



Boy in a Red Waistcoat

For an Impressionist to paint from nature is not to paint the subject, but to realize sensations.

*Paul Cezanne*

Have you renewed your **LRA** membership for 2009? Please send the membership form from <http://www.leagueofroanokeartists.com>

to:

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# The **LRA** Times



## The League of Roanoke Artists

An organization for artists and those who support art since 1958  
February / March 2009

## Message from the New **LRA** President

*by Carol Frye*

We have an exciting year coming up and I hope you will all get involved! We have new galleries to display our work and more events lined up to help you get your art out there! We are working very hard to make the League of Roanoke Artists more beneficial to all of you.



This year's **Showcase** will begin on **August 31, 2009** and end on **October 26, 2009!** The Jefferson Center loves this show so much that they ask us to extend the dates! This speaks well for the awesome quality of work submitted for this show! So get busy guys and create some masterpieces! The **reception** is set for **September 27, 2009.** You will be getting more information later on in the year.

We are also working on the possibility of a show in the

spring. We will let you know more on this as soon as we get some details worked out.

The next general meeting is **February 15, 2009.** We hope to have more information ready for you then on the additional gallery locations and on some new shows.

Don't forget to bring your collage to the meeting!

Until then *STAY WARM!*

**Carol Frye** ☐

### **ARTISTS CLEANING HOUSE – PORTFOLIO ART SHOW**

SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2009  
10:00 am -3:00 pm

Outside Girl Scout Headquarters  
on Peter's Creek Road

Artists bring their portfolios and furnish whatever they might need, a chair, a small table or you could rent a flat, if you wish.

This show will easily be seen from the road and should generate lots of interest and sales!

10.00 entry fee!!!

Get a Portfolio Show Prospectus from **Betty Hancock Bright - 540-343-0054** or [hancockbettyart@hotmail.com](mailto:hancockbettyart@hotmail.com)

## News from the **LRA** Board Meeting on January 21, 2009

by *Mary Anne Meador*

### Vinton's 125th Year Celebration

The **LRA** has been presented an opportunity to display art in the Vinton Municipal Town Hall and will work with the Special Programs Director to participate in artistic events in this community.

The format for participating artists to display in the Municipal Gallery will be coordinated by appointment with interested artists contacting Mary Anne Meador (currently Acting Coordinator) for assigned show dates and change over times. The artist will be responsible for delivery and pick up of artwork on the designated dates and may be requested to assist in the hanging procedure. Artists' work may be offered for sale, but it has been requested that sale prices should not be posted on the cards accompanying the artwork hung. Potential customers can contact the individual artist regarding sale transactions. Artists who sell work should report this to the **LRA** Municipal Coordinator. At the current time, plans are underway but specific display dates are not currently determined. Information

should be available at the February 15<sup>th</sup> **LRA** meeting. The anticipated initial display dates will be in early March with a request for a specific theme to focus on scenes or events in the Town of Vinton as we join Vinton in their 125 year celebration. We especially encourage our Vinton area artists to participate in this initial event.

The **LRA** is receiving the support of the Vinton officials and the Special Programs Coordinator so we need to give a good presentation.

Additional information will be available at the next **LRA** meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup> along with the rotation dates. Please contact **Mary Anne Meador** at **540-400-0633** to reserve a space to hang your art work. ☐

### Vinton Roanoke County Library and LRA Events

Look for future exhibition opportunities for **LRA** members as we will be coordinating activities with the Roanoke County Libraries. The plans for these activities are in the very early development stage but initial contacts with the library officials seem very promising for

joint exhibition and community involvement activities. ☐

### Rescue Mission Permanent Art Collection Event

Once again it is time for artists to participate in the Rescue Mission Permanent Art Collection Event. The **LRA** has been requested to co-sponsor in the event by assisting with the receiving and pick up of work for this event. Entry deadline will be March 12, 2009. The Reception will be April 26, 2009 at 2:00 pm. Information about the event will be provided by the Rescue Mission. Mary Anne Meador will be the **LRA** representative to assist with this event. Please consider donating a bit of your time to assist and represent your **LRA** in the receiving and pick up of the art work. Please contact **Mary Anne Meador** at **540-400-0633**. ☐

### Send Your Art News to the LRA Media Rep

If you send her the information about showing your artwork or a big art event coming up, 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**. ☐

## CASA – Kaleidoscope 2009

It is CASA time again, a new theme and new opportunity to show and sell your art and donate a part of it to help children!

Children's Trust - CASA will sponsor our third annual Kaleidoscope 2009 on April 9, 2009 at 6 PM in the Jefferson Center Roanoke, VA. We invite you to participate. Our judge will be Professor Bill White of Hollins University. We hope that you will want to participate in this exciting and meaningful event. All dry and completed panels are due in the Children's Trust CASA office no later than March 30, 2009. This year's theme is "Life in Southwest Virginia".

Please call **Linda Moody** at **540-344-3579, Ext. 4** for more info or to reserve your panel. ☐

## Cancer Center Gallery Closes

by *Linda Hall*

Sadly I report the closing of The Cancer Center Gallery. They have a new director and he has chosen to not support our gallery. We thank The Cancer Center for the years we have hung there. We will miss the gallery and we live in hope

they will change their mind and ask us back.

As they say, "When one door closes, another opens." I am happy to announce the opening of a new gallery at The United Roanoke Methodist Home off Melrose Avenue on Old Country Club Road. **Mary Anne Meador** will be running this gallery. It is different as we will only have 4 artists each hanging.

The hangings are by appointment only and **Mary Ann** will be glad to sign you up. Please contact her at **540-400-0633** and sign up. The changeovers will be March 11th, May 13th, July 8th, Sept. 9th, and Nov.11th. Each of the 4 artists will have a 4ft. by 10ft. space to hang, so it depends on the size of your art on how many you can hang. It's a nice place to display and **Carol Frye** sold a piece of art there last month. So, please contact Mary Ann and get signed up before all the spaces are gone.

I am happy to take over as gallery coordinator and if there is anything I can help you with, please let me know. If any of you have any ideas on a possible gallery, please let me know and I will check it out.

When hanging in the galleries, please make sure you have signed the back of your art, as sometimes the cards get knocked off, and we need to refer to the

back for the owner. Always use wires for the pictures and make sure they are not attached so far down the painting that when hanging them they droop towards the floor instead of clinging to the wall.

None of the gallery reps like to turn down a piece of art, because of it being framed incorrectly or because the frame is falling apart. We are proud of our galleries and that means we all have to take pride in our work and in the presentation of our work.

You, the artist, are responsible for getting your paintings to and from the gallery. If you sell a painting, please let the gallery rep. know so you will get credit in the newsletter for the sale. And if you sell a picture, please try to replace it with a new piece. Empty nails are so ugly. ☐

## Ann Stinnet Sold a Painting

Sorry this item missed the last issue. **Ann Stinnet** sold a painting in the 2008 Showcase Art Show at the Jefferson Center! Many congratulations to you, Ann! ☐



## United Methodist Home Gallery Sales

Gallery sales opportunities have been great at our new United Methodist Roanoke Home. *Carol Frye* had a sale. *Mary Anne Meador* sold two paintings and received a request for a commissioned art work. What a great start! ☐

### Gallery Protocols

It is important to have your name and contact information on the back of your artwork.

If your piece of art sells, please call the person in charge of that gallery to let them know you sold the piece, and if you can, please replace the sold piece with another piece, so the gallery does not have empty spaces on the wall. Just let the gallery chairman know the name of the piece you exchanged, so they can write it down on the sign-in sheet. Please make a note of these change dates and support the galleries. Our galleries are provided free to you, to showcase your art and to keep your name out there. We made a promise to these galleries to supply them with new art at every hanging. We can't do that without you! *Carol Frye* is going to make the little cards with the change dates on them. Be sure to ask your gallery for them at the next change! ☐

### Lewis Gale Sales

The following artists sold work between November and January: *Robert Akers, Ginny McGuire, Margaret DuBois, Ernest Wood, Carol Montgomery* and *Violet Penick*. Congratulations to all!

Please call *Margaret DuBois* at **540-375-2976** when you sell a piece or if you have a question. ☐

*If you need assistance in removing and/or replacing a sold painting, please call Volunteer Office at 540-776-4106. This is our new contact at Lewis Gale Gallery.* ☐

### Gallery News

**Gallery changes for 2009 are as follows:**

#### Lewis Gale

**Mar. 10,** May 12, Jul. 14, Sept. 8, Nov. 10 (2009), Jan. 12 (2010)  
10:00 am – Noon

**Lewis Gale** is limited on finished artwork sizes, because they have to fit in the cases. You can bring 2 small (10"x12") or smaller or 1 medium or 1 large size. Please note that the frames can be no thicker than 1 3/4 inches (from front to back).

### Braeburn

Mar. 10, May 12, Jul. 14, Sept. 8, Nov. 10  
10:00 am – Noon

**PCA** and **Braeburn** can accept 1 or 2 pictures any size as we have big walls to fill.

#### PCA

Mar. 10, May 12, Jul. 14, Sept. 8, Nov. 10  
10:30 am – 12:30 pm

### Park Oak Grove

Mar. 10, May 12,  
Jul. 14, Sept.. 8, Nov. 10  
1:00-3:00 pm

### YOUR GALLERY REPS:

#### Lewis Gale

*Margaret DuBois 540-389-2472*

#### Braeburn Family Practice

*Linda Hall, 540-366-1913* or cell phone **540-355-6822**

#### PCA

*Patrica Herron, 540-966-3037*

#### Park Oak Grove

*Nancy Stellhorn, 540-297-3263*

#### United Roanoke Methodist Home

*Mary Anne Meador, 540-400-0633*

I look forward to working with each and every one of you. Let's hope that 2009 will bring us many sales, giving us many new reasons to get out those paint brushes!!! ☐

## Gift of Art Show Memories

by Carol Frye

The second annual Gift of Art Show was held on December 6, 2008 at the Brambleton Center. (Please see the various photos from the show on this page.) The 2008 show was dedicated to **Betty Hancock Bright**. Betty was very surprised and thrilled when she walked in and realized the dedication.

The League purchased new banners for the show and they really helped gain attention from the street. I feel like the show is growing and that we will get more customers as the show gains momentum.

We had a very nice article in the Roanoke City Magazine in 2008 and we are really going to get behind this show and make it a must see for art lovers!

Please keep this show in mind for 2009 and let us know if you have any suggestions for improvement. ☐



Do you have an interesting photo of your studio that you'd like to share with other **LRA** members? If so, please email the photo to Anne-Marie Bracken at: [bracken\\_annemarie@yahoo.com](mailto:bracken_annemarie@yahoo.com) in jpg format. If you cannot send it electronically, you may mail it to **Anne-Marie Bracken** at: 110 Barbara Lane, Roanoke, VA 24109 and she will scan it and send it back to you. ☐

## Art Critiques

The *LRA* Critiques are alive and well and off to a great start for the 2009. We are just a friendly group of artists getting together to discuss our art. Please join us and give us the benefit of your experience and company!!

*LRA* Critiques are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month for months not having General Membership Meetings. The meeting time is 3:00 pm in the Pheasant Ridge Meeting Room at the Pheasant Ridge Retirement Community Apartments.

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

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

### **DIRECTIONS:**

From 220 south, turn left at the stoplight at Hunting Hills Shopping Center (Wal-mart is in there). Go straight up the hill, on your right you will see a brick wall with "Pheasant Ridge" on it. Keep going straight up the hill. The road winds until you get to sign on right that reads "Assisted Living Condos". In front of you there will be a circle with a sculpture in the middle. Turn left. You will see a large building of brick and tan siding with white balconies. This is the building. Drive to the left into the parking lot. You will see the covered walk-way to the glass doors where you enter. Do not keep going straight, because you will end up at their Rehab. It is approximately .02 miles up the hill. ☐

### ***LRA* 2009 Meetings**

February 15th

May 17th

September 20th

November 15th

**All meetings are at 3:00 pm  
in the  
Pheasant Ridge Retirement  
Community Apartments.**

### ***LRA* 2009 Board Members**

***Carol Frye***, President

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