

FEBRUARY 2021

ARTLINE

The newsletter of the RAL Art Center

There's a lot to love at the RAL Art Center this February! It's a great month to take a romantic stroll down Main Street and enjoy the paintings of **Joyce Satterwhite** and **Laura Edwards** in our Gallery Windows. And how about a date night visit to the gallery to enjoy this month's members' exhibit, *A Touch of Red?* Looking for the perfect gift for your Valentine? **Ed Ramsey's beautiful pottery is on sale at 30% off** this month! And lastly, please **visit our all-new RAL Art Center website**. We're sure you'll love it.



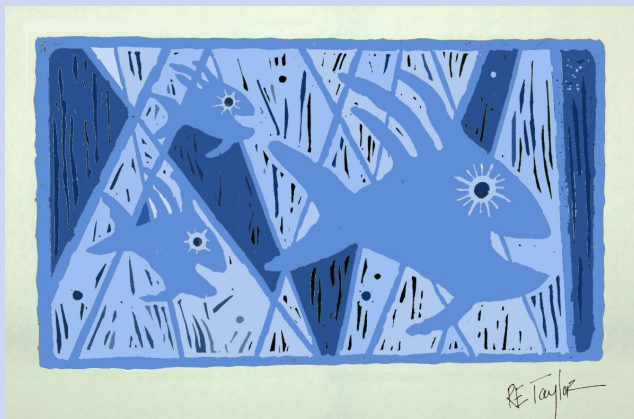
UPCOMING EXHIBITS

February 2021 Exhibit ~ *A Touch of Red*

Cerise, crimson, claret, coral, ruby or vermillion, all are shades of red and the color most associated with the month of February. So it is fitting *A Touch of Red* is the theme for our February member's show. Choose your red and let it dominate your art or, subtly slip it in where least expected. Just make sure it's there!

Receiving: February 1, 2021 10AM to 12PM

Exhibit Dates: February 4 – February 27



March 2021 Exhibit ~ *Monochromatic Madness*

Turn on your creative spirit and enter your one-of-a-kind piece(s) in this exciting, first-time exhibition. Anything goes for your subject matter but your masterpiece must be executed using a monochromatic color palette. Monochrome art presents the viewer with one

predominant color mood, aura, or statement. It can be a “true” monochrome dependent on a single steady tone or on subtle tonal variation. Will your creation be in black and white? Will it be in varying tones of ONLY one color? We are excited to see your entry!

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Exhibit Dates: March 4 – March 27

April 2021 Exhibit ~ *Bloomin’ Art*

Waiting for Spring is an annual ritual, and RAL Art Center’s Spring Show, *Bloomin’ Art*, featuring gardens, plants and flowers is a Northern Neck tradition. Our artists create their visions of Spring – a garden coming to life; a flower starting to bloom; a landscape or water scene enhanced by nature’s revival.

Mark your calendars now and join us for this uplifting exhibit!

Receiving: March 29, 2021 10AM to 12PM

Exhibit Dates: April 1 – May 1



May 2021 Exhibit ~ *Still Life Show*

A still life is an artwork depicting inanimate objects, either natural or manmade, in an artistic arrangement. Objects can be very personal to the artist, or they might be of a universal theme, with flowers in vases or fruit and vegetables. For this month’s show, try adding drama to your setups with strong lighting or background treatments, or mystery with unusual relationships among your objects. Or you might go cubist or surreal, or traditional if you wish--anything goes, as long as your subject is “Still Life.”

Receiving: May 3, 2021 10AM to 12PM

Exhibit Dates: May 6 – May 29

March All-Member, All Medium Exhibit *“Monochromatic Madness”*

Are you “mad” about creating in graphite pencil, charcoal, graphite powder or pen and ink? Is taking black and white or even sepia photos one of your passions? If so, this all-member, all medium exhibit is for you!





You can also try something new and paint with a single color in varying tones. This can be done in any paint medium, pastels, colored pencil, alcohol inks, etc. Don't be tempted to throw in another color for impact! Varying tones or values from white or the lightest light to the darkest dark in your chosen color will do the job. Keep it monochromatic!



The Exhibit will be judged. The First Place winner will receive a \$50 award. Other ribbons for second, third and one or more honorable mentions will also

be awarded. Only one prize will be awarded to any one artist.

Artwork by Maggie Gilman, Doug Mock and Barbara Kershner



People's Choice is Awarded to "Drift Away with Us"

In the month of January visitors and members of the RAL Art Center, 19 N Main Street, Kilmarnock have voted for their favorite pieces of art in the "You Be the Judge" exhibit. Artwork in oils, pastels, acrylic, watercolor and mixed media competed against each other. Ironwork and fused glass

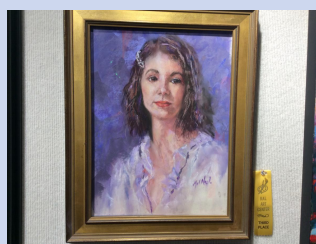
competed with paintings. Abstract competed with realistic, color with color, and the visitors voted.

Competition ended Saturday, January 23 with a decided winner, "Drift Away with Us," an oil painting by Sarah Marshall Elliott. Sarah is not a stranger to the winner's circle, also winning a first place and the People's Choice Award in the 2020 RAL Labor Day Art Show. She is a new exhibiting artist with the RAL Art Center and is the creator of the Art Center's new monthly online ARTLINE.

Second place votes went to Don Presnell for his acrylic on board, "Stars and Starfish." Third place was awarded to Mel Neale for her pastel, "Portrait of a Girl."

This exhibit runs until Saturday, January 30. The RAL Art Center is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Second Place Winner; "Stars and Starfish" by Don Presnell



Third Place Winner; "Portrait of a Girl" by Mel Neale



February Windows *by Ellen Huddy*

The governor says that in Virginia, the numbers are up. But you can keep *your* numbers down by taking a walk down Main Street, and then pausing at the RAL Art Center Gallery Windows where you can see the works of two talented oil painters on display.

Joyce Satterwhite paints to tell a story about the people and places she encounters. She has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe, taking workshops, classes, and attending art events from and with renowned instructors. After retirement in 2017 as owner of Precision One Salon and Spa in Richmond, Joyce became more involved with the RAL Art Center as well as with the Virginia Plein Air Painters.

The oils that Joyce paints are done in a contemporary style, sometimes impressionistic and always with a degree of realism. Now living full time on Farnham Creek, off the Rappahannock River, her paintings in the Window will reflect her love of "River Country", and her enjoyment of this area's history and unspoiled natural scenic areas. Life on "The Creek" provides a constant source of subject matter as well as inspiration for Joyce. Her display will include paintings of Merroir and other well known areas: Belle Isle State Park, Carters Creek, boats in Reedville and local farm life.

Joyce has memberships with the Bon Air Association and the Crossroads Art Gallery in Richmond, where she currently has a large exhibit, and is a new exhibitor at the RAL Art Center Gallery.

Laura Edwards is a native of Tidewater, Virginia and learned oil painting at The University of North Carolina in Asheville, the art-rich area of western NC. She then had a studio as a working artist at the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria, VA, for over 25 years. Laura has now come to the NNK and continues her work from her studio at the Allure Art Center in White Stone.

Laura says that her work evolves intuitively without any reference point. She describes her paintings as, "color and surface driven re-imagined landscapes. All of the paintings create their own environments; a painting seen and one you imagine." Laura will have a triptych, or three-part, painting in the window, titled, "Mist Rising". The viewer can find any number of perspectives in this most evocative oil painting series. In many of Laura's paintings you can find what feels like a familiar starting point in a landscape; then your mind can take you where the colors and broad brush strokes seem to lead. These abstracts are more "flowy" than edgy, and somewhat ethereal. Laura's paintings can be found in private and public collections both nationally and internationally, and we are glad to have her as a regular exhibiting artist in the RAL Art Center Gallery in Kilmarnock!

If your Main Street stroll is on Thursday, Friday or Saturday, the full Gallery is also open from 10 – 4 , and all masked visitors are welcome. (Paintings by Joyce Satterwhite and Laura Edwards.)





FEBRUARY SALE ~ 30% OFF ED RAMSEY POTTERY

Ed Ramsey, a well-known Northern Neck pottery artist, will be offering 30% off all of his pottery in February. Ed has had a gallery at his studio for the past nine years. He has now closed that gallery and has pots of all kinds and sizes in storage. In an effort to reduce inventory, he has decided to offer all his pottery at 30% off during the month of February. There will be ceramics in his normal gallery space as well as pots in the gift shop. Be sure to visit the RAL Art Center in February, Thursdays through Saturdays from 10:00AM to 4:00PM to pick up a beautiful piece of Ed's art.

Pottery by Ed Ramsey

RAL Art Center Classes – 2021 Update



Since reopening in June 2020, the RAL Art Center continues to focus on ensuring that class attendees, instructors and volunteers can appreciate the newly remodeled Pike Studio in a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment. We continue to adhere to the implementation of best practices health cleaning guidelines, wearing face coverings, and practicing physical distancing to keep our community safe.

Dealing with the uncertainty of rapidly escalating COVID-19 metrics, availability of vaccines, holiday gatherings and possible restrictions on non-essential businesses demands that we proceed cautiously as we develop the 2021 class schedule. Instructors and students are reluctant to confirm in the current pandemic environment.

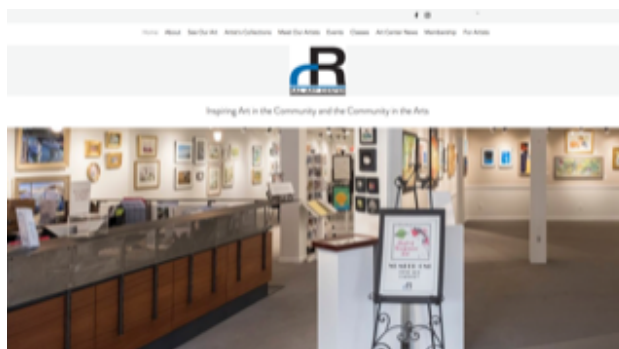
We are continuing to communicate with potential instructors for 2021. The following classes are in the planning stages: three new VMFA sponsored classes, visiting artist instructors in oils and acrylics, and RAL Art Center artist instructors in jewelry, quilting, perspective, acrylics, watercolor and felting.

We look forward to offering exciting new classes in 2021 and appreciate your suggestions. Please email cmihills@fiberarts.us with your suggestions for classes and instructors.

Introducing...the New RAL Art Center Website!

RAL Art Center's new website is live and filled with wonderful art from twenty-eight of our gallery artists.

Visit our all-new ralartcenter.com and find a special piece of art you can't live without! For assistance, please call the RAL Art Center at 804-436-9309 and we'll help you make it yours!



RAL ART CENTER OUTREACH

Serving our community through art

ART-4-KIDS

RAL Art Center
19 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock

1st Saturday 11 am to 3 pm

A new kit will be available the 1st Saturday of each month and will contain art supplies and different projects each month

Age appropriate Art Projects for kids from Pre-K to Grade 9

Visit RAL Art Center and pick up your Art Kit!!



RAL Art Center thanks the River Counties Community Foundation for providing the funds for this project.



Visit the RAL Art Center on Saturday February 6th to pick up your FREE Art Kit!



OUR MISSION

The mission of the RAL Art Center is to organize, sponsor and encourage educational and cultural activities in the visual arts and crafts. The RAL Art Center's activities are focused on the lower Northern Neck and Lower Middle Peninsula of Virginia. It is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization. The RAL Art Center is a community partner of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and is partially supported by grants from the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the River Counties Community Foundation.

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