JULY 2021

ARTLINE

The newsletter of the RAL Art Center

We're definitely in the celebratory mood this month as we announce the addition of **THREE wonderful new artists - Thomas Bradshaw, Ellen Huddy and Richard Shurtz**. And, with great thanks to all who participated, we are also celebrating the success of this year's **The Great Art Heist!** Wohooo!

Be sure to visit the Gallery this month as **July hails our first-ever Virginia Watercolor Society Regional Member Show. The Gallery Windows** will feature the beautiful work of RAL's executive director, **Doug Mock** and new exhibiting member, **Ellen Huddy.**

Summertime classes are filling up quickly so sign-up now for **silver metal clay jewelry making, fused glass, and silk scarf making.** Ready to release your inner Van Gogh? Join one of two (or both!) **Juli Schuszler classes** on Impressionism. Do you love color and abstract art? You'll enjoy **Kathleen Noffsinger's class**, Abstracting Kaleidoscope Colors. Enroll now as spaces are limited!

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

The RAL Art Center is pleased to announce that the Art Center's major signature event, the Annual Labor Day Art Show (LDAS) will be held **Sept. 1 through Sept. 25** at 19 N. Main St., Kilmarnock, VA 22482. **The Awards Ceremony and Reception will be held Friday, September 3** from 5 to 7 pm at the Art Center. In addition to our usual Tuesday through Saturday 10am to 4pm days and hours, the show will be open Sunday and Monday of Labor Day weekend to accommodate visitors celebrating the end of summer.

The LDAS is widely recognized as **one of the longest-standing visual arts shows in Virginia**. Held in a variety of venues over its 60-year history, the show moved to RAL Art Center in 2014. Our attendance has increased to over 1,200 visitors.

ATTENTION ARTISTS: The LDAS is open to all RAL Art Center members in any medium. All work must be original. The show is not juried, but ribbons and monetary prizes will be awarded by a renowned judge.

Current Exhibiting Co-op Artists must remove their artwork from the main Gallery starting Tues. Aug. 24 and down by Sat. Aug. 28. These artists will be able to exhibit one piece in the

Exhibit Room as the entire gallery area will be transformed into the Labor Day Art Show. That special Co-op Artists' Exhibit takes place concurrently with the LDAS.
Production of the LDAS requires the dedication of seasoned and new members both in orchestrating the event and creating prized pieces of art. Loyal sponsors are being solicited for their support and promotional material is being designed.

KEY DATES:
- Entry Forms/Fees Due Aug. 14 (no exceptions)
- LDAS Receiving - Sun. & Mon. Aug. 29 & 30
- Awards Ceremony and Reception - Fri. Sept. 3, 5 to 7pm

The Prospectus and Entry Form are available through a button below, and will also be available at RAL Art Center and through our website www.ralartcenter.com.

Mary Ellis & Barbara Kershner - Co-Chairs

Art by Patty Richards, "Best in Show" 2020 Labor Day Art Show

LDAS Prospectus & Entry Form

Attention Artists! Check out RAL Art Center's 2021 Exhibit Schedule

Bring us your best...we look forward to sharing your work with our patrons!

July ~ Small Works and the Virginia Watercolor Society Regional Show
August ~ Call of the Wild
September ~ 60th Annual Labor Day Art Show
October ~ Whimsy, Funk & Fun and Art in Transit
November ~ Express Yourself
December ~ Annual Holiday Shop

For more details about upcoming shows, please go to www.ralartcenter.com/events2.

July 2021 Exhibit - *Small Works*

July 2021 promises to be an exciting month in the Stouffer Exhibit Room as RAL unveils its *Small Works Exhibit*! This popular show is an art lovers' favorite for gift-giving and the small spaces in your home. The exhibit is comprised of original "small works" of art that are NO LARGER than 144 square inches (including mat and frame). For 3-dimensional entries the work should be less than 144 square inches when multiplying the two longest sides.

Receiving: Monday, June 28 - 10AM to 12PM
Exhibit Dates: Tuesday, June 29 - Saturday, July 31

Art by Cheryl Mihills

Summer of Color - First Ever Virginia Watercolor Society Regional Member Show - July 2021

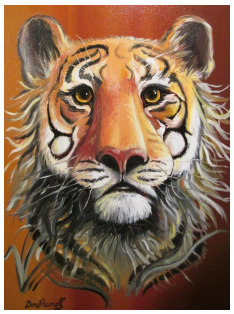
RAL Art Center is excited to host the VWS Middle Peninsula Regional Artists for the "Summer of Color" exhibit in partnership with Gloucester Arts on Main in Gloucester, Virginia and the Bay School Community Art Center in Mathews, Virginia.

RAL looks forward to exhibiting work in the following subject matter: **Still Life and Portraits & Figures**; **Bay School will exhibit Seascapes and Landscapes; Gloucester Arts on Main will exhibit Flora and Fauna**.

The RAL Art Center exhibit will run from July 1st through July 29th at 19 N. Main Street. Twenty-four VWS member artists from the local area will be exhibiting in the three shows.

Painting by Doug Mock

August 2021 Exhibition - *Call of the Wild*



Painting by Don Presnell

The RAL Art Center is ***wild*** for art! This first-ever exhibit is open to RAL members who are inspired by the animal kingdom – local, regional and worldwide. Let your imagination run free as you plan for and execute your work in any medium. Fur, feathers, fins and more, we hope to see them all. From domestic pets, birds of the rainforest, creatures from the Serengeti, bring us your best! This exhibit is sure to be a hit with visitors of every age.

Receiving: Monday, August 2 – 10AM to 12PM
Exhibit Dates: Tuesday, August 3 – Saturday, August 28

RAL Art Center Welcomes Three New Co-Op Artists

Quiet Mooring by Ellen Huddy

Evening Stroll
by Thomas Bradshaw

A Grand Florida Beacon
by Richard Shurtz

Thomas Bradshaw is a Richmond-based Plein Air artist whose love of painting and being in nature are evidenced in his oil paintings. Using brush and palette knife, he creates a textural impression in a loose and painterly style, focusing always on the light, the heart of any painting. Thomas has been teaching a Master Class in Richmond, and recently taught a class in painting with a limited palette at the RAL Art Center.

Ellen Huddy started her journey as an artist in commercial art but had long harbored the desire to seriously study painting. When she moved to the Northern Neck and discovered the Art Center, she found the perfect opportunity to develop that talent and skill. She has taken watercolor classes from beginner to advanced with various teachers including Kathleen Noffsinger, Christopher Wynn, Doug Mock, and others. Ellen's watercolors of local scenes or still lifes are crisp and detailed.

Richard Shurtz has been a photographer since fourth grade, but his professional career was as a research physicist before founding Stratford University. He travels widely for pleasure and on business for Stratford, photographing historical sites around the world. His photographs are printed on canvas and have a hand painted feel. Lately, Rick has been focusing on local nautical, historical and wildlife subjects.

RAL ART CENTER OUTREACH

Serving our community through art

July Summer Fun Art Camp for Youth

Join instructor and Lancaster Middle School Art Teacher Marilyn Sprouse for a fun-filled summer program to be held the week of July 5th . The theme will be *Wetlands and Watermen* where youth will learn about the local culture and heritage. Children can come for one day, multiple days or a week at a time.

For more information please visit the RAL website at www.ralartcenter.com or contact the gallery at 804-436-9309.

Visit the RAL Art Center
on the First Saturday of Each Month
to Pick Up Your FREE Art Kit!

This month's pick up is Saturday, July 3rd from 11:00am – 3:00pm.

The July Gallery Windows

Walking Stick by Doug Mock

Classic Lines by Ellen Huddy

The July Windows at the Gallery feature watercolor artists **Doug Mock** and **Ellen Huddy**. See the complete article written by Ellen Huddy on the website, www.ralartcenter.com and in ***The Rappahannock Record.***

Upcoming Art Classes

https://www.ralartcenter.com/register-for-class

BEGINNING JEWELRY TECHNIQUE WITH SILVER METAL CLAY

Instructor: Cynthia A. Quesenberry
Class Date: Saturday, July 17 | 10am – 4pm

Join Cynthia for this introductory class where you'll learn to work with precious metal clay. You will create a variety of silver jewelry and/or other decorative objects for functional use in other projects.

The beginner techniques covered in this class include how to manipulate the clay, techniques to make attachments, using a variety of textures and molds, finishing, sanding techniques, and how to make simple repairs. We will create a variety of silver jewelry and/or other decorative objects for functional use in other projects.

For more information please visit the RAL website at www.ralartcenter.com or contact the gallery at 804-436-9309.

Materials: All materials will be supplied.
Students: Bring disposable gloves.
Members $85 / Non-members $95
Maximum: 8 Students

Black Forrest

Calligraphy: BLACK FORREST-GOTHIC

Instructor: Nadine Flood
Class Date: Tuesday, July 20 | 1pm-4pm

Learn to create Black Forrest/Gothic style lettering with Nadine Flood. This is the perfect "starter" alphabet for the true beginner. We will be using calligraphy markers and you will learn how to hold your pen and master the 3 basic strokes that all the letters are based on: diamond, vertical, diagonal hairline.

For more information please visit the RAL website at www.ralartcenter.com or contact the gallery at 804-436-9309.

Calligraphy: CHANCERY CURSIVE

Instructor: Nadine Flood
Class Date: Tuesday, July 27 | 1pm-4pm

Join instructor Nadine Flood for this intermediate level class is for the student who would like to master a script type alphabet using slanted/italic lettering. We will quickly review the basics of setting up lettering guides and how to properly hold your pen before concentrating on mastering each letter.

For more information please visit the RAL website at www.ralartcenter.com or contact the gallery at 804-436-9309.

FUSED GLASS CANDLE SHELTER

Instructor: Lynn Savarese
Class Date: Friday, July 23 | 1:00pm-3:00pm

Join glass artist Lynn Savarese in her Heathsville, VA studio for a fun and creative fused glass class. Perfect for the novice, you will learn to apply color and glass decoration to your blank. The final piece will be fired and shaped into a half-round candle shelter to be picked up the following week.

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WILD ABOUT ART - Youth Art Classes

Instructor: Juli Schuszler
3-Day Class Dates: Tues., Wed., Thurs. - August 3, 4 & 5 |
9:30AM - 12:30PM - Rising Grades 1-5
1:30PM - 4:30PM - Rising Grades 6-9

Students will create at least one artwork for each day of the class, including an 8 x 10 acrylic painting of an owl, a watercolor painting of wildflowers and butterflies, a crayon-resist underwater scene, a pastel portrait of a bear, a mixed-media floral still life and a mixed-media artwork with a subject of their own choice.

Every student will have a least one artwork completed during the class included in an exhibit with an opening reception to coincide with the RAL Art Center August exhibition, "Call of the Wild." Please bring snacks. Some experience helpful but not entirely necessary. Materials provided by instructor.

Members $95/Non-Members $100
Maximum: 10 Students

SUMPTUOUS SILK SCARF

Instructor: Lynette Reed
Class: Wednesday, August 25|
10:00am -12:00pm

Learn the magical process of dyeing silk in a ***microwave oven***! Students will select their dye, steam their scarf and choose fabric paint or Paintstiks to add a surface design.

Materials: All materials will be supplied.

Students: Bring disposable gloves.

Members $85/Non-Members $95
Maximum: 8 Students

IMPRESSIONS: PAINTING THE GARDEN

Instructor: Juli Schuszler
3-Day Class: Mondays, Sept. 13, 20, 27 | 1:30pm – 4:30pm

In this three-day class, you will create three acrylic 11"x 14" landscape paintings in the Impressionist style, the first in unison with the teacher's demonstration and step by step instructions. Some experience helpful but not necessary. Materials provided by the instructor.

Members $95/Non-Members $100
Maximum: 10 Students

LOVING VAN GOGH

Instructor: Juli Schuszler
3-Day Class: Mondays, Oct. 18 & 25 and Nov. 1 | 1:30pm – 4:30 pm

In this three-day workshop, you will paint three 11" x 14" acrylic paintings, emulating the distinctive style of Van Gogh. The first paintings will be completed in unison with the teacher's demonstration and step-by-step instruction. Some experience helpful but not necessary. Materials provided by the instructor.

Members $95/Non-Members $100
Maximum: 10 Students

ABSTRACTING KALEIDOSCOPE COLORS

Instructor: Kathleen Noffsinger
2-Day Class: Tuesdays, Oct. 12 & 26 |10:00am – 3:00pm (lunch break 12:00pm – 12:30pm)

Learn how to paint any scene in a variety of colors using abstracted shapes of broken color to create an artistic color Kaleidoscope!

Artists will work in their usual medium of watercolor, oil or acrylic. This is not a "how-to" beginner class for each medium. Using sound practices in color theory and composition, this workshop is designed to push painters toward new techniques for exciting results!

Supplies: Artists should bring their preferred supplies for their chosen medium plus sketching materials.

Members $175/Non-Members $185
Maximum: 8 Students

All classes will be held in the newly renovated Pike Studio...

a great place to learn, grow and connect.

OPEN CRITIQUE

WHEN? The 3rd Monday of each month at 1:00pm in the Pike Studio

Anyone can benefit from constructive criticism as they create a piece of art. A team of experienced RAL Art Center artists, in a variety of mediums and styles, will be available the third Monday at 1:00pm to help you with those nagging problems,

make helpful suggestions or just provide a different "set of eyeballs". Their perspectives and experiences to help you improve your work.

Bring up to 3 pieces to be critiqued for a fee of $5 which will go to support RAL. The number of artists will be limited for each critique session, so please make an appointment by emailing Sarah Soderlund at sarahsod911@gmail.com.

RAL ART CENTER

OUR MISSION

The mission of the RAL Art Center is to organize, sponsor and encourage educational and cultural activities in the visual arts and crafts. The RAL Art Center's activities are focused on the lower Northern Neck and Lower Middle Peninsula of Virginia. It is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization. The RAL Art Center is a community partner of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and is partially supported by grants from the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the River Counties Community Foundation.

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