

May / June  
2015

# *Brushstrokes*



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## **From Our President**

Dear Friends,

For a renewal of ideas this spring, consider going outside to paint. Well, maybe after the pollen lets up anyway. Or if that's not your pleasure try painting using only three pretty spring colors. Another thing which I do is spend a lot of time in my flower garden, a very inspiration producing place for me to be for my art. Whatever you choose to do, I hope a beautiful painting emerges from it this spring! And if so, do bring it to the June 22 guild meeting under a mat to share with us as the critique going on then. Hope to see you for our meeting this month on **May 18!**

Be well,  
Judi

# Member News

## SHOWS

**Susan Crave Rosen** is the featured artist at the CoArt Gallery located at 22 West Beverly St., Staunton from April 24 to May 21. Her works are mixed media paintings concerning memory and family and she experiments with textures, layering, and division of space. To achieve her goals, she uses her handmade papers as well as family photos, memorabilia and several acrylic mediums.

**Julia Kindred** has two exhibits. The first is entitled “Landscapes & More” beginning 1 May through 31 May. The exhibit is at the new Northside Library, 705 West Rio Road, Charlottesville. Their hours are Mon – Tues 12-9 pm; Wed 10-9 pm; Thurs 10-6 pm; Fri-Sat 10-5 pm.

Her second show titled “Plain Art with Plein Aire” is at Hotcakes located in Barracks Road Shopping Center, 1137A-Emmet St, Charlottesville and runs from 3 May to June 13. Hours there are Mon-Fri 7-8 pm; Sat 9-8 pm and Sun 10-6 pm.

**Matalie Dean and Julia Kindred** were juried into the Shadows and Reflections exhibit at Louisa Art Center, 212 Fredericksburg Ave., Louisa, VA. This exhibit will be up until 22 May 2015.

**Chee Klud Ricketts** has had her painting “Quicksilver Shower” to the Customs House Museum in Clarksville, TN. It is one of 85 paintings by juror Kathleen Conover from 409 paintings submitted by artists from the 13 member states of the Southern Watercolor Society for their 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition. This is the third painting that she has had selected for one of their shows. So, if any of you are traveling through this area, stop in and see the exhibition which is on display from May 8 – July 5.

**Eloise Giles** will be Artisan of the Month at the Palette Gallery in Stanardsville for the Month of June.

Several of our members have pieces and awards in the Fluvanna Art Association Show located at the Fluvanna County Library on Rt 53. A beautiful show and it is open until May 29<sup>th</sup>, please come out and see it.

## WORKSHOP TALK

Jan Ledbetter’s workshop “Energize your paintings by working on gessoed paper” will begin on 19 May and run through 22 May. If you haven’t signed up for this and are interested, please contact Patty Richmond ASAP. It will be held at Zehmer Hall and is \$295 for current members and \$330 for non-members

Also coming up is the Portraiture Workshop with Suzanna Winton. The workshop runs 29 Sept through 2 October and will be held at Zehmer Hall. The deposit for the workshop is \$50. It is strongly recommended that you sign up in May so we can

assure we have enough participants. These workshops are vital to the workings of the Guild and your participation is appreciated.

## PLEIN AIR PAINTERS

There is a casual gathering of the Plein Air Painters on May 9 at the Veritas Vineyard.

All plein air painters, or anyone who wants to give it a try, is welcome to join in the June 13, 2015 Paint the Town Greene, sponsored by The Art Guild of Greene. You can apply by going online to [artguildofgreene.org](http://artguildofgreene.org) for the instructions and entry form.

## CLASSES

TED Talks have some great talks about creativity. These can be accessed on your computer.

The Art Box on Ivy Road has a list of offerings, locally, for art classes and one-day workshops.

Peg Sheridan is offering the following classes, you can access her website for info and registration on [www.pegsheridan.com](http://www.pegsheridan.com).

Simplifying Scenes in Watercolors: May 27; Jun 3,10,17; Jul 1,8

Painting Water in Watercolor: Waves, Ripples, Reflections, and More: Jun 6 for registration contact Barbara Randel at [searand3@yahoo.com](mailto:searand3@yahoo.com).

## THE BLOG SPOT

*My brain is tired, my nerves are shot, and I have pictures to paint that have deadlines. Not the most conducive mood for good art! So, what does a good artist do? Procrastinate of course!! Instead of worrying about what I will paint, I am thinking of ways to challenge my creativity and stretch my skills and it is revolving around the use of color.*

*I am setting a challenge that I will choose three colors outside of my favored color choices and using only those three colors, create a plein air landscape. This is definitely outside my comfort zone as I like to use a wide palette of colors for my works. I'm not sure how it will turn out, but it will be fun to find out. What are some of the things you enjoy trying? Anyone have some good painting exercises and how did they turn out?*

Maybe by doing this I can clear my brain and get those deadline paintings completed. Wish me luck!