

FEBRUARY 2023



Oil painting by Osnat Tzadok

There's a lot to LOVE about February at the RAL Art Center starting with two exhibits, new classes, Paint Night with Doug Mock and Open Critique returns.

Visit the gallery in February to enjoy TWO art-filled exhibits *A Touch of Red and I Love*. Be sure to check out the **Gallery Windows** featuring artists, **Harold Burnley, Robert Schuler and Jacquie Colligan**.

Also, be sure to stop by and say "hello" to our new assistant director, Charles Breakwell!

Gallery News



You Be the Judge Winner Announced

During the month of January, visitors to the RAL Art Center voted for their favorite piece of art in the annual exhibit, "You Be the Judge." Votes were tallied on January 21st, and Carol Vaughn's watercolor, *Wild Susans*, was the winner.

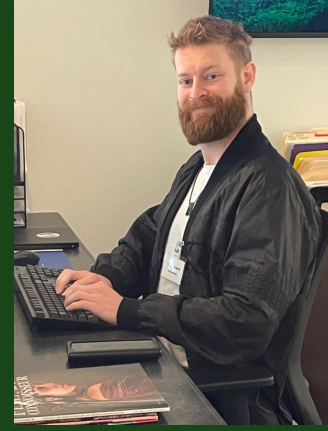
Carol has won numerous awards at the Art Center for her marine subjects, especially sailing crews racing. Her paintings capture her love of sailing and the spellbinding beauty of the water. *Wild Susans* gives us a new watercolor direction and the feeling of spring and summer approaching.

Welcome our new Assistant Director, Charles Breakwell!

Please stop in to meet – and greet – Charles Breakwell, our new Assistant Director. Charles has a Bachelor of Science degree in Game Development and has worked for over ten years in the field of software development. He comes to RAL Art Center by way of The Washington Post and independent projects for companies in New York City.

Charles enjoys running tabletop role-playing games, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, and the occasional foray into theatre.

Charles



Your Artwork on the Side of a BAY TRANSIT BUS!

Be sure to enter the **2023 Art in Transit Competition** presented by Bay Transit and RAL Art Center. **The winning entry will be installed on the side of a Bay Transit bus.**

RULES: There is no required subject matter this year, including no requirement for depicting movement or motion. Art format may be any 2D medium, including photography. Submissions must be for sale and presented ready to hang with a wire and d-rings; no sawtooth hangers. Frames are optional. The aspect ratio should be 18.5" W x 10" H. (Contact RAL Art Center at 804-436-9309 with questions.)

Deliver artwork to the RAL Art Center at 19 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock, VA 22482. **Receiving dates are Sunday, April 30, and Monday, May 1, 2023.** Times for receiving are 10am to 12 noon on both days. Entry fee is \$20 per entry with a maximum of 2 entries per artist.

An award ceremony will be held Friday, May 19, 2023, from 5 to 7pm. Cash Prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third place winners. RAL retains 30% of any sales based on the price set by the artist. Proceeds support both Bay Transit and the RAL Art Center.

Click [here](#) for your official entry form.

INTRODUCING



Paint and Party

The RAL Art Center is Now Hosting Art Parties!

We provide an RAL art instructor to lead a fun painting project for children grades K-5 (ages 5-10), *and* a great space to host your party. *You* provide the kids (up to 24!), adult supervision, food, decorations and gifts! It's that simple!

Paint and Party events are held in the Pike Studio Art Classroom and are generally 2½ hours in length. Prices start at \$250 plus supply costs.

Sure to be a kid-favorite, for more details or to book your event, contact Sharon Stone (executivedirector@ralartcenter.com or call 804.436.9309).

But hurry, we are filling up fast!



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In Memoriam

We are sad to announce the passing of several of our member artists in 2021 & 2022.* They are:

Maggie Gilman
B. J. McMillan
Molly Wroth

As has been our practice, we will establish Memorial Awards at this year's Labor Day Art Show for each of these artists, or any other deceased member, through donations made in their names. If you would like to donate, please be sure to indicate in whose name the gift is given.

*If we have omitted anyone from this list, please contact the Administrative Office at ral@ralartcenter.com or by calling 804-436-9309.

Paint Night, Try It Tuesday and Classes

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

www.ralartcenter.com or call

804.436.9309

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, in a variety of mediums and styles, will be available the third Monday at 1:00

to help you with those nagging problems, make helpful suggestions or just provide a different "set of eyeballs," 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 sarhsod911@gmail.com.

Pictured from left to right: Jacquie Colligan, Mel Neale, Sarah Soderlund, Sue Ramsey, and Debbie Bull.



February Paint Night: Winter Birds & Branches

Instructor: Doug Mock

Date: Thursday, February 23

Time: 6-8pm

Winter may be cold and dreary but this month's paint night will be nothing but fun and entertaining. Join Doug Mock and create this stylized acrylic painting of three feathered friends nestled in branches sprinkled with snow. As always, the more the merrier! Bring your friends/neighbors/family to join in the fun. Feel free to bring snacks and adult beverages if you'd like.

Member fee: \$35

Non-member fee: \$40

CLASS: Acrylic Painting for Beginners

Instructor: Gloria Clifford

Day/Dates: Six Wednesdays; February 1, 8, 15, 22 & March 8 (snow makeup date: March 15)

Time: 10AM-12:30PM

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: \$240

Non-member fee: \$276



CLASS: Color Drawing

Instructor: Gloria Clifford

Day/Date: 6 Wednesdays – 2/1/2023 – 3/8/2023 (3/15 makeup snow day)

Time: 1:30–4PM

This is a class for all those who have had some previous drawing experience but who are now ready to pursue additional skills, while also using colored drawing mediums.

This is the perfect continuation to the "Drawing– Learning to See" classes; however, all drawing students are welcome. The instructor will demonstrate one drawing medium per week in these mediums: watercolor pencils, colored pencils, conte' crayons, pastels and oil pastels. Students will choose one or two of those mediums to work in throughout the course.

Member fee: \$240

Non-member fee: \$276

CLASS: Oil and Cold Wax Workshop

Instructor: Kathleen Noffsinger

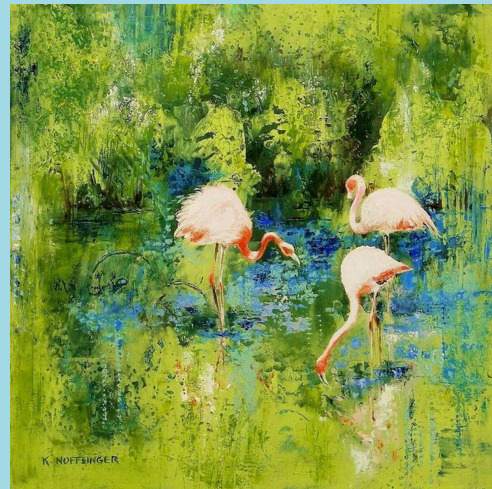
Date: Saturday, March 4

Time: 10AM–3PM

Class limited to 10 students

This creativity class is being offered as a one-day workshop for artists who would like to "loosen up" and escape the confines of detailed painting and drawing by working with oil paint mixed with cold wax medium.

The focus of instruction will be to create expressive impressionist and somewhat "abstracted" paintings. New students and those from previous workshops will find many exciting paths to explore!



Member fee: \$120

Non-member fee: \$138



MARCH's Try It Tuesday: Alcohol Ink

Instructor: Carol Muratore

Date: March 14

Time: 10am – 12pm

Cost: Members \$35; Non-members \$40

Come explore the fascinating world of painting with alcohol ink! Artist Carol Muratore will help you create two small works of art on porcelain tile and Yupo (paper). The effects you can achieve with very little previous practice are truly amazing. Note that the meeting time is during the day, 10 am to 12 noon. Participants should bring at least one pair of nitrile or latex gloves. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Exhibits



February 2023 ~ Touch of Red

Red symbolizes powerful emotion: anger, love, passion, courage, and joy as examples. Or, it can appear in a child's cheek, a wildflower, or a channel marker. Where do you see touches of red?

This exhibit gives members the opportunity to represent many different emotions or experiences through use of color.

Receiving: Monday, January 30, 10AM-12PM

Exhibit Dates: Wednesday through Saturday February 1 - 25

Reception: Friday, February, 3 5-7PM

Nicobar Island Fishing Boats by Sarah Elliott

February 2023 ~ I Love

The month of romance is the perfect time to exhibit work of our beloved pets, loved past times, treasured possessions - and, oh yes, the friends and family members we adore. This exhibit offers ample opportunity for you to show the world a visual example of love.

Receiving: Monday, January 30, 10AM-12PM

Exhibit Dates: Wednesday through Saturday February 1 - February 25

Reception: Friday, February, 3 5-7PM

Me and My Shadow by Cate Kauffman



March 2023 ~ Weather or Not

This is an opportunity to celebrate all forms of weather - or not. In other words, submit works that depict the stormy, blustery, and rainy or the calm, sunny, softer side of Mother Nature. But if weather is not in your wheel-house, show us something else altogether.

Receiving: February 27, 10AM - 12PM

Exhibit Dates: March 1 through April 1

Reception: Friday, March 3, 5-7PM

TreeWalker by Ron Granstra

March 2023 ~ Down Memory Lane

We all have memories that inspire us - some shared and others all our own. Work in this exhibit could depict iconic cultural images from days gone by such as classic cars, buildings, or fashion. Or, you could submit pieces showing those special places, people, and events that are meaningful to you personally.

Receiving: February 27, 10AM – 12PM
Exhibit Dates: March 1 through April 1
Reception: Friday, March 3, 5–7PM

Soda Fountain by Patty Mochary



April 2023 ~ Spring Is in the Air

Ah, the budding leaves, the growing grass, the patches of yellow and white on trees and in our flowerbeds – these are the signs of spring! Celebrate the season with art depicting whatever suggests the life, the growth, and the promise of spring.

Receiving: March 27, 10AM – 12PM
Exhibit Dates: April 1 through May 1
Reception: Friday, April 7, 5–7PM

Leaving the Beach by Brenda Sylvia

April 2023 ~ All About Flowers

From micro to macro, flowers offer beauty to capture with any medium. This exhibit showcases flowers, flowers, and more flowers. Pair flowers with pollinators, birds, people, or wildlife – but make the flower the star of the show!

Receiving: March 27, 10AM – 12PM
Exhibit Dates: April 1 through May 1
Reception: Friday, April 7, 5–7PM

Finale by Jacquie Colligan



Annual Art and Flowers Collaborative Exhibit

Once again, we are partnering with garden clubs in the Northern Neck to show the work of floral designers that have been inspired by art in our gallery. The floral arrangements will be on display on Friday and Saturday, April 14th and 15th, with a special reception on Saturday evening. If you would like more information or are interested in participating, please contact Cathie Elliott, exhibit coordinator, at cjelliott411@yahoo.com. by Ron Granstra

2023 Exhibits & Special Events

March *Weather or Not* and *Down Memory Lane*

April *Spring is in the Air* and *All About Flowers*
(Annual Art and Flowers Collaborative Exhibit April 14–15)

May *Art in Transit* and *Sky's the Limit*
(Art in Transit Special Reception May 19)

June *Great Art Heist* (June 24)

July *Coastal Living* and *Small Works*

August *Wild Things* and *Visiting Artist Cindy Kinney*

September *62nd Annual Labor Day Art Show*

October *Color My World* and *Fall is Here Jewelry Show* (Oct. 6-7)

November *Express Yourself* and *Visiting Artists Suzanne Quel & Jorie Wiley*

December *Holiday Shop* and *Photography Show*
Holiday Party (Dec. 1)



February Gallery Windows



The February RAL Art Center Gallery Windows will feature an interesting mix of photography, watercolors, and jewelry, a feast for the eyes on a chilly winter afternoon stroll down Main Street.

Harold Burnley is the featured photographer in this month's Windows and will be showing some landscapes of Alaska as photographed from the Inland Passage by boat. One of Harold's featured photos, taken near Juneau Harbor, captures some beautiful sea lions resting on a marker buoy.

Robert Schuler paints in watercolors and has been doing so for over 30 years, exhibiting and selling to collectors in the United States and abroad. Bob's featured painting, *Done for the Day*, is a classic Chesapeake Bay workboat making its way back to port after a day of crabbing/oystering.

Our third window artist is Jacquie Colligan, who will be showing a sumptuous collection of necklaces, earrings, and other works of wearable art. Be sure to linger in front of these exhibits showing throughout the month!

From left to right: photo by Harold Burnley, *Done for the Day* by Robert Schuler and jewelry by Jacquie Colligan.

RAL ART CENTER OUTREACH

Serving our community through art

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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