

September– October–November 2017



Brushstrokes

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello to all members of Central Virginia Watercolor Guild what a great year we have had. Thank you to each of you for your support during the two years of my tenure as CVWG President.

Another year has flown by and we are looking forward to our Annual Luncheon, November 20, 2018 at 12:00 noon at our regular meeting place, Church of Our Savior. We are looking forward to a delicious pot luck lunch, provided by each of you. In addition, of course, we will be installing our 2018 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. Don't forget to bring your "Challenge" painting of a "Historic Place" around town. Please check our website www.central-virginia-watercolor-guild.org for the details describing this month's challenge. What fun it will be to view our varying interpretations of historic sights around our area. Please read below for a brief six month wrap up of our year:

JUNE - A beachball toss was attempted by all members, lead by **Sharon Walker** to get full participation by the group. Which then led us to Karen Blair, who presented a program on painting the same subject in different ways. Also, she discussed images that inspire her. This month we had \$11,407 in our account. This was due to many entrants to our Annual Exhibition sending in their exhibit fees. We were also gearing up for the fabulous reception planned for the opening of our show by having members sign up to bring food. We began interviewing members concerning CVWG leadership roles for 2018.

JULY - **Rosemary Connelly** **Linda Bethke** suggested a "Painting Challenge" to the group. Next month, after completing the challenge, members will display their interpretations of "Summer." Our program allowed us to bring unfinished paintings and find resolutions with the assistance fellow CVWG members. The balance in our bank was \$12,017. had 34 paintings dropped off by our members allowing a striking show in the Courthouse hallways for the next four months.

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CVWG

Annual Luncheon

**November 20 at
noon**

**Church of Our Savior
Rio Road**

Please bring
a covered dish to share.

Installation of Officers
and Committee Chairs
will occur.

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JULY - **Linda Verhagen** has assumed the role of Membership Chair from **Jane Williamson**, who is stepping down after eight years. The Courthouse had 34 paintings dropped off by our members allowing a striking show in the Courthouse hallways for the next four months. **Sue Stover** and **Marcy Springett** announced that the 2017 Transparent Watercolor Show will be held on November 20th in the church's Parish Hall. Our pot luck Annual Luncheon will be held on November 20th. A large number of members are looking forward to the Lynn Ferris workshop that **Patty Richmond** has arranged. **Patricia Travers** has arranged a 'tag sale' of excess art supplies for our August meeting. We continued looking around our membership for possible leaders for 2018.

AUGUST- The 'Painting Challenge' response was great. Many of our members brought in drawings, paintings, and other interpretations of "Summer." Our meeting space was energized by the colorful art works. **Amy Shawley** continued splashes of color by presenting "Golden Paints" and many techniques to use with these acrylic paints. **Sharon Hiner** has volunteered to become our Secretary for 2018 filling in for the able **Karen Schwenger**. The planning and exhibiting of juried paintings for our Annual Exhibition continued to move along smoothly under **Pam Roland's** guidance. 27 CVWG members' paintings were accepted in this year's show. Pam and her team **Adella Langham**, **Mary Ann Friedman** and **Bill Snow** sought volunteers to assist with many tasks this yearly show requires. Transparent watercolor painting are due October 23 to allow the team to display and ready the show for November. **Karen Schwenger** proposed the CVWG constitution be changed to record and maintain minutes of all CVWG Board meeting, thereby dropping the need to record CVWG General Meetings. Our balance was \$8,724 for the month.

SEPTEMBER - Everyone was excited and looking forward to critiques of our paintings by Julia May. Our program consisted of a discussion of strengths and suggestions, led by Julia May, of members' paintings. We continued with the undertaking of a search for new Board Members and Committee Chairs. Now we need nominees for President, Vice President for Programs, Special Exhibits, and Brushstrokes. The treasurer, **Virginia Evans**, reported we had \$8,724 in our account. **Karen Schwenger** asked for all updated contributions to the 2018 CVWG Directory turned in by December 25th, **Pam Roland** gave an update on the progress of the new Rack Card. She would also like to redesign our membership brochure as well. Misty Graphics, **Carolyn Yager's** husband, has given us excellent price quotes for these documents. Karen proposed a change in our Constitution, Article III, Section, Duties of Officers for the maintaining of minutes. Board Minutes would continue, General Meeting minutes would be discarded. The measure was voted on by the Board and full membership and was passed.

OCTOBER- The 2018 Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs was presented and passed by the CVWG membership. The 2018 Board is President - **Alice Russell**, Past President - **Sharon Walker**, Vice Presidents for Programs - **Jeanne Ann Williams** and **Brenda Hounshell**, Secretary - **Sharon Hiner**, Treasurer - **Virginia Evans**. Committee Chairs are: **Pam Roland** - Annual Exhibition, Courthouse - **Jean Botts**, Hospitality - **Pam Derrickson**, Librarian - **Adella Langham**, Membership - **Linda Verhagen**, Newsletter - Open, Special Exhibits - Open, Webmaster - **Rosemary Connelly**, Workshops - **Patty Richmond**. Our budget account stands at \$7,972. The Board supported a brief survey be taken of all CVWG members to determine which benefits we offer are important to them. **Linda Verhagen** will prepare and send out the survey. Our very own **Sue Rosen** shared her multi stepped process to add depth and and sharpness to mixed media paintings.

NOVEMBER - Annual Luncheon, Nov. 20, 2018 at 12:00 noon. Installation of Officers and Committee Chairs will also take place. See YOU there.

Sharon Walker



Mack Rowe submitted three paintings for the annual art show in the Allegheny Highlands Arts & Crafts Center in Clifton Forge. His paintings were awarded a Second Place and an Honorable Mention. The show concludes on December 2.

Etta Harmon Levin having a show, "Cosmic", at McGuffey Art Center through November 18.



Linda Abbey has had a busy exhibition schedule since moving to Virginia and joining CVWG. Currently, **Linda** is exhibiting her work at Arden Place through December. Earlier in the fall, her paintings were displayed at Java.

Congratulations to **Marcy Springett** who was recently inducted as a Signature Member of the Virginia Watercolor Society.



Caroll Mallin will be at the Gallery at the Art Box in Crozet for the month of January. She will be hanging protest art, a series of six on social justice themes. In addition she will exhibit new work, a series of eight titled "American Icons." These are focused on subjects of daily life that are distinctly American. such as **Girl Scouts**, pictured at left.



Peg Sheridan will be the featured artist at CoArt Gallery in Staunton in November.



Brenda Hounshell is exhibiting new paintings in her third solo show at Wilson Downtown Gallery @Harrison Homes Team, 83 S. Main St, Harrisonburg through November 28.



Linda Suomi Bethke is having a solo exhibition of her watercolors at Thistle Gate Vineyard in Fluvanna County. Several of her paintings are also on display at Gallery 527 in Scottsville.

Peg Sheridan and **Chee Ricketts** will be exhibiting in a six-person invitational show, "Painting Virginia", at the Wayne Theater in Waynesboro, Dec. 7—Feb. 25.

OPPORTUNITIES

*Reservations are currently being accepted for a painting trip to Maine that **Peg Sheridan** is co-leading, sponsored by Beverley Street Studio School. The trip, "Coastal Maine - Painting Dramatic Landscapes and Sketching Nature's Details, is Sept. 6-14, 2018. For information www.bs.school.org.*

***Linda Suomi Bethke** continues to offer classes in Fluvanna County. For information: LSB525@aol.com*

***Peg Sheridan** is offering classes and workshops throughout the Shenandoah Valley. Information can be found at www.pegsheridan.com*

LOOKING BACK...





EDITOR'S NOTE:

It has been a pleasure to serve as Editor of *Brushstrokes* for the Central Virginia Watercolor Guild.

Sincerely,
Chee Ricketts

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