



Linda Hall

The *LRA* Times



The League of Roanoke Artists

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Memorial to Linda Hall

by Carol Frye

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support for my family. My sister loved you all and would



be so proud of your contributions to the Linda Hall Memorial Fund. There will be an award in Landscape given at our Annual Showcase in the amount of \$200.00 for at least 6 years and hopefully more.



We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. Linda will be so missed!

I offer these words in her memory:

These are the hardest words I've ever tried to write.

It's so hard to look through the tears to see the light.

Linda is so much a part of our life...

How do we keep from thinking of all of the things that might...

Have been in the future with her by our side...

We think that if we could just turn back the tide...

Or, can we just run away and hide?

BUT, let's stop and think what was on HER mind...

You can look at her paintings to see what she would find!

A beautiful sunset with the sky so red...

The yellows, the blues, look like they were wed...

The rain dripping off the petals of a flower...

Those were the things that filled her with power!

She would want us to dry our tears...

And go out there and meet the world without fears!

For my Sister, my best friend! ☹



Message from the President

Hi Everyone!

Thanks to Nancy Stellhorn we finally have our 501C designation. We are now non-profit! Nancy has worked very hard on this! She could probably pass the bar examination by now! Thank you Nancy! Well done!

Starting the next issue, we will have a new addition to the newsletter. As a service to our members we will be starting a new section, The Classified Ads. If you have items that are art related that you no longer need or want, you can send in an ad and try to sell them at a minimal fee of \$5.00. We hope this will help you clean up your work space and fill a need for another member.

Due to the increase of postage and printing cost, the Board will present a proposal at the next General meeting to charge an annual fee of \$5.00 with your membership renewal for those that request a hard copy of newsletters. We will have a discussion and vote on this item at the September meeting.

I hope everyone is having a wonderful spring and summer. Hopefully you are out and creating! Don't forget your assignment for the September 20th *LRA* meeting that I call anything but brushes. The anything but brushes event is: you can only use any or all of the following: sponge, palette knife, spray bottle, string, cheese cloth, spider web (fake not real or if you want to clean house use the real webs) or paper towel. And, of course, choose type of paint and surface, i.e.: canvas, paper, etc. Have fun!

Have a great summer. ☺

Carol Frye

Art Happenings in Vinton

by Mary Anne Meador

On March 11th, the League of Roanoke Artists began an exhibition in the Vinton Municipal Center, 311 Pollard Street in Vinton, VA, to participate in the 125th Anniversary of the Town of Vinton.

Mary Beth Layman, the Special Programs Director, requested that the exhibition focus on Vinton artists or scenes of the Town of Vinton in this initial art show. Participants included Anne Clark, Dorothy Doss, Bill Hale, Mary Anne Meador,

Barbara Perdue, Patricia Placona, and Ruth Richards.

Art exhibited included historical sites and town buildings, soccer players, the Vinton Farmer's Market, and various landscapes. The artists were honored to meet the citizens and officials of Vinton during an Art Reception on March 17th.

In addition to plans for an on-going art show through the Vinton/*LRA* Gallery, a plein air painting event in Vinton is scheduled during the morning on Saturday, September 26th in and around Vinton, which will include an exhibition and sale from 1:00 – 3:00 pm of the work rendered during the event. It can be a "Wet Paint Sale" of the work you do on that day or you can also bring

art that you would like to sell in a bin or other display during the afternoon. Please let *Mary Anne Meador, 540-400-0633* know if you are interested in participating in this event.

The Vinton Special Programs Director welcomes members to participate in the Art Market Exhibitions at the Vinton Farmer's Market on July 11th and September 12th from 10 am – 3 pm. There will be a small charge for use of the space in the Farmer's Market. ☺

Birds in Art/Art in Birds: at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Pierrette Williams

The swallows arrive with spring and start nesting under our roof. It is amazing to watch their acrobatic dance in the sky. It is a symbol of happy news. While my uncle was a prisoner during World War II he had a tattoo made of a swallow with an envelope in his beak.

In the fall I love to watch the organized gathering on our wires before their "Grand Voyage". See Pierrette's artwork below. ☐



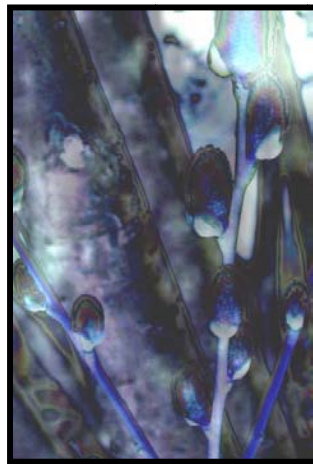
Bob Akers Sells

Bob Akers sold three paintings at Pheasant Ridge Assisted Living. One is shown below. Congrats to you, Bob! ☐



Carol Frye Earns 1st Place at Photography Show

Carol Frye won First Place in Digital Manipulation in the Smith Mountain Lake 15th Annual John Faber Memorial Photography Contest and Show on May 22nd with "Hide and Seek" shown below. Congratulations to you, Carol! ☐



Gallery 108 Show

Gallery 108 is hosting a show during June of *Donald Earley's* work. Mr. Earley is a highly accomplished figure artist, printmaker and educator. Mr. Earley studied and taught at The Fashion Institute of Technology, Cooper Union and VCU and has created fashion illustrations for a variety of major retailers. His work has also been exhibited internationally.

Gallery 108 is featuring a variety of Mr. Earley's prints, etchings and drypoints. 108 Market Street, Roanoke, 540-982-4278, Publicity Contact: *Robin Poteet*: poteetstudio@comcast.net, 540-384-5022. ☐

Show Reminders

Showcase delivery will be August 28, 2009. The reception will be September 27, 2009 and pick up of artwork will be October 26, 2009. Forms will be sent out the first week of July. Get busy!!!!

The Gift of Art Show and Sell at the Fitzpatrick Hall at the Jefferson Center will be Saturday, December 5, 2009. Forms will be sent out first week of September. This one is a first come first serve! There will be a lot of activities going on around and in the Jefferson Center on this date so we expect a lot of traffic. Also, the Jefferson Center is co-sponsoring this event and will aid in the advertising. We are very confident that this will be a great event!

Meet the Artists Reception at the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street in Vinton on Tuesday, June 16th at 6:30 pm. Be sure to attend and support our new gallery there.

Be sure to support our *LRA* Artists that are showing their art at the **Annual Cave Spring Lions Club Art Show and Sale**, Saturday June 13 from 10 – 4 pm, 5004 Colonial Ave., S. W., Roanoke. ☐

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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! ☐

Discovery Shop Changes

Please call *Amy Peck*, Discovery Shop Manager, 540-345-2572 for the latest info on how to show your work with them at Trio's Restaurant. ☐

Gallery Information

Interest from our patrons and businesses has grown with requests for participation of **LRA** artists to exhibit their work in their establishments. All artists of varying talent and experience are welcome to submit their work.

Gallery changes for 2009 are as follows:

Lewis Gale is limited on finished artwork sizes, because they have to fit in the cases. You can 1 medium or 1 large size. Please note that the frames can be no thicker than 1-3/4 inches (from front to back). They are interested in artwork with a health theme, if possible.

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

Braeburn Family Practice

1930 Braeburn Cir., Salem, change dates: July 14th, September 8th, November 10th, change time: 10:00 am – noon, Coordinator: *Carol Frye*, 540-366-4410

Brandon Oaks

Main entrance at 3804 Brandon Ave, Roanoke, change dates: change time: 10:00 am – noon, Coordinators: *Rosanne Moon*, Home Phone # 540-929-4693, Cell-540-420-6342 and *Martha Lalka*, 540-747-3637.

Lewis Gale Medical Center

1900 Electric Rd., Salem, change dates: July 14th, September 8th, November 10th, 2009, January 12th, 2010, change time: 2:00 – 3:30 pm, Coordinator: *Margaret DuBois*, 540-389-2472

PCA Lee Hi Medical Center

2155 Apperson Dr., Salem, change dates: July 14th, September 8th, November 10th, change time: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Coordinator: *Patrica Herron*, 540-966-3037

Park Oak Grove

4920 Woodmar Dr., SW, Roanoke, change dates: July 14th, September 8th, November 8th, change time: 1:00-3:00 pm, Coordinator: *Nancy Stelhorn*, 540-297-3263

United Roanoke Methodist Home

1009 Old Country Club Rd., Roanoke, change dates: July 15th, September 9th, November 11th. This gallery can accommodate 4 artists' work per rotation. Pre-register with the gallery coordinator for an open date. Coordinator: *Bonnie Mason*, 540-206-9742

Vinton Municipal Gallery

311 Pollard St., Vinton, change dates: July 15th, September 9th, November 11th, change time: 10 am – noon unless notified of a time change. This gallery can accommodate 4 artists' work per rotation. Pre-register with the gallery coordinator for an open date. Coordinator: *Mary Anne Meador*, 540-400-0633. ☐

More Gallery Guidelines

by *Mary Anne Meador*

Properly framed and prepared work will be an asset to enhancing your artwork, increase the possibility of sale and reduce the occurrence of damage to your work while on exhibit. Frames should be in good repair, framing hardware should be installed with wire that will accommodate the weight of the art piece and glass should be intact.

Acrylic and oil paintings that are painted on gallery wrapped canvas are acceptable without additional framing, but will require installation of hanging hardware. There should be no staples on the sides of the canvas which are visible when the work is hung. All work should be dry when delivered, with hardware and wire installed.

Wire should be attached with screw eyes or D-ring hanger straps in the upper third on the back of your frame. Double looping the wire through the hangers will reduce the possibility that your painting will shift positions when it is hung and it will reinforce the strength of your hanging wire. When the wiring is complete, the wire, when placed on the hanging apparatus, should extend approximately one inch higher than the level of the screw eyes or D-ring loops.

The wire should never be visible at the top of the painting when it is hung.

Artists using sectional metal frames that are attached with corner braces should check that the corner screws and hangers are secure. Use adequate spring clips to hold the painting secure.

Saw tooth hangers or gummed hangers are NEVER acceptable for gallery hangings. If your work is matted, be sure the mat is clean and intact. Dust covers for framed and matted work give the piece a professional appearance.

Be sure your work is labeled on the back complete with your name, title of the work, medium and price so that the information is available in the event the card completed at the gallery is separated from your work and so you can be identified.

Your work should be presented to the Gallery Coordinator on the assigned date and time. You are responsible to remove your work in time so that the next rotation of artists will be able to hang their work. Please refer to page 4 of this newsletter for gallery dates and time changes.

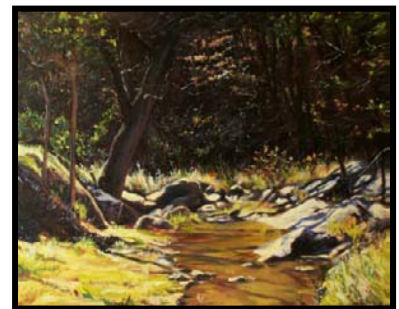
Several of the newer *LRA* galleries require that artists reserve a hanging rotation date. The Gallery Coordinator will maintain a list of artists hanging at their respective galleries with a waiting list to contact artists, if there is availability. These galleries are the United Methodist Home

and the Vinton Municipal Gallery. If you are hanging work in these galleries, you must remove your work on the assigned dates, because the artwork will not be rotated to another gallery after your showing is completed for the rotation.

We are currently exploring additional gallery opportunities for the *LRA*. We value your participation and the galleries appreciate the exhibition of art. We are continuing to have art buyers through our galleries. Keep those great artworks coming! ☐

Bonnie Mason Wins at the Sidewalk Art Show

Bonnie Mason's painting that won the Marie Utt Hoal award in the Sidewalk Art Show in Roanoke during the last weekend of May. See her painting below. Congratulations, Bonnie! ☐



Afternoon's Edge

Rescue Mission Permanent Art Collection

by *Betty Hancock Bright*

The 43th Annual Roanoke Rescue Mission Permanent Art Collection Competition, the show was juried this year by Talia Logan, Director, Olin Gallery, Roanoke College. **LRA** members juried into the show were *Betty Hancock Bright, Susan Lockwood, Mary Anne Meador, Rosanne Moon, Donna Nevers, Linda Bostic Smith, and Olivia Kershaw Smith*. Of this group of finalists, **LRA** members, *Mary Anne Meador and Olivia Kershaw Smith* were honored by having their art selected for the Rescue Mission's permanent collection. Congratulations to all the participants! 📷

Photos from the Critique During the Last LRA Meeting in May



Portfolio Show

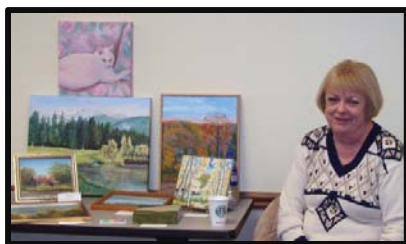
On Saturday, March 28th, there was a Portfolio Art Show at the Girls Scouts Council building on Peters Creek Road in Roanoke. Several **LRA** members attended. Next year we hope to be able to hold it outside. Enjoy some of the photos from the event on this page. ☐



Mary Anne Meador's Artwork



Anne-Marie Bracken's Photos



Bev Impara and her Artwork



Pat Herron and her Work



Linda Calkins and Friends

CASA

CASA's Fourth Annual Art Fest, Kaleidoscope was held April 9, 2009 at Fitzpatrick Hall, Jefferson Center. Our **LRA** artist *Myrtle Hooker* was one of the four featured artists; each artist took a turn working on four large canvases, then the canvases were auctioned off to benefit CASA.

LRA members participating were *Linda Atkinson, Lee Penny Baker, Betty Hancock Bright**, *Mary Buck Bryant, Rita Carroll, Dorothy Doss, Susan Egbert, Carol Frye, Jane Haddad, Gwyn Gazell Hall, Magae Hartzell, Myrtle Hooker, Beverly Impara, Mary Anne Meador, Rosanne A. Moon, Susanne Sellars, Olivia K. Smith, Nancy Stellhorn**,

Agnes B. Stringfellow, and Betty Williamson. (* art was sold). *Mary Buck Bryant's* art won an Honorable Mention Award. ☐

Lewis Gale Gallery Sales

by *Margaret DuBois*

The following **LRA** members sold work between March and May: *Mary Anne Meador* (2), *Kathy Jo Sledd*, and *Carol Montgomery*. **Julie English** also sold one during the last rotation. ☐

LRA Art Presentation at Hollins Library

Three **LRA** artists presented a program, "Telling the story of America through Art – Three Perspectives" at the Roanoke County Hollins Branch Library on May 21st. *Nancy Stellhorn* discussed watercolors. *Barbara Perdue* conveyed her process of using photography for painting. *Mary Anne Meador* shared her expertise in pastel painting. ☐

Art Critiques

The **LRA** Critiques are alive and well. 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. ☐

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. ☐

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.**

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