

JANUARY 2022



It's all about **NEW** this January as we introduce **new hours** of operation (Wednesday – Saturday, 10am–4pm), many **new classes** (including *Try It Tuesday!*), **new instructors**, and two **new co-op artists** (**Debra Bull and Bob Casazza**). Come see January's exhibit, **You Be the Judge**, and cast your vote for your favorite artwork! During your visit, be sure to check out **January's Gallery Window Artists** featuring longtime RAL co-op artist **Joyce Satterwhite** and new co-op artist, **Bob Casazza**.

## Classes, Paint Night, Open Studio

For more information go to:

[www.ralartcenter.com/classofferings](http://www.ralartcenter.com/classofferings)

*NOTE: Unvaccinated class participants are required to wear masks while in the Pike Studio.*

### Watercolor Magic Session I

Instructor: Gloria Clifford

Dates: January 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8  
(Tuesdays)

Time: 10am to 12:30pm

This course is for intermediate and/or advanced water color artists who wish to take their work to another level. You will learn how to take advantage of watercolor's beautiful properties by pouring, blowing, using different processes to obtain creative backgrounds and how to use and create interesting textures to your advantage. You will learn the process of using watercolor in a bold, more exuberant manner and is NOT for the faint of heart. Come ready to explore the incredible techniques you can achieve with watercolor while having immense fun in the process!



**Member fee:** \$225

**Non-member fee:** \$259



### Drawing I – Learning to See

Instructor: Gloria Clifford

Dates: January 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8  
(Tuesdays)

Time: 1:30pm to 4pm

This is a course for beginners and for all those who have always wanted to learn to draw but never thought they could! The instructor has developed a 5-week drawing class sharing basic drawing techniques that work exceedingly well for all beginning students. If you really want to learn to draw, don't miss this offering!

**Member fee:** \$225

**Non-member fee:** \$259



## Creating with Color

Instructor: Juli Schuszler

Dates: Jan 13, 20, 27, and Feb. 3  
(Thursdays)

Time: 10am to 1pm

Students will learn color theory by creating art works. Using a variety of media and approaches, they will learn how to mix color

and how to apply color schemes for both visual appeal and meaning. Some experience is helpful but not entirely necessary.

Materials will be provided at no cost by the instructor. Students should bring snacks.

**Member fee:** \$150

**Non-member fee:** \$173



### PAINT NIGHT

#### Winter Watercolor Landscape

Thursday, January 27, 6 – 8pm

Instructor: Doug Mock

Join Doug for a fun and exciting paint night as you learn to create in a loose and painterly style.

This will be a watercolor class open to all skill levels, including the very beginner. You will learn to use blues and purples to indicate the cold and brisk winter season. You'll also learn how to mix a variety of warm and cool grays. Doug will lead you, step-by-step so that you are sure to leave with a "cool" winter painting.

Bring your beverage(s), snacks and a friend or two and have a great time celebrating art!

**Member fee:** \$35

**Non-member fee:** \$40



### TRY IT TUESDAY

#### Sock Monkeys? No, Sock MONSTERS!

Tuesday, January 11, 6 – 8pm

Instructor: Martha Gilbert

Bring some socks, the funkier the better, even worn-out ones, and make your own unique-to-you sock monster!

With very basic sewing skills you will create arms, legs, hats, hair, tails, eyes, mouths, clothes, anything you can imagine that a monster might need or want.

You will need socks and an imagination. RAL will supply everything else.

**Member fee:** \$35

**Non-member fee:** \$40

## Exhibits



### 2021 Photography Exhibit Winners

Jeffrey W. Allison, VMFA Paul Mellon Collection Educator and Director for Statewide Programs and Exhibitions, judged the 2021 RAL Art Center Annual Photography Exhibit. In addition to his VMFA responsibilities, Jeffrey has exhibited his photography for 30 years and his art is included in a number of private and corporate collections.

Jeffrey awarded 6 ribbons for excellence and stated, *"It's been an honor and a privilege to review a remarkably wide range of works. An overwhelming number of the 40 submissions demonstrated a pursuit of excellence and were of very high quality"*



of professionalism, which made the process of judging difficult but also extraordinarily rewarding.”

**First Place:** *Cathedral Rock*, photograph by Ron Granstra

**Second Place:** *Back Stairs, Asbury House*, photograph by Marianne Miller

**Third Place:** *Artists at Work*, photograph by Micki Clay

#### Honorable Mentions:

*A Fleeting Moment*, photograph by Ron Taylor

*Portrait in Time*, photograph by Maggie Gilman

*Storm Approaching Assateague Lighthouse*, photograph by Harold Burnley



## January 2022 ~ You Be the Judge

RAL Art Center Artists are creating their entries for one of the best shows of each year. You, our visitors, get to choose the winner of the exhibit.

The show opens January 5, 2022, and runs through January 29, 2022. Paintings in every medium, Photography, Pottery, Glass, Fiber Art, Sculpture and Jewelry will be represented.

Expect to have to choose from multiple favorites!

**Receiving:** Monday, January 3: 10am to 12pm

**Exhibit Dates:** Wednesday, January 5 – 29

**Reception:** Friday, January 7: 5pm to 7pm



2021 Winner, *Drift Away With Us* by Sarah Marshall Elliott

## February 2022 ~ Expressions of Love



February is typically the month we celebrate our favorite sweetheart for Valentine's Day but this month RAL artists present their masterful creations of *ANYTHING* that they love. Will it be a loved pet, a child, grandchild or favorite vacation destination? Works could include a much-loved home, plant or flower. The sky is the limit as RAL plays host to this exciting exhibition. We hope you find something you love when you visit the RAL Art Center this month.

**Receiving:** Monday, January 31: 10am to 12pm

**Exhibit Dates:** Wednesday, February 2 – 26

**Reception:** Friday, February 4: 5 to 7pm

*Lunch Break* by Doug Mock

## February 2022 ~ Winter Blues

Blue is considered beneficial to the mind and the body. It slows human metabolism and produces a calming effect. In many cultures blue is believed to bring peace and keep bad spirits at bay. RAL artists will be creating works this month using blue as their inspiration. Join us in February to see how your favorite artist incorporates the color blue: will it be a blue subject, a blue background, shades of blue as a monochromatic design? Come visit and see!

**Receiving:** Monday, January 31: 10am to 12pm

**Exhibit Dates:** Wednesday, February 2 – 26

**Reception:** Friday, February 4: 5 to 7pm





## March 2022 ~ Slice of Life

Artwork depicting moments in ordinary life will be displayed in the month of March by RAL exhibiting artists.

A wide variety of subject matter and artistic styles will come to life and entertain the eye for those lucky enough to pay us a visit. You may find portraits of cherished family members, still life arrangements of loved

objects, street scenes of favorite places or glorious sunrises or sunsets from spots we love around the Northern Neck. From sculptures, glass and fiber to clay, paint and photography, this exhibit is one you won't want to miss.

**Receiving Dates:** Monday, February 28: 10am to 12pm

**Exhibit Dates:** Wednesday, March 2 – Saturday, March 26

**Reception:** Friday, March 4: 5–7pm

*Card Players*, photo by Maggie Gilman

## 2022 Exhibit Schedule

January ~ You Be the Judge  
February ~ Expressions of Love and Winter Blues  
March ~ Slice of Life  
April ~ Flora & Fauna  
May ~ Some Kind of Wonderful  
June ~ Great Art Heist  
July ~ Land & Sea and Small Works  
August ~ Fins, Feathers & Fur  
September ~ 61st Labor Day Show  
October ~ Abandoned: What Remains and Farm to Table  
November ~ Anything Goes and Lancaster High School Art Show  
December ~ Holiday Shop and Photography Show



## January Gallery Window Artists



*Arcadian Autumn* by Joyce Satterwhite



*The Beatles* by Bob Casazza

The January 2022 Windows at the RAL Art Center will feature Joyce Satterwhite, a long time Co-op Artist, and a new RAL Art Center Co-op Artist, Bob Casazza. A full article about these artists, written by Ellen Huddy, will appear in the Rappahannock Record and on the RAL website, [ralartcenter.com](http://ralartcenter.com). Be sure to check it out!

## RAL ART CENTER OUTREACH

*Serving our community through art*





### creARTive Kids

RAL continues the fun with our free art/crafts classes for area youth.

The **Little Budding Artists (ages 2-6)** visited on November 13 and created a turkey headband for their Thanksgiving celebration. And on November 20, the **“creARTive kids” (ages 7-12)** turned a paper bag into a turkey-design book in which they noted what they were thankful for.

Great work kids! Come lead one of the groups – we guarantee a fun time! (teaching experience not necessary).



### Kilmarnock Town Centre Park “Santa’s Village”

RAL volunteers participated in the Town of Kilmarnock’s “Santa’s Village” at Town Centre Park on December 3.

Kids visited the RAL tent where they created a holiday ornament and left with a take-home craft – before heading to visit Santa.

Thank you, Suzi Powell and Christine and Patrick Mason for entertaining the kids.

To volunteer or otherwise support our youth programs, please contact Karen Williams at [larkarwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:larkarwilliams@gmail.com) or call 540.406.1321.



### RAL Christmas Float Wins 2021 Spirit of Christmas Award

The first ever RAL Christmas float was presented with the *Spirit of Christmas* award by the judges in this year’s Lancaster by the Bay Lighted Christmas Parade. With 70 entries in the parade, RAL’s prestigious award was one of only six awarded.

The RAL team, led by chief elf Don Presnell, constructed and decorated our float celebrating Peace on Earth. Don’s wife, Gretchen, played a significant role in making sure all the many details were addressed. From concept to completion Don executed the RAL float with amazing precision.

*“What I thought was going to be a fun float with cardboard cutouts and glitter ended up being a float worthy of the Macy’s Day Parade...it was amazing”* said Doug Mock, Executive Director.

A sincere and heartfelt thanks to all RAL volunteers who helped make the RAL float such a great success including; three special elves (Sharon Stone, Carlesha Reed and Dale Coburn) who accompanied the float handing out crayons to the children and Doug Mock and Martha Gilbert who rode in the back of the tow vehicle.



**RAL Art Center presents Bay Transit with donation from inaugural *Art in Transit* Exhibit**

***Art in Transit 2022 planning already underway***

On December 13, Bay Transit Director Ken Pollock received a \$632 donation from Doug Mock, RAL Art Center executive director, from the first ever *Art in Transit* competition. Mock stated, *"RAL is excited to play its part in giving back to our community."*

Bay Transit, the public transportation division of Bay Aging, the RAL Art Center, and Gander Design held the *Art in Transit* competition and exhibition this October in commemoration of Bay Transit's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The award winners were recognized at a special reception and culminated the unveiling of the winning art on the side of a Bay Transit bus.



*"We are already planning an expanded Art in Transit competition for May of 2022,"* Mock added. *"We are lining up sponsors to make this a bigger fundraising event for both Bay Transit and the RAL Art Center."*

Pollock was equally bullish about *Art in Transit 2022* noting, *"The success of this year's event shows that collaboration between the region's public transportation provider and art communities is viable."* Pollock added he hopes annual *Art in Transit* competitions will become a regional staple that helps encourage area residents, including seniors, to engage in art. *"Bay Aging operates income-restricted senior apartments and active lifestyle centers throughout the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. Art is a wonderful pastime that can be very therapeutic,"* Pollock observed.

## RAL Welcomes Two New Co-op Artists



*Henry's Morning Stretch* by Debra Bull



*Catch Me If You Can* by Bob Casazza

**Bob Casazza's** paintings reflect the skills and techniques he acquired during a career as a graphic artist, animator and set designer in TV. His background in animation is particularly apparent in his bold and colorful work, much of it done in the traditional 2-D cel-painting technique that involves painting on plexiglass mounted over a painted background. The subjects of his paintings vary from realism to fantasy, but all showcase his unique style.

When **Debra Bull** retired to Kilmarnock three years ago, she fell in love with the beauty of the surrounding waters. Attending Paint Nights and Open Studio Workshops at the RAL fueled her life-long interest in painting. She strives to document the many places she discovers while kayaking to undisturbed beaches around the Northern Neck. Currently working mainly in acrylics, her subjects are of creeks, rivers or bay, and the woodlands, beaches, and wildlife that surround them.



### 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.

#### Officers 2022

**President:** Barbara Kershner, **Vice President:** Julie Austin,  
**Treasurer:** Deirdra McLaughlin, **Secretary:** CarolAnne Taylor



**Executive Director:** Doug Mock

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