



March / April 2013

# Brushstrokes

## From Our President

Greetings Artist Friends!

I have been reading a catalog from a show called Matisse: In Search of True Painting. The show focuses on his habit of painting the same subject more than once in his quest to find the best or truest way to paint a picture. He was fascinated with Monet's series in which he painted the same subject at different times of the day. Painting a series is a great way for all of us to learn. If it's good enough for Matisse, it is good enough for us! I cropped a piece that I liked out of a large full-sheet painting last year and am just now using it as a guide for a series of strata-like landscapes, using several different palettes and techniques. I am having FUN!

If you have not attended the last two meetings, you missed a wonderful demonstration by Jeannine Regan and a valuable critique with Pat Cook. Our March meeting will have something for everyone. Make a unique gift box from an old watercolor, paint with a credit card and make collage pieces on "deli paper" with sticky foam stamps! Remember to bring a failed painting for the box!

One of the suggestions from our members is that we form our own critique groups. As I recall, Kay Flanagan volunteered to collect names of anyone interested in such a group and then get you all together. I benefit greatly from two groups I meet with on a regular basis. I don't take all the advice that is offered, but often get help when I am stuck. It is always valuable to have another set of eyes looking at your work and our three critiques each year certainly emphasize that point! So, if you are interested, give your name to Kay!

I want to take this opportunity to thank our VPs, Kay Flanagan, Jane Matthews, and Windy Payne for their work in making the programs this year exciting, educational and new. THANK YOU VPs!

See you all at our March 25th meeting.  
Sue:-)

## CVWG March 25 Meeting Tip and Technique Day

We are fortunate to have four members to share their tips and techniques with us. Susan Crave Rosen will demonstrate making collage paper with homemade stamps and printing with ceramics tiles. Chee Ricketts will present "Strategies

for Entering a Juried Show." Joan Soderlund will show us how to paint with a credit card, and Eloise G. Giles will help us make lovely boxes from paintings that didn't quite work. Bring a QUARTER sheet painting, 12" ruler, scissors, and a sharpened 2H or 3B pencil. Be prepared for FUN!

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

**March 25 1:00 Meeting Tip and Technique Day**

**April 22 9:00 - 11:00**

**CVWG Judged**

**Courthouse Show drop off. Pat Cook will judge this show and offer written critiques.**

**April 22 1:00 Meeting: Chinese Brush Painting with Virginia Lloyd -Davies.**

**May 20 1:00 Meeting: Critique with Joan Soderlund.**

**Are you preparing a painting for our Annual McGuffey Show???? Sept. 6, Opening!**

# Member News

**Caroll Malin** has been accepted as an Associate Member by the Bozart Gallery.

**Etta Harmon** had a number of her paintings and responses about what the creative process envelops featured in the September / October Palette magazine.

**Don Whitson** has a solo show with 21 paintings at the Summit Square Art Gallery, 501 Oak Avenue, Waynesboro, VA. His show began on February 1 and will run through March 28, 2013.

A number of our CVWG members have been accepted in the 34th Annual Virginia Watercolor Society Juried Exhibition 2013. From 563 entries 108 paintings were selected. Accepted were: **Judith Ely, Patrice Reese, Chee Kludt Ricketts, Susan Crave Rosen and Linda Verhagen.**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS: CVWG WORKSHOPS

Don Andrews, AWS, May 6 - 9, 2013

Pat Dews, AWS, NWS, October 21 - 24, 2013

Both artist have websites. The workshops will be \$295(members) \$330 (nonmembers) \$50 will hold space for you. **Contact Patricia Travers, 977- 3506, for more information.**

**Matalie Deane** encourages CVWG members to sign up for a 2014 solo show at the Cavalier Inn Art Gallery. Contact [matalie.deane@comcast.net](mailto:matalie.deane@comcast.net)

Contact **Kay Flanagan** if you have an interest in starting a critique group or a painting group.

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**Judith Ely, Ellen Hathaway, and Julia Kindred** are in a group show entitled "Synergia - Artists Evolving" at City Space, April 1 - 29, 100 5th Street. Please attend the opening reception during "First Fridays" April 5th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm.

**Christine Rich** has had an exhibit at Greenhouse Coffee in Crozet during the months of December 2012, January and February 2013. Chris says, "It's a great place to exhibit! There isn't a commission on sales. It's a popular place." Chris sold six paintings during her show.

**Sue Rosen** has a show at Chroma Projects on the downtown mall during March. See CVWG website for more information.

**Julia Kindred and Matalie Deane** be the featured artists April 22 - July 25 at the Cavalier Inn Art Gallery.

**Linda Verhagen and Chee Ricketts** have been accepted in the 2013 Southern Watercolor Society's Juried Exhibition in Quincy, Florida Feb. and Mar.

"Looking Forward" watercolors by **Phyllis Koch-Sheras** will be on display at the Sojourners United Church of Christ from January to the end of March. Call 977-1481, Monday - Thursday 11am - 7pm to arrange a viewing.

**Chee Ricketts** just finished exhibiting "A Floral Fantasy", a collection of 15 watercolors at the Senior Center. She also has 3 acrylics on display at The Arts Center in Oranges' Invitational Show, "Spring Training", which will be open until the end of April.

**Janet Lee Wright** encourages us to attend a portrait painting workshop for VECCA, in Woodstock. Jane Angelhart will be the instructor April 6,7, and 8. Contact [JanetLeeWright@gmail.com](mailto:JanetLeeWright@gmail.com) for information and to sign up.

**Ruby Canody** is offering items at her Art Gallery for half price until the end of May.

**Judy Ely** thanks members who brought snacks and cookies to our meetings for our social. Also, thanks to those who left monetary donations to cover the costs of the coffee and extras. Judy looks forward to seeing you at 12:30 on March 25th with your continuing donations.

**Donna Nevers** [neversat@yahoo.com](mailto:neversat@yahoo.com)

Virginia Lloyd-Davis will be demonstrating Chinese Brush Painting for CVWG's April meeting, and will offer a one-day workshop in Chinese Brush Painting on Saturday, May 11 from 10am to 3pm. We can get an advance peek at her work this month because Virginia is displaying 32 artworks at the Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge Retirement Community on Pantops Hill in Charlottesville. Contact **Kay Flanagan** 571-228-3512 to arrange a visit.

Pat Cook sharing her techniques and ideas with us at a recent CVWG meeting. Pat will be our judge for the April Courthouse Show.

Please drop off your entries on April 22, between 9:00 - 11:00 am at the Courthouse. We have 5 Merit Awards and 3 Honorable Mention.

