



July / August 2013

Brushstrokes

From Our President

Summer Camp for artists at Beverley Street Studio School is this week (July 8-12) and I am taking a class with Leslie Banta.

Leslie is a mixed media painter whose work I find very exciting. She is fearless in her approach and generously shares her techniques with her students. I haven't picked up a brush in about two months and this is just the push I need to get back into the studio! This is my not-so-subtle way of suggesting that any of you who find yourselves in a dry spell like me, consider jump-starting your artistic engine with a class or workshop. A CVWG one-day Saturday class may be all you need to get excited about painting again!

Another thing that is fun and sure to get the juices flowing is a road trip with friends. Last month I went to the Peninsula Fine Arts Center in Newport News to see the Mary Whyte watercolor show. It was SO amazing! The Virginia Museum of Fine Art in Richmond, the National Gallery in DC or the Taubman Museum in Roanoke are all great venues for being inspired by great art and continuing to learn.

I hope you are having a lovely summer and that you are being inspired to make lots of art!

See you all at our next meeting and remember to check the CVWG website often!

Sue :-)

Thank you, Chris!



The Central Virginia Watercolor Guild would like to thank Christine Rich for numerous years of service to our Guild. First, as our Historian, Chris created scrapbooks detailing all events of CVWG. She tirelessly took photos throughout each event, then assembled the information and photos in an enduring format for the future. Chris also served as president for two consecutive terms during a challenging period of growth for CVWG. We will miss Chris' smile and warmth. Happy days are ahead for Chris as she moves onto an exciting future in Newport News.

Meetings are held at the Cavalier Inn, on the fourth Monday of the month, 1:00 pm.

Courthouse July to October Show Cancelled

July 22 Meeting 1:00:

Catherine Hillis -

Watercolor Demonstration

August 26 Meeting 1:00:

Critique with Pam Black

Friday, September 6

Annual Juried Show

at McGuffey Art Center

September 23 Meeting 1:00:

Marni Lawson- Creative Process

Members' News

We are saddened to announce the passing of two of our members. Luther Gore was an active member for numerous years. His artwork was placed on display at Bozart Gallery to honor him. Emile Fishman also was a member for many years. She passed away at her home in Keswick. Both Luther and Emile will be missed by their numerous Guild friends.

PAT DEWS WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 21 - 24, 2013,

CALL PAT TRAVERS 434-977-3506

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Don Whiston, 540-256-1280, has a painting on display at the Shenandoah Valley Art Center. He will also have a display of paintings at Blue Mountain Coffee in Staunton, until August 31. Don will be the Featured Artist at Co-Art Gallery in Staunton, from July 26 to August 22.

Linda Verhagen, 977- 9469, had a painting accepted in the 2013 Mid-Atlantic Regional Juried Exhibition, held by the Baltimore Watercolor Society.

Change: **Martha Rhodes: MLRART@cox.net**

On behalf of the students and teachers of REFLECTIONS, the Central Virginia Summer Regional Governor's School for Middle School Students Gifted in the Visual Arts, I write to thank the Virginia Watercolor Guild (sic) for your kind financial support of our program.

Our students come from the public and private schools of Charlottesville City, Albemarle, Greene, and Nelson Counties. They are busy working on art projects related to this year's theme "Me, Myself, and I" which deals with portraiture, self-image, expressive portraits, and personal geography. Happily, we are using watercolors and water media we acquired with your kind assistance. Thanks again, Judy McLeod.

Greetings from Beverley Street Studio School! We've noticed recently that a number of our students are members of the CVWG. Thank you for joining us. Now in its 21st year, Beverley Street Studio School stands as an established and integral part of the Staunton/Waynesboro and Central Virginia cultural communities. The School offers high quality, in-depth studio art instruction to serious adult artists. A core curriculum of classes is offered on a regular or rotating basis, to cover

foundational skills in drawing, painting, and composition, with supplemental and specialized classes and workshops in subjects such as printmaking, enameling, mixed media, encaustic, and collage. Observational work is emphasized in the foundation classes, which include figure drawing/painting, still life, and plein air painting and drawing. Classes are available for students of all learning levels, from beginners up to and including professional working artists. In addition to classrooms, the school has rotating invitational exhibits in its gallery at 22 West Beverley Street, under the same roof with CoArt Gallery.

Beverley Street Studio School is both a place and an ethos. Though the artists who have come through the program are varied, their work most often identifies them as members of a group marked by excellence and good craftsmanship, and whose plein air work demonstrates an appreciation for and a shared expression of the particular landscapes of the Shenandoah Valley and Blue Ridge region. Beverley Street Studio School, whether by accident or design, has created a "school" of thought and influence which has affected the art world in this region - and beyond. BSSS members and students exhibit in judged, juried, invitational, group and solo art exhibits in Virginia, nationally, and internationally, and are represented in galleries and collections equally diverse.

We invite you to consider course offerings at BSSS, and would be happy to mail you our quarterly brochure which describes the classes and workshops, as well the exhibit schedule at our gallery, and programs and special events. We offer discussion groups, lectures, peer critiques, travel-study, and off-site exhibits, all of which are listed in our brochure and on our website at www.bssschoool.org. Our office and school are located at 217 West Beverley Street, Staunton. Free parking is available on site. The office is open Tuesday through Friday 10am-2pm. Our phone number is (540) 886-8636. Please call or stop by. We'd love to meet you!

Four-Day Watercolor and Acrylic Workshop With Torpedo Factory Artist Steve Fleming

Monday, August 12- Thursday August 19, 9:30-3:30 Cost: \$200 members, \$250 nonmembers. Deposit of \$100 due now. Class limited to 20 participants.

Westside Baptist Church, Harrisonburg, Va

Sign up by July 11. Call Lois Whitecotten 540-433-991