- Opening reception **June 28**, 5–7 pm.
- Closing and art pick-up on **August 14**.

The first 60 pieces will be accepted and entries will be limited to two works per artist. All work must be appropriately framed for hanging. Sawtooth hangers will not be accepted. 3-D works must be gallery ready.

Please contact robisallee@hotmail.com or visit the calendar of events tab at www.blacksburgart.org for more information.

71st Annual Virginia Highlands Festival Fine Art Exhibit

July 26 – August 4 • The Arts Depot, Abingdon

Artists may submit up to three paintings with an entry fee of \$20 per painting. Works must be delivered on Saturday or Sunday, **July 20 or 21**, between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. Awards presentation will be at 5:30 p.m. on July 25. For more information and entry labels, visit VAHighlandsfestival.org.

Jeannie Fender Memorial

Fellow BRAA member Jeannie Fender died on February 7. She was a caring and energetic part of our community, especially in education and the arts.

In honor of Jeannie's dedication and devotion to teaching, one-time scholarships will be awarded to three 2019 Radford High School graduates who intend to enroll at Radford University. Priority will be given to students declaring majors in art, special education and psychology, respectively.

Those who wish to make a contribution should make checks payable to: Partners for Excellence Foundation, with "J. Fender Fund" indicated on the memo line of the check. Please mail no later than **May 3** to: Partners Foundation, P.O. Box 355, Radford, VA 24143.



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