



*"Let's enjoy the fruits of life.
Life which is a time frame for happiness and creation."*

Artist Anatole Krasnyansky

Anatole Krasnyansky (born in 1930; Kiev, Ukraine) is a Ukrainian-American artist who has gained prominence by pioneering a new watercolor technique.

The 2022 holiday season has officially arrived at RAL!

November features classes for ornament making in fused glass, on shells and more. And, you can learn to make special pen and ink greeting cards! Have you heard about **SNOWMAGEDDON 2022**, the **Holiday Shop** (opening November 29!) and our **Ornament Trees** (on display starting November 15 through December 31)?

Read on for more details!

Feeling creative and helpful? Join the fun and help RAL design and build our Kilmarnock Lighted **Christmas Parade float** or volunteer to greet the kids at **Santa's Village** at Kilmarnock's Town Centre Park.

Join us as we welcome our newest co-op artist, oil painter, **Sarah Tisdale**. Visit the gallery in November to see her beautiful work AND enjoy two exhibits – **Anything Goes** and **The Lancaster High School Art Show** plus our very special **Annual Jewelry Show!** And be sure to check out November's **Gallery Windows** featuring our mega-creative couple and long-time RAL artists, **Ron and CarolAnne Taylor**.

Gallery News



October Exhibit Awards Farm-to-Table and Abandoned: What Remains

Awards for the RAL Art Center's October Exhibits, *Farm-to-Table* and *Abandoned: What Remains*, were announced October 7 at the First Friday reception.

Shauna McCranie judged these two new exhibits. Shauna grew up in Reedville, and attended Ferrum College majoring in Fine Arts and Education. She holds a Master's Degree in Curriculum & Development from George Mason University and has taught all ages in her 31-year career in public education. She is currently teaching art at Lancaster High.

In *Farm-to-Table* Shauna chose *The Gathering*, an acrylic by **Patty Cunningham** as the first place winner. Second place was awarded to **Ron Taylor** for his acrylic, *Golden Harvest*. Third place went to *I Can*, a watercolor by **Kathie Lochhead**.

Honorable mentions went to the following:

And Then We Made Salad, photograph by Mary Ellis

The Artichoke II, watercolor by Ellen Huddy

Tart, acrylic by Debra Bull

If That's Movin Up, I'm Movin Out, mixed media by Karyn Gallion

Abandoned: *What Remains* first place was awarded to *Gloucester Ghost I*, an oil by **Juli Schuszler**. Second place went to **Brenda Sylvia** for her acrylic, *Rusty Retirement*. Third place was awarded to *Full Service*, a watercolor by **Doug Mock**.

Honorable mentions went to the following:

Last View, photograph by Maggie Gilman

Stories Unknown, photograph by Yvonne Landis

Last Mill Standing, mixed media by Bob Casazza

Old Salts, watercolor by Barbara Kershner



RAL Art Center's Annual Jewelry Show Returns November 4th and 5th !

This highly anticipated Fall event features our four popular jewelry artists, all of whom exhibits regularly at RAL Art Center. Each artist produces one-of-a-kind artisan pieces, creating their work with their own unique flair.

Sue Broadway designs and creates her sumptuous jewelry from a variety of mediums including .999 fine silver, pearls, crystal, beads, semi-precious stones, and other interesting materials. Sometimes simple, sometimes extravagant, always unexpected!

Jacquie Colligan's inspired art pieces incorporate semi-precious stone, metal and beads acquired during her worldwide travels. Using Art Clay Silver, she creates molds from the unusual shapes of bark, rocks, and shells in her collection. Sometimes embellished, sometimes left to speak for itself, each piece is unique, eye-grabbing and truly one-of-a-kind.

Courtney Guerrant's love affair with semi-precious stones and pearls is apparent in her original and unique bracelets, necklaces, and earrings - true feasts for the eyes. Courtney wears a different piece of her pearls and sparkles with her outfits each day — it made her happy and will make you happy, too!

Pat Lawler is the ultimate craftswoman in using traditional metal smithing tools and techniques in fabricating sterling silver jewelry. Her pieces are simple, original, elegant and every day-to-special

occasion wearable.

This show is the perfect opportunity to indulge yourself or surprise and thrill those special friends and family members. Drop a hint! You might be surprised and thrilled yourself!

The Jewelry Show opens Friday, November 4 at 12:00 pm and runs through Saturday, November 5, 10am to 4pm. **The First Friday Reception, which is open to the public, is November 4, 5 to 7 pm. Refreshments will be served.**



RAL Challenges Local Artists for Charity

The sky's the limit for the month of November as RAL artists pull out all of the stops with their new exhibition called *Anything Goes*.

"As we approach the holiday season, RAL hopes to give back to the children in our community through the Toys for Tots program," states Doug Mock, Executive Director. For this exhibition RAL is challenging all artists to submit entries for Anything Goes. "If we achieve **our goal of 125 works of art then RAL will purchase at least \$400 worth of gifts** to stuff our local Toys for Tots box," states Mock.

Artists must be members of the RAL Art Center to submit. Up to two entries can be entered per artist with a maximum size not to exceed 24"x36'. Any medium can be submitted so get creative and have some fun!

In this first-ever exhibit, as the theme suggests, anything goes! From portraits to abstracts, from fiber to glass, from still life to seascapes – you can enter anything.

"We are excited for a jam-packed exhibit room in November with our ultimate goal being to support Toys for Tots," says Mock.

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Entries can be delivered on Sunday, October 30th or Monday, October 31st from 10am to 12 noon. The exhibit dates will be November 1 thru 26. The RAL Art Center will be open Tuesday thru Saturday from 10am to 4pm. If you have questions about submission or to consider membership, please call the RAL Art Center at 804-436-9309.

RAL Art Center offering a New Venue for Private Parties

The RAL Art Center, in an effort to engage with our community, has begun renting its facility for special events and occasions.

"With so little party space available in our local area, we are excited to play host in our beautiful gallery and Pike studio," states Doug Mock, Executive Director.

RAL provides **children's birthday parties complete with a gallery tour and a themed painting class with subjects selected by the guest of honor**. Themes for children's paintings can range from superheroes, castles, dragons, and princesses to cartoons and sea life, to name just a few. Children's parties are available for **ages 6 to 14** with a maximum number of participants for each age group.



"We just rented the gallery for our child's 11th birthday celebration, and it was a huge

success! The painting lesson was so much fun, and the gallery was very warm and welcoming,” says Emily Griffin.

RAL will also be available for **adult birthday celebrations, corporate events, anniversary parties, bridal showers, baby showers and retirement parties or any special occasion that you might have.** RAL also offers team-building art events and paint nights for businesses.

“An art gallery full of beautiful works of art is a perfect place to celebrate a special occasion or conduct a really fun business event,” states RAL Artist Patty Richards.

To learn more about renting the RAL Art Center please call 804-436-9309. The Center staff will work closely with you to be certain your celebration is exactly what you desire.



RAL Welcomes A New Exhibiting Artist ~ Sarah Tisdale

The RAL welcomes our newest co-op artist, Sarah Tisdale. Sarah is a Virginia born, University of Virginia educated, world-wandering lover of Light. While her creative interests are many, she has returned to working in oils, reveling in the beauty of the Northern Neck. Sarah's work currently on display in the gallery is charming and impressionistic, reflecting her 2022 goal of creating a painting a day.

Holiday Happenings At RAL



Don't Miss It...the RAL Annual Holiday Shop

RAL's Annual Holiday Shop is an eagerly awaited event featuring one-of-a-kind affordable gifts that make your shopping experience fun.

RAL member artists and



Calling All Ornament Makers!

New this year, RAL will install two **Christmas Trees in the gallery on Monday, November 14th to display and sell ornaments** during the Thanksgiving holiday.



Snowmageddon to Hit RAL in December!

ENTRIES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN DEC. 4!

Calling ALL makers of fun things...RAL will be hosting Snowmageddon 2022. What does this mean? Create a snowman/snowwoman/snowperson in any style, format

artisans create a wonderful array of items that include jewelry, framed art of all kinds, baskets, ornaments, pottery, art glass, knitted and crocheted items, other fiber arts, holiday cards and many other gift items.

Join us for our Holiday First Friday on December 2nd from 5 to 7PM.

Gallery visitors are invited to see the trees on November 15 through December 31.

If you would like your ornaments to be available, please make sure you have them delivered along with your Holiday Shop/Ornament Tree Consignment Sheet to RAL on Saturday, November 12th.

or fashion that must be at least 24" tall. Your creation could be a painting, a sculpture, a work of art in fiber...or whatever you so choose. Your materials can include anything, cardboard, fabric, plastic, cotton, metal, the sky's the limit.

We ask that your work of art be available to participate in a silent auction with proceeds benefiting RAL. This auction will run throughout December, with the winning bidder taking home each masterpiece at the end of the month. If you would prefer that we not auction your entry that is fine too, just be sure you make note of that.

If you plan to create for Snowmageddon 2022 please contact RAL at 804-436-9309.

HOLIDAY SHOP DATES AND HOURS

The holiday shop will be open from November 29th thru December 31st, Tuesday thru Saturday from 10am to 4pm each day.

The Ornament Trees will be open from November 15th thru December 31st.

RAL to Participate in the 2022 Kilmarnock Lighted Christmas Parade

RAL will once again build and participate in the 2022 Kilmarnock Lighted Christmas Parade which will take place on Friday, December 9th at 7:00 pm. This Lancaster by the Bay Chamber of Commerce event is one of the most anticipated events for our region during the holiday season.

The theme for 2022 is *A Community Strong Christmas*. If you are interested in serving on the planning committee or participating in actually building the RAL float, please contact us at 804-436-9309. We already have some great ideas and can always use extra heads and hands to build another award-winning entry.

Santa's Village for Kids at Town Centre Park

SHARE IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT: RAL will once again participate in Kilmarnock's "Santa's Village" for kids at Town Centre Park on Friday, December 2nd (5-7:30pm), and December 3rd (5:15-7:30pm). Volunteers are needed to greet visitors to our tent and assist them in creating a small craft(furnished by the town). If you would like to assist, please contact Karen Williams at larkarwillfish@gmail.com, 804-435-1758.



Paint Night, Try It Tuesday and Other Classes

For more information, including, if applicable, supply lists, go to:

www.ralartcenter.com or call

804.436.9309



November's Try It Tuesday: Creating Holiday Cards in Pen and Ink

Artist/Instructor: Doug Mock

Date: Tuesday, November 8

Time: 6–8 pm

Materials: Provided by instructor at no additional fee

As the holidays approach let's get together and have some fun creating unique and one-of-a-kind holiday greeting cards using pen and ink techniques with watercolor washes. Doug Mock will lead this fun night where you will choose and create up to 3 cards. He will have a variety of festive images, from traditional holiday, to fun nautical, even some things for the sailors and fishermen in class.

Invite your friends, your family, and neighbors. The more the merrier as we prepare for the holiday season. Feel free to bring your favorite beverage(s) and snacks to make the evening more special. ALL supplies included.

Member fee: \$35

Non-member fee: \$40

November Paint Night: Holiday Ornaments

Artist/Instructor: Juli Schuszler

Date: Thursday, November 17

Time: 6–8 pm

Materials: Provided by instructor at no additional fee

Join instructor Juli Schuszler for a fun evening of painting together. You will hand-paint several different ornaments for your holiday tree including a merry Santa Claus face on a sea shell and a sparkling snowman face on a rusty star. All you will need to bring your favorite beverages and snacks to make the evening even more special. Invite a friend, neighbor, relative, or spouse for this fun and engaging class.



For ages 18 to 118; class size limited to 12 participants.

Member fee: \$35

Non-member fee: \$40



CLASS: The Joy of Color

Artists/Instructor: Gloria Clifford

Dates: Thursdays, November 17 – December 22 (skips Thanksgiving week)

Times: 10am to 12:30pm

Come experiment with color with hands-on activities developed by artist/instructor Gloria Clifford.

You will learn about color relationships and learn to make effective color choices in your paintings or other types of art you create. Understanding color is essential and this class

promises to be a fun way to increase your confidence and enjoyment of using color.

Member fee: \$225

Non-member fee: \$259

CLASS: Acrylic Painting for Beginners

Artist/Instructor: Gloria Clifford

Day/Dates: Five Thursdays; November 17, December 1, 8, 15, & 22

Time: 1:30 – 4:00 pm



Acrylics are one of the best painting mediums for a beginner because it's more "forgiving" and mistakes can be painted over quite easily. In this class you will learn how to mix colors by creating color charts as a way to truly understand how to get the color you want. After understanding color mixing, students will bring in simple pictures of subjects of interest to use for your very own "canvas" creations. Come ready to have fun and to create your very own works of art that you'll be proud of!

Member fee: \$225

Non-member fee: \$259



CLASS: Fused Glass Ornament

Artist/Instructor: Laurie Breakwell

Date: Tuesday; November 29

Time: 6–8pm

Materials: All materials provided at no cost by instructor.

Sign up to create your own holiday ornaments in fused glass! No prior experience is required. This is a popular class, so be sure to register early. The instructor will guide you in producing your creation, which will then be fired in her kiln and returned later to the RAL Art Center. Limited to 12 students.

Member fee: \$40

Non-member fee: \$46

Upcoming Exhibits



November 2022 ~ Anything Goes

The sky's the limit during the month of November as RAL artists pull out all the stops. "Anything Goes" means you will experience an exhibit room loaded with subject matter including just about anything. Artists will exhibit works in a variety of media, in all shapes and sizes and full of bold and beautiful color.

If you are an art collector, or someone who just appreciates art then you must pay us a visit. We are so excited for this first-ever exhibit and are certain you will find something that you will want to call your own.

Receiving: Monday, October 31st, 10am to 12pm

Exhibit Dates: Tuesday through Saturday, November 1st through 26th, 10am to 4pm

Reception: Friday, November 4th

Bay Boy, painting by Bob Casazza

November 2022 ~ Lancaster High School Art Show

RAL is excited to once again host the talented artists from the Lancaster High School Art Department.

This year their exhibit will be very diverse; portraits from its photography class and aboriginal dot paintings from Art 1 *and* an exciting display of pastel animals and portraits along with dragon eyes using mixed media from the advanced students. Plus, there may also be a few surprise entries that you won't want to miss!



We hope you will come and support the talents of these wonderful kids during the month. This exhibition will open on Tuesday, November 1st with a first Friday celebration on November 4th from 5 - 7pm.

December 2022 ~ Photography Exhibit

The RAL Art Center Annual Photography Show is a great opportunity to display your favorite artwork, whether it is landscapes, water scenes, flowers, portraits of people or pets, historical buildings, towns and scenes of the Northern Neck or from your travels. Display your work taken with your camera or your cell phone. Photographers have many choices for the style that best expresses their vision. Documentary, realistic, abstract, and artistic photographs, including the many creative effects from in-camera to post-processing that offer many choices for you to tell your story and share your art with viewers.

Mike Geissinger is the Judge for the RAL Art Center Photography Exhibit. A graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology, Mike became a staff photographer at the White House during Lyndon Johnson's presidency and did freelance photography for various publications throughout his career. He has been an instructor for several hands-on workshops at RAL and judged one of the earliest RAL annual photography exhibits. He continues to photograph for clients and organizations in the Northern Neck of Virginia.



Receiving: Monday, November 28, 10am to 12pm

Exhibit Dates: November 29 to December 31

Reception: Friday, December 2 from 5 to 7pm

Cathedral Rock by Ron Granstra



January 2023 ~ 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 4, 2023, and runs through January 28, 2023. Paintings in every medium, photography, pottery, glass, fiber art, sculpture and jewelry will be represented. Expect

to have to choose from multiple favorites!

Receiving: January 2, 10am to 12pm

Exhibit Dates: January 4 through January 28

Reception: Friday, January 6, 5-7pm

2022 You Be the Judge Winner, *Fish Relief* by Laurie Breakwell

2022 – 2023 Upcoming Exhibit Schedule

December ~ Holiday Shop and Photography Show

January ~ You Be the Judge and Creative Still Life

February ~ Touch of Red and I Love

March ~ Weather or Not and Down Memory Lane

For the full 2023 calendar of Exhibits click [here](#).

November Gallery Window Artists

The RAL Art Center Gallery Window will feature the artistic dynamic duo of **Ron and CarolAnne Taylor**, both long term members of the gallery. This couple is truly gifted in each of their mediums: multi-media artwork for Ron and photography for CarolAnne.

A full article about these artists, written by Ellen Huddy, will appear in the *Rappahannock Record* and on the RAL Art Center website at www.ralartcenter.com/blog. Be sure to check it out!

Top right: *Artifacts* by Ron Taylor

Bottom right: *Dreaming in Blue* by CarolAnne Taylor



RAL ART CENTER OUTREACH

Serving our community through art

Art 4 Kids
Free Art Kits!

1st Saturday
Every Month
11:00 to 3:00 pm

RAL Art Center
Starter Kits & Project Kits
for PreK thru 9th Grade

The poster features a bright yellow background with a blue border. It includes illustrations of two children, a teddy bear, a blue balloon, and various art supplies like crayons and a pencil. The text is in a mix of red, blue, and black fonts, with some words in italics.



Can You Volunteer?

RAL is seeing *unprecedented growth and with that comes the need for enthusiastic volunteers*. With your help we will continue to be the best we can be for our members, artists and community.

Currently we are most in need in the following areas:

Front Desk Volunteers – You'll welcome and introduce guests to RAL and our monthly show(s), answer questions about upcoming classes or be trained to manage sales – 3 ½ hours per month.

Lead or Assist with Children's Classes – We teach weekly classes at the Boys and Girls Club as well as twice a month in the RAL Pike Studio. You can lead a class or just help us out. Time requirements will vary but will not be substantial.

Assist with Social Events – Help us plan for and execute special events that could involve First Friday receptions, fundraisers and/or special programs. Time requirements will vary per event.

To volunteer for any of the opportunities above, youth programs, please contact the gallery at 804-436-9309 or email us at ral@ralartcenter.com.



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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