

February 2022



There's lots to love at RAL Art Center starting with **February's exhibits, *Expressions of Love* and *Winter Blues*, opening Wednesday, February 2nd.** Love to express yourself through art? **Sign up for a class** (or two or even three!) in **watercolor, acrylics, pastels, oils or quilting!** And this month's ***Try It Tuesday*** features wool spinning for beginners. Visit the gallery to view the art of **February's Gallery Window Artists Cate Kauffman and Robert Shulter**, as well as our two **new co-op artists, Kimberly Anne Johnson and Johanna Carrington.**

"LOVE IS AN ART THAT COMES FROM THE HEART."

Save the Date!

June 25, 2022 ~ The Annual Great Art Heist



RAL Art Center's largest annual fundraiser, the **Great Art Heist** celebrates 15 years in 2022 so mark your calendar now so you won't miss this exciting, fun and fast-paced event.

Date: Saturday, June 25th
Time: 4 to 8pm
Where: RAL Art Center

If you have any works of art that you would like to donate to this year's Heist, or if you would like to make a donation to the silent auction, please contact RAL by email at events@ralartcenter.com or call the RAL Art Center at 804-436-9309.

Classes, Paint Night, Try It Tuesday

For more information go to:

www.ralartcenter.com/classofferings



WATERCOLOR 201 ~ For Beginners

Instructor: Doug Mock

Dates: Thursdays, February 17 thru March 31, (6 weeks)

NO CLASS on Thursday, March 24th

Time: 12:30pm to 3pm

This class is intended for anyone who has completed a basic/beginning watercolor class and would like to continue their journey. This class is not intended for

intermediate/advanced watercolor artists.

Join Doug Mock as he focuses on beginner skills and starts to introduce you to more advanced techniques that will make your work shine. This will be a "paint along" class where artists will paint the same image that Doug paints in order to better understand the mechanics of watercolor thus improving your confidence.

Register online at www.ralartcenter.com, in person at the RAL Art Center, or by calling 804-436-9309.

Member fee: \$240

Non-member fee: \$275

WATERCOLOR CLASSES – Intermediate & Advanced Artists

Instructor: Doug Mock

Dates: Fridays, February 18 thru May 6

Time: 10am – 12:30pm

(NO CLASS on Friday, March 25th)



NOTE: 12 classes are being offered and you pick a MINIMUM of 6 that work best for your busy schedule – you will be able to add more classes at any time. Costs and details for these classes can be found on the website at www.ralartcenter.com.

Join Doug Mock as he offers watercolor classes for artists that have experience, knowledge and confidence with watercolor. Working from your own reference materials artists will learn to use a variety of tools, techniques and skills necessary to make every painting the best it can be.

Learn to mix color with confidence, challenge yourself to take risks, think out-of-the-box and have fun! Doug will provide weekly quick demonstrations and provide individual attention to each participant.

This class is not intended for the very beginner but is fine for beginners who have taken several sessions and have supplies.

Register online at www.ralartcenter.com, in person at the RAL Art Center, or by calling 804-436-9309.



Portraying Glass and Metal in Oils or Pastels

Instructor: Cate Kauffman

Dates: Saturday & Sunday: February 19 & 20

Snow Dates: February 26 & 27

Time: 9am to 4pm (with a 1 hour lunch break)

Cate Kauffman will teach her methods for interpreting what one sees when looking at a glass object and how to capture it in paint/pastel.

This is an intermediate level class. Sight-Size work will also be taught. Some previous experience with the medium of your choice is required. Students are also encouraged to bring and use an iPad, camera, or phone to take photos during their progress.

Cate will demonstrate in the morning of the first day in oils. She will demonstrate in the morning of the second day in pastels. Students will work in their own mediums on both afternoons.

- Easels will be available
- Limit of six students
- Contact the RAL Art Center at 804.436.9309 for a list of supplies

Member fee: \$100

Non-member fee: \$115



PAINT NIGHT **Bird of Paradise in Acrylic**

Thursday, February 24th, 6–8pm
Instructor: Doug Mock

Join Doug Mock, escape to the tropics, and have a great time painting a bold and beautiful bird of paradise.

Open to all skill levels, this painting will be completed on stretched canvas using acrylic paints. Doug will lead you, step-by-step.

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

Register online at www.ralartcenter.com or by calling 804-436-9309.

Member fee: \$35
Non-member fee: \$40

TRY IT TUESDAY **Beginning Wool Spinning**

Tuesday, February 8th, 6–8pm
Instructor: Cate Kauffman

The spinning of fibers to create thread and yarn has been going on since pre-history. Fiber spinning was once a matter of survival to provide humans with clothing, ropes, and shelter. Now spinning has become an art craft and the resulting product can be used in other art crafts like knitting, weaving, crochet, and more.

You may be surprised how simple the process actually is. Come learn how to get started in this craft that is both meditative and functional.

The instructor will provide drop spindles and carded sheep's wool for attendees. These will also be available for sale following the class, if desired.

Limit of 12 students. Ages 8 through adult (under 16 should be accompanied by a parent).

Member fee: \$35
Non-member fee: \$40

Let's Make a Quilt!

Instructor: Kay Vincent
Dates: Mondays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022
Time: 1 to 4pm

Have you always been interested in making a quilt? This class is the perfect opportunity to explore constructing your own quilt from start to finish.

During this weekly four-session class, Kay Vincent will begin by teaching color theory; by the end of the course, students will complete a log cabin quilt. The log cabin quilt is a fun place to start on your quilt making journey; the quilt blocks can have endless color combinations which will lead to variety of patterns.

For more information or to register, see the post on our website.

Limit of 8 students
Skill level: Some experience with a sewing machine is helpful

Member fee: \$150 (includes 4 classes)
Non-member fee: \$175 (includes 4 classes)



Exhibits

January's *You Be the Judge* Exhibit Winner: Laurie Breakwell

Bass-Relief took first place in January's *You Be the Judge* exhibit. In this annual exhibit, RAL Art Center members and visitors vote for their favorite artwork. After the votes were tallied, Laurie Breakwell's fused glass, *Fish-Relief*, was declared the winner.

Laurie has won several Blue Ribbons in past exhibits, but this is her first People's Choice Award.

Bass-Relief by Laurie Breakwell



February 2022 ~ Expressions of Love



Lunch Break by Doug Mock

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

Artists: Please note that the two February exhibits have separate entry fees (\$15 for first and \$5 for each additional entries).

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

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Blue Heron by Barbara Kershner



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

April 2022 ~ Flora and Fauna

Flora and fauna refer to plants and animals in the broadest sense of the word and encompass pretty much all of life on earth. They represent a significant influence for many artists who create in a variety of artistic media from paper, paint and clay, to glass, wood and more.

Artists will bring to life their interpretations of flora and fauna from the tiniest flower to the largest land or sea mammal. Join RAL as we celebrate the diversity of the natural world and its enduring influence in art.



Receiving Date: Monday, March 28: 10am – 12pm
Exhibit Dates: Tuesday, March 29 – Saturday, April 30
Reception: Friday, April 1: 5 – 7pm

RAL will be open Tuesday thru Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

Peony by Juli Schuszler



May 2022 ~ Some Kind of Wonderful

Artists are known for bringing to life, through their chosen medium, works that tell a story for their viewer. Often times these stories are an extension of the things, objects, and moments that the artist finds wonderful and endearing.

In the month of May, RAL artists will share with you all that is beautiful and wonderful to them. Color, pattern and texture, design, contrast, and drama will bring the exhibition room to life.

What kind of wonderful do you share with our artists? We are certain you'll connect with one or more of our talented artists as you view the show.

Receiving Date: Monday, May 2: 10am – 12pm
Exhibit Dates: Tuesday, May 3 – Saturday, May 28
Reception: Friday, May 6: 5–7pm

RAL will be open Tuesday thru Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

Northern Neck Wonderful by Debbie Bull

2022 Remaining Exhibit Schedule

February ~ Expressions of Love and Winter Blues

March ~ Slice of Life

April ~ Flora & Fauna & Art In Transit

May ~ Some Kind of Wonderful & Art In Transit

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



RAL Art Center Welcomes Two New Co-Op Artists!



Kimberly Anne Johnson paints representational and impressionistic seascapes, landscapes, and portraits of people and animals in oil. Lighthouses and the adjacent sea in all its moods are often a favorite subject. Her paintings are crisp and detailed, using a palette of saturated color.

Having a background in writing before she pursued her art career, Kimberly combines the two talents in the journal and sketchbook she keeps when traveling. She has shown her work in Maine, Virginia, and St. John, USVI, and is now a resident of the Northern Neck.

Moods at Portland Head Bay by
Kimberly Anne Johnson



Johanna Carrington is delighted to be back at the RAL after a few years hiatus. Her work primarily focuses on landscapes, florals, and still life.

Johanna's oil paintings of the expansive views of the marshes, fields, and rivers of the Northern Neck and Bay are painted in soft hues with an impressionistic style. Her florals can celebrate specific flowers or a happy combination of many, either in the garden or in a still life.

Johanna hopes to teach beginner oil classes, and looks forward to participating in the events and happenings at RAL.

Beach and Marsh by Johanna Carrington

February Gallery Window Artists



Pumpkin Hill Lane by Cate Kauffman



Tree Frog by Robert Shutler

February's 2022 Gallery Window Artists are RAL Art Center co-op artists, Cate Kauffman and Robert Shutler. A full article about these artists, written by Ellen Huddy, will appear in the *Rappahannock Record*, and on the RAL Art Center website at ralartcenter.com. Be sure to check it out!

RAL ART CENTER OUTREACH

Serving our community through art

Youth Art Classes

The RAL "Little Budding Artist" class welcomed four artists-in-training to the December 11 class to create their Grinch Christmas masks. A fifth attendee (8 weeks old) was not able to complete the project.



RAL's "jack-of-all-trades," Ray Dozois, took on another role and led the "creARTive kids" class on December 18. This young lady had to leave her session to attend her school volleyball game but wanted to stay to do more work!



Thanks to the RAL members who step up to encourage our young artists.

To volunteer or otherwise support our youth programs, please contact Karen Williams at larkarwilliams@gmail.com or call 540.406.1321.

Art in Transit 2022

We are excited to announce that RAL Art Center and Bay Transit will once again be sponsoring and exhibiting works for **Art in Transit 2022!**

Deadline to enter and deliver your art is Monday, April 18th between 10am and 12pm. The exhibit reception and award ceremony will be Friday, May 20th from 5 - 7pm. Once again, cash awards will be first place \$700, second place \$500 and third place \$300.



Submitted work **MUST** feature the concept of motion or movement. The winning entry will be reproduced on a Bay Transit bus for a minimum of six months and should be designed with a ratio of 18.5" x 10" in order to adequately fit on the bus with minimal cropping.

The entry fee is \$20.00/entry with a two-entry maximum per artist. ALL submitted entries will be featured in an art exhibit at RAL Art Center from April 19 thru May 28, 2022. All entries must be available for sale with a 30% commission being retained by RAL for sold work.

To find out more visit <https://www.ralartcenter.com>, call RAL Art Center at 804-436-9309 or visit <https://www.baytransit.org> and click on the Art in Transit 2022 link. Proceeds will once again benefit Bay Aging and 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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