



Near the Lake

"There isn't a single person or landscape or subject which doesn't possess some interest, although it may not be immediately apparent. When a painter discovers this hidden treasure, other people are immediately struck by its beauty."

Pierre Auguste Renoir

THE NEXT **LRA** MEETING IS **SUNDAY, MAY 18TH, 2008**. YOUR PROJECT FOR THIS MEETING IS A SONG TITLE.
Nancy Stellhorn, President

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The **LRA** Times



The League of Roanoke Artists

An organization for artists and those who support art • Since 1958
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News from the LRA meeting in February

By Nancy Stellhorn, President

On February 17th we had our last General Meeting. It was a fun meeting. The self portraits everyone did where wonderful. Sue Egbert did herself as a small child, Dorothy Doss as a young women of 18, Betty Williamson had mask of her face and a pencil drawing of a very old women. This is just a few of the great pieces of art we had there.

At the meeting, Betty Williamson suggested that artists, who sell work at the rotation galleries, should give back 10% of the sale to help found our fall showcase. It was voted on and passed. This is to start on June 1st, and it's being the Honor System. No one is going to be checking on any artist who sells art work at the galleries. If you sell a painting and

want to donate 10%, great...if you sell a painting and don't want to donate, that's great, too.

The next General Meeting is on May 18 at Pheasant Ridge Adult Apartment Building. The theme this time is song titles. It should be fun. Please try to come, the cookies and coffee were wonderful, not to mention the company. ☺

Volunteers needed for your league

Are you looking for an easy way to volunteer and help the **LRA**?

Consider volunteering for the **LRA** Phone Committee.

You would have about five names and won't have to call very often. There are times when it is important to get in touch with our members that do not have email addresses, hope you can help!

Please contact **Betty Hancock Bright** if you would like to help:
540 343-0054, hancockbettyart@hotmail.com

The Rescue Mission 3rd Annual Art Collection Competition 2008

By Betty Hancock Bright

Have you sent in your entries yet? **The deadline is Wednesday, April 2, 2008.** Juror's Decision Notifications will be mailed on Friday, April 11, 2008.

You must deliver your work on Friday, April 25, 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

The opening reception is Sunday, May 4, 2008, at 2:00 pm.

You can submit up to three pieces of art and the entry fee is only \$20.00.

Competition winners will be honored as Permanent Art Collection Artists, receive two months window display at Art on a Mission, in Tanglewood Mall, and be listed in the at the Rescue Mission for prospective buyers.

All work should be carefully framed, with wire attached with screw eyes placed as close to the top as possible, so that work does not "swing" out and tilt down to face the floor. The size of pieces

submitted can be no larger than 16"x20".

This is a great opportunity to show and sell your work. If your work sells, a commission will be taken out for the Rescue Mission. **Let's show some of our great LRA art!**

For more details, email **Monica Schlagetter** at <http://us.f507.mail.yahoo.com/ym/Compose?To=monica@rescuemission.net> or call **540-777-7662**. ☐

LRA show at Art on a Mission, is scheduled for April 2nd -8th. Please contact **Nancy Stellhorn** 540-297-3263 for more details. ☐

Art on a Mission News

LRA member Patricia Placona was the featured artist at Art on a Mission for March. In the past year, Patricia won second place at the Salem Jamestown Festival Art Show, an award for painting at the Botetourt/Fincastle Art show. She also was awarded first place for her painting at the **LRA** 2007 showcase, and had a piece accepted for the 2007 New River Art show. ☐

The Rescue Mission needs art supplies

The Rescue Missions Art Studio Manager, Pam Rhodes, is asking for help. They are currently running out of the following supplies:

Sketch Pads ☐ Watercolor Paper Pads ☐ Colored Pencils ☐ Drawing Pencils ☐ Charcoal ☐ Pastels ☐ Watercolors ☐ Acrylics ☐ Paint Brushes – all sizes.

If you have some of these supplies that you are not using, please consider donating them to the Rescue Mission.

For more information, contact **Monica Schlagetter** at monica@rescuemission.net ☐

Open Studios of Roanoke Annual Tour

Gina Louthian-Stanley will be part of the Open Studios of Roanoke 8th Annual Tour which will take place on April 26th and April 27th, 2008. Saturday tour hours will be from 10:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m and on Sunday from Noon – 5:00 p.m.

Also, Gina will have her art published, along with other multi-media artists, in

“Interactive Art Workshop – Mixed Media in Motion” to be published by Northlight Books, which will be available for sale in October 2008.

Gina will be at 1930 Arden Road and you may call her for more information at **540-344-5542** or visit the website <http://www.openstudioofroanoke.com/artist/stanley.html> . ☐



Waterway,
Monotype, by Gina Louthian-Stanely

2008 Retreat

By Nancy Stellhorn

For those of you who missed the retreat last year, it was wonderful. *Vera Dickerson* is not only a wonderful teacher and artist, but she is also a warm, kind and fun lady. She is a class act and one that will be hard to follow.

However, within the LRA ranks, we have another gem, *Robin Poteet*. Robin has agreed to do this year's workshop at the retreat. Robin's media is watercolor; in which she is very accomplished. She also uses pen and ink with some of her artwork.

The dates for this year's workshop are October 17th, 18th, and 19th. Mark your calendars, and make plans to join us for a great weekend with fellow artists.

More details to come this summer! ☐

Judy Conner donates art for Colonial Baptist Church fundraiser

LRA member Judy Conner did a watercolor painting of her church and had prints and cards made. So far there has been approximately \$520.00 in sales, which she will contribute to the church debt retirement. Now Judy is thinking of offering her services to other churches and

other organizations. for fund raising. It has been a fun and profitable project. The church is Colonial Avenue Baptist and is visible from the intersection of Electric Road and Colonial Avenue across from the carwash and North Cross School. ☐

The **LRA** website is currently undergoing construction.
www.leagueofroanokeartists.org
If you have any news and photos for the website, please contact *Carol Frye*, bluefrogart@cox.net. ☐

Who's keeping the roster?

By Nancy Stellhorn

Have you ever wondered who keeps track of the league's members? Well, for the past several years, Lynda Calkins has been the person who has helped keep our membership information up-to-date.

Lynda is no longer going to be able to

follow up on our roster, and I'd like to "Thank You, Lynda" for all your hard work. It has been appreciated by us all.

Betty Hancock Bright has agreed to keep the roster going. Betty, "Thank You" for volunteering to do this. ☐



LRA 2008 Board Members
Nancy Stellhorn, President
Carol Frye, 1st Vice President
Julie Hamilton, 2nd Vice President
Jane Haddad, Secretary
Nancy Brown, Treasurer
Linda Hall, Corresponding Secretary
Anne Stinnett, Director at Large
Lynda Calkins, Director at Large

Lewis Gale Gallery News

By Margaret DuBois

Lewis Gale Gallery and Consultants in Cardiology will change Tuesday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to Noon. For Lewis Gale Gallery, please bring 2 small (less than 12" x 12") or one medium to large painting. For Consultants in Cardiology, bring one medium to large painting. This gallery is limited in space, so work is accepted on a "first come, first hang" basis.

Sales at these two galleries were: Kathy Jo Sledd (2) and Cherold Thurman, sold their works between Nov. 13 and Jan. 8. Sales for the Jan. 8 to Mar. 11 period were Nancy Brown, Brenda Cundiff (2), Carol Montgomery, Donna Thomas (2), Ginny McGuire and Sue Furrow. Congratulations to these artists!

If anyone can help in Cardiology Gallery on a permanent or semi-permanent basis, please call **Margaret DuBois** at **540-375-2976** or e-mail: **mdubois@verizon.net**.



Gallery By The James News

By Lois Bitner

Gallery By The James, 19827 Main Street in Buchanan is celebrating the fact that they have been open and selling fine art for five years! Featured are new art creations at reasonable prices in various media including: pottery, jewelry, stained glass and textile design. Gallery artists are exhibiting as well.

LRA members Lois Bittner and Helen Hubler are two of the founding members of this cooperative gallery. For more information check out their new website

www.gallerybythejames.net.

Walter Chiropractic News

Karen Samson is the artist-of-the-month of April at the Walter Chiropractic Clinic. The clinic is located at 5219 Peters Creek Rd NW # 5, Roanoke. 540-362-0811.

Bev Impara sells artwork

Bev Impara sold a painting at The Market Gallery benefiting the RVSPCA. She also has paintings at Roanoke Family Medicine, Inc. on Colonial Avenue in addition to other LRA locations. Congratulations, Bev!

Gallery Info: 2008 Schedule

Lewis Gale Hospital – 10 am – Noon, *Margaret DuBois*: 540-375-2976

Consultants in Cardiology – 10 am – Noon, *Margaret DuBois*: 540-375-2976

The Braeburn Family Practice, *Linda Hall*: 540-366-1913

PCA Lee Hi – 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, *Pat Herron*: 540-966-3037

Park Oak Grove Retirement Home – 1 – 3 pm, *Nancy Stellhorn*: 540-297-3263

The above locations change on the following dates: 5/13/08, 7/8/08, 9/9/08, 11/11/08.

Walter Chiropractic, 10 am – Noon, *Linda Hall*: 540-366-1913

The above location changes on the following dates: 4/16/08, 6/18/08, 8/20/08, 10/15/08, 12/17/08.

Western Virginia Emergency Services, 10 am – Noon, *Carol Frye*: 540-366-4410

The Cancer Center – 3:30 – 5 pm, *Carol Frye*: 540-366-4410, *Sue Egbert*: 540-384-7448

Change dates: 4/17/08, 8/21/08, 10/16/08, 12/18/08

Art Critiques

Bring as many pieces of art, sculpture or photography as you wish...you are only limited by how much you can comfortably carry!

We hold critiques on the third Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm at Pheasant Ridge Retirement Community Apartments.

Bring your masterpiece to LRA Critiques...they are fun, friendly, informal, and everyone has a great time (and learns something too!)

A special thank you to Frank Murphy: A new critic needed

Frank Murphy is a long time member of the League of Roanoke Artists and for years he has been conducting the monthly critiques.

Frank has a wonderful way of looking at a piece of art, helping the artist see what the painting needs. His quiet, gentle ways adds to his abilities to help and inspire other artists.

Frank will no longer head up the monthly critiques. His wish is for the critiques to continue with someone new to update the process.

The critiques will continue on the third Sunday of each month, with the help of Bob Akers and Julie English. Frank will be missed, and hopefully he will not be a stranger.

Remember, all meetings and critiques will be held at the Retirement Apartments of Pheasant Ridge. This is the last group of apartments on your left before getting to the nursing home.

Any questions, please call **Nancy Stellhorn,**
540-297-3263 ☐

Keep Lenore Bassett informed for **LRA** Press Releases

If you send her the information about showing your artwork, **Lenore Bassett** will be glad to send a press release on to the appropriate newspapers.

Her email address is: lenorebee@yahoo.com, her phone number is: 540-591-9008. ☐

Framing available

Tony Frye does framing at Blue Frog Art and Studio and builds display flats and print racks. He has offered to donate 5% of his receipts back to the **LRA** on any work done for league members. This money will support our programs and rewards for Showcase. Just let him know you are a league member.

Please contact Tony Frye at: 540-366-4410.

2008 LRA Meetings

February 17th
May 18th
September 21st
November 16th
(Annual Meeting)