

SEPTEMBER 2021



It's showtime! Our **60th Annual Labor Day Art Show (LDAS)** features our artists' best and most exciting work so be sure to attend this special event. The **LDAS Reception will be held Friday, September 3 from 5 to 7pm at the RAL Art Center.** While there, be sure to admire the artwork of our newest artists, **David Hershiser and Tom Jones.** Their works are featured in the **Gallery Windows.** Interested in taking an art class? Stop by the desk or go online at www.ralartcenter.com/register-for-class to reserve your space!

Thanks to our members, artists and patrons for all you do!

Labor Day Art Show News

The 60th Annual Labor Day Art Show

The excitement is building! This year RAL Art Center will exhibit 125 original works of art that most, if not all, have never been seen before! We welcome many new, first-time artists to our Labor Day Show and we could not be happier. The talent, originality and ongoing support of every artist represented is superb.

The exhibit runs from September 1 through 25. Join us for First Fridays on September 3 from 5:00-7:00 pm as the winners are unveiled.



As one of the longest standing visual art shows in Virginia we are proud of our 60th year and hope that you, your family, your neighbors and your friends visit often.

Exhibit Dates: Sept. 1 – 25

RAL Art Center Co-op Artists Special Exhibit (Jane Stouffer Exhibit Room): Sept. 1 – 25

Reception: Friday, Sept. 3, 5pm to 7pm

Wondering by Patty Richards

RAL Ribbons & Awards



WILD ABOUT ART!

The August 2021 exhibit, "Call of the Wild," was judged by Pam Doss, Executive Director for the Bay School Community Arts Center in Mathews, VA. She chose the following winners:

First Place – "Wild Sockeye Salmon," acrylic by Ron Taylor

Second Place – “Evil Eye,” soft pastel by Mel Neale

Third Place – “When the Cat’s Away,” watercolor by Linda Goldstein

Honorable Mentions:

“Annie,” oil by Suzanne Quel

“Going Fishing,” photograph by Maggie Gilman

“Stone Pedestal,” watercolor by Doug Mock

“No If’s, And or,” fused glass by Laurie Breakwell

“Wild Woman Wrap,” fiber by Barbara Brecher

“Wild Thing You Make My Heart Sing,” acrylic by Karen Kingsley

Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to the participating artists for sharing their creativity with our patrons!

Upcoming Exhibitions

Attention Artists! Check out the Upcoming Exhibit Schedule

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



October ~ Whimsy, Funk & Fun & Art in Transit

November ~ Express Yourself

December ~ Annual Holiday Shop & Photography Show

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

art in transit

October 2021 ~Art in Transit: Art Contest & Exhibition

The RAL Art Center and Bay Transit are partnering to commemorate Bay Transit's 25th year in service. To acknowledge this milestone, we are sponsoring “Art in Transit” an art

competition and exhibition that will benefit both the RAL Art Center and Bay Aging.

This show will hang at RAL during the month of October and will result in the top three judged works of art receiving monetary awards; 1st place receives \$700; 2nd place receives \$500 and 3rd place receives \$300. In addition, the first-place winner will have their art installed on the side of a Bay Transit bus for six months. Entries will feature the concept of motion or movement and embrace each artists' creativity.

Artists who enter this show must deliver their works to RAL on September 26th or 27th between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. There will be a 30% commission retained for any artwork sold during the exhibit. RAL Art Center and Bay Aging will each receive fifty-percent of all entry fees and any commissions retained.

Doug Mock, RAL Executive Directors states, “*The collaboration with Bay Transit and Gander Design, owned and operated by RAL member Mike Stevens, has been wonderful. RAL is excited to share in the responsibility of bringing this contest and exhibit to our community. We know art has the amazing ability to enrich all of our lives, in this case it is even more powerful in that it will bring people together and in the end benefit those in need.*”

To learn more or to enter Art in Transit please click [here](#) to download the flyer and entry form.

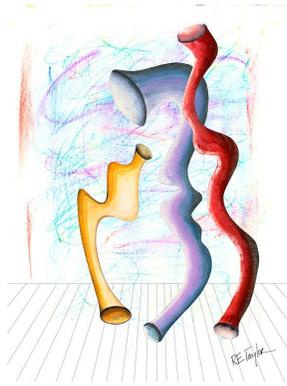
Exhibit Dates: October 1 – 30

Reception: Friday, Oct. 29

Receiving: Sunday, September 26 and Monday, September 27, 10am – 2pm

October 2021~Whimsy, Funk, and Fun

This is the month to have some fun with your art, and with the viewers. Almost anything goes—let your mind wander and your fingers fly. Tease the senses. Laugh a lot. Make someone else laugh. Communicate joy. Turn inside out; turn outside in. Try satire; invent the impossible. But you don't have to be whimsical, funky and fun all at the same time, one or a bit of some will do. It's your art, enjoy making it and sharing this month.



Receiving: Monday, September, 27: 10am – 12pm
Exhibit Dates: Tuesday, September 28 – Saturday, October 30
Reception: Friday, October 1: 5pm – 7pm

Dance of the Flugle Horns by Ron Taylor

November 2021 ~ Express Yourself ~ An All-Member All Mediums Exhibit

Visual arts offer a special opportunity for artists to tell their viewers what they feel about their subject in their preferred medium, in their own style. This can be done in representational art, abstract art, or semi-abstract art, through paintings, photography, glass, pottery or sculpture.



This is the challenge of November's All-Member, All-Medium Exhibit. What do you, the artist, want to convey to your audience? Is your art telling your story and grabbing the viewer's attention? Is it sending your message? **Go Ahead...EXPRESS YOURSELF!**

Receiving: Monday, November 1: 10am – 12pm
Exhibit Dates: Tuesday, November 2: Saturday, November 27
Reception: Friday, November 5: 5pm – 7pm

Daydreams by Laura Edwards

December 2021 Exhibition ~ Photography

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

The RAL Art Center Annual Photography Show is a great opportunity to display your favorite images, whether they are landscapes, water scenes, flowers, portraits of people or pets, historical buildings, towns, scenes of the Northern Neck or special shots from your travels. Your photographs can be taken with either a camera or cellphone.



Exhibit attendees will see that photographers have many choices for the style that best expresses their artistic vision including documentary, abstract, and artistic photographs. By using in-camera to post-processing creative effects, they create and tell stories through the lens of their camera.

Receiving: Monday, November 29: 10am – 12pm
Exhibit Dates: Tuesday, November 30 – Friday, December 31
Reception: Friday, December 3: 5pm – 7pm

Paint Night with Doug Mock



September Paint Night: Lighthouse by the Bay

**Thursday, September 23, 2021
6:00 to 8:00pm
with Artist/Instructor Doug Mock**

Join us in September and have fun painting a Lighthouse by the Bay using watercolor. In this class you will learn how watercolor "dances" on the paper and then create a beautiful and one-of-a-kind sky. You will learn to mix

convincing and realistic greens for your foreground and then let your creativity run wild as you design your very own lighthouse.

Instruction and demonstration will be given with each step so even the beginner can have success. Feel free to bring your favorite beverages and snacks to make the evening even more special. Bring a friend, neighbor, relative, or spouse for this fun and engaging class. All art supplies will be included.

Members \$30/Non-members \$35
Maximum: 10 Students

Lighthouse by the Bay by Doug Mock

RAL ART CENTER OUTREACH

Serving our community through art



On Wednesday, July 21, RAL Art Center participated in the Lancaster Community Library's Summer Reading Program for kids, held at Town Centre Park. The theme for the summer program was "Reading Colors Your World," and that day's topic was "Color Your World with Art." Tonya Carter, LCL Children's Librarian, engaged the children with colorful stories, and Karen Williams, RAL's Youth Program Coordinator, introduced the initiative to the parents in attendance and furnished project kits, which included a colorful DIY bookworm bookmark, to the approximately 40 children in attendance.

RAL is planning more children's art activities over the next several months. If you would like to guide a craft session, lead an art class, or assist with youth activities, please contact Karen Williams at larkarwillfish@gmail.com.

RAL Art Center Collects Art Supplies for Refugee Children



The RAL Art Center will collect crayons, colored pencils, magic markers and coloring books for refugee children who will be coming to Fort Lee Army Base in Petersburg, Virginia. The **deadline to drop off donations is Tuesday, September 28th no later than 4:00 pm**. Donations can be brought to the RAL Art Center at 19 North Main St, Kilmarnock, VA during normal business hours, Tuesday thru Saturday between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.

CALLING ALL KID ENTHUSIASTS!

"Help start budding artists on their creative journey."

Do you like kids? Like to see their excitement when they experience something new? Have knowledge you would like to share with them? The RAL Art Center is expanding our youth arts enrichment program and we need



artists/instructors/assistants of all skill levels to be a part of this exciting new endeavor. Our program will include classes in basic art instruction, as well as fun, creative opportunities. All media are welcome, and participants should have an enthusiasm for teaching and/or sharing art experiences with kids of all ages and skill levels.

- What type of instruction could you offer?
- What age level would you feel comfortable working with (toddler/pre-k, primary school, middle school, high school)
- Days/times/frequency you would be available

We want to hear from anyone who may have an interest in joining the team - whether it is teaching a class in the visual arts, developing curriculum, leading a group in a creative activity, or just assisting another instructor. Research shows that involvement in the arts promotes positive youth development. Investing in children's art programs not only exposes students to the benefits of the arts, but also helps children succeed in all school subjects and in life.

Please contact Karen Williams, Youth Program Coordinator, at larkarwillfish@gmail.com/804-435-1758, if you can assist, have any questions, or would like more information.



September's Gallery Windows



Reedville Summer by David Hershiser



Essense by Tom Jones

The September 2021 Windows at the RAL Art Center will feature two of the Gallery's newest Co-Op Artists, **DAVID HERSHISER** and **TOM JONES**. 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 read the full article and check the website for other examples of their work!

Upcoming Art Classes

www.ralartcenter.com/register-for-class

NOTE: Class participants and instructors are required to wear masks while in the Pike Studio

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

PENDANT TECHNIQUES IN ART CLAY SILVER

Instructor: Cynthia A. Quesenberry

Class Date: Saturday, September 18 | 10am – 4pm

This beginner/intermediate level class is an adventure in working with precious metal clay that can be created and fired in the same day with outstanding results.

Art Clay Silver is pure fine silver (.999) mixed with water and an organic binder. It is soft and easy to work with simple tools. The techniques covered in this class include: how to make a drop pendant, manipulate the clay, make attachments, finishing, sanding, and making simple repairs. Also included in this class is the instruction on the inclusion of CZ stones and pearl settings. We will create a variety of silver jewelry and/or other decorative objects for functional use in other projects.



Materials: All materials will be supplied.

Students: Bring disposable gloves.

Members \$110/Non-members \$120

Maximum: 10 Students



THE ART LANGUAGE

Instructor: Robin Caspari

2-Day Workshop: Thursday & Friday, September 23 & 24
| 9am – 4pm

What is the Art Language and what are we trying to visually create in our paintings? Do we want to paint what our mind knows, or do we want to see and explore in a different way? How can we use the Art Language to create Harmony, Rhythm, Pattern and Variety?

In this 2-day workshop we will discuss and explore all of these ideas in paint and presentation. Enjoy a live demonstration, presentation, and clear guidance. Please join us with an open mind and a positive attitude! Oil preferred, but acrylic, pastel and watercolor welcome.

Members \$260/Non-members \$280

Maximum: 9 Students

ABSTRACTING KALEIDOSCOPE COLORS

Instructor: Kathleen Noffsinger

2-Day Class: Tuesdays, Oct. 12 & 26 | 10am – 3pm (lunch break 12pm – 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



LOVING VAN GOGH

Instructor: Juli Schuszler

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



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 is helpful but not necessary. Materials provided by the instructor.

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

All classes will be held in the newly renovated Pike Studio...
a great place to learn, grow and connect.

Monthly Open Critique Session



Open Critique Returns!
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, working in a variety of mediums and styles, will be available the third Monday at 1:00pm to make helpful suggestions or just provide a

different "set of eyeballs", 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 sarahsod911@gmail.com.

The August critique session attendees were: Jacquie Colligan, Mel Neale, Sarah Soderlund, Sue Ramsey, and Debbie Bull.



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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