



Newsletter

September 2020

President's Message

Several weeks ago, I'm happy to report, my hands grabbed onto and held firm several paint brushes crammed in a container, still waiting for me. Apparently, the action caused me to snap out of the "Nothingness Box" I'd been stuck in since March. I began a watercolor painting for our club's summer art assignment and kept going. It proved to me the truth in the saying "Art makes more art." In some ways it acted like an elixir for the staleness that had taken hostage my creativity all these weeks. I strongly recommend the grab-the-brush cure and



Sally Guynn

would love to hear your stories about what may have jogged you loose from your own corona fog!

BAAA has had lots of activity going on, but first, and most importantly, **please note the new time, date, and place for our regular September Meeting: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 10-NOON, BON AIR COMMUNITY CENTER, 8725 QUAKER LANE, NORTH CHESTERFIELD, VA 23235**

We will meet in the ballroom with plenty of seating space for 6 ft of social distancing. The room is disinfected after each event. We will wear masks and change to prepackaged refreshments.

As part of our usual meeting in September, we are the program. We'll have a fun and enlightening Show 'n Tell of our members' summer art assignment under the theme "Richmond". You do not need to be an exhibiting member to participate. So, come on, get to it, and bring your art with you to the meeting! I can't wait to see what you'll come up with.

~ Sally

September Meeting

**Friday, September 11,
2020 at 10:00 am
Bon Air Comm. Center
8725 Quaker Lane
North Chesterfield, VA
23235**

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for providing material for next month's newsletter is the 15th of the current month. Please email material to: Newsletter.BAAA@gmail.com

Broadcast E-Mail

If you have an important BAAA-related message that must go out by email to all members immediately, send your message to this email address: Newsletter.BAAA@gmail.com

BAAA Website

Please send your blogs and personal photos to: elizomeara@gmail.com

BAAA's Postal Address

BAAA
PO Box 72932
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Inspirational Quote



"You don't take a photograph, you make it."

– Ansel Adams

Moonrise, Hernandez, New Mexico, by Ansel Adams

September In-Person Meeting!

Hello All. After three calls to Huguenot Road Baptist Church with no results to obtain a decision from them about the availability of the room we rent from them for our monthly meetings, I made the decision to go ahead and rent the ballroom at **Bon Air Community Center for our September meeting on Friday September 11th from 10 am to Noon.**

Please note the changes in date and time. Our meeting process will require **everyone to wear a mask and practice at least 6 ft social distancing.** Chairs will be set up for us. (Note that the entire room is sprayed and wiped down with each event they have now.) We will not gather together at the feeding trough for refreshments, but people will have the liberty to get up whenever they wish and go back to a table to get pre-packaged refreshments and something to drink should they desire.

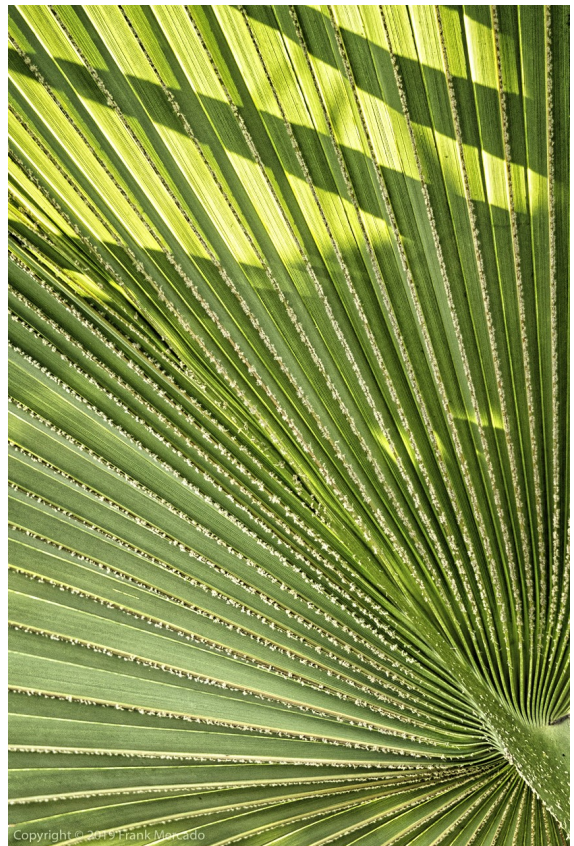
The cost of the room rental is \$150. We did not meet in April and May (a savings of \$100), so renting the Community Center Room does not put us in the hole as far as money is concerned. I have spoken with a number of members who've expressed how they really want and need to meet physically. I hope you will find this decision acceptable. I felt that waiting any longer would put us in a position of having few if any options for a finding a room for our September meeting.

~ Sally

September Program: Show & Tell (RVA)

September's program will be our annual 'Show & Tell'. The long, very long, summer's challenge was 'Richmond', which leaves the door wide open to interrupt anyway you so desire (flowers, street scenes, river, etc.) If you haven't painted, photographed or other art medium something specific, don't worry, I haven't either and I can't bring my garage walls in. Just bring a piece of artwork with you that you'd like to share with us.

~ Pat Meek



Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, by Frank Mercado

Proposed BAAA By-Laws Changes

The Executive Board has been working for months to find ways to more effectively manage the Association.

Please read and consider the following proposed changes to our By-Laws that will be put before the entire membership for a vote at our October meeting.

- A. **Change when dues are payable** (Directory pg 5, #5): “Dues are payable in November; the deadline is January 15th. If a member has not paid their dues by then, they will be dropped immediately from the membership database. If a member wants to renew their membership on the 16th of January or later, a late fee will be charged.”
- B. **Remove the jurying responsibility from the membership committee:** “The Jurying Chair will be responsible for all jurying-in of prospective Exhibiting members, organize the applicants on jurying day, prepare the ballots for the jurors, and notify applicants (and appropriate Board members) of the vote results within 7 days. Member of the Executive Board.”
- C. **Change the position description of the membership chair and add two subcommittees to membership committee** (Directory pg 6, #6): “The Membership Chair shall act as liaison between prospective new members and the Association, providing applications and information as requested, taking in the appropriate dues and fees, and keeping current the Member Database. Member of Executive Board.

*“The Membership Committee shall include two subcommittees. The **New Member Orientation Chair** shall create social events for new members to welcome and orient them to BAAA. Appointed Position.”*

*“The **Directory Chair** shall take responsibility for updating and publishing an annual directory of members.”*

(See pg 7, # 14) Appointed Position.

- D. **Create a new email monitoring position:** “The **Email Monitor** shall watch the Association’s incoming emails on a daily basis and redirect requests to appropriate committee or subcommittee Chairs. Appointed Position.”

Exhibit Schedule

Please mark your calendars and save this information for reference.

Second VP, Exhibits: Cathy Tyler, cathy.tyler@gmail.com phone: 804-272-8235.

Continuing Exhibits (Dates refer to the next time a change out will be made)

Independence Golf Course Next swap out will be Friday, August 21 at 12:00.

If you're not comfortable venturing out into the real world just yet, call Pat Meek and we can keep your existing painting in place. (Chairperson: Suzanne Jepson (804-794-7646) and Pat Meek (804-598-2972)

Commission is 25%, so price accordingly. Pieces must be wired 2 inches from the top with tight wires. Price is displayed, and sold pieces can be replaced.

McCool's Frame Shop Exhibits have resumed. Swap out is the last Sunday of each month. If you would like to display, contact Wendy Moore. (804-625-0086)

Discrete Exhibits

BAAA Annual Member Show Crossroads Art Center, Sep 18-Nov 8. The show is on!

If you have questions, contact the Chair, Jean Miller, (804) 756-7092. Co-chairs are David Everette and Pat Meek.

Change in Drop Off Date: The date has been changed from Friday, September 11th to THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th (Same time 10 am-12:00 pm)

St. Stephens Café (2:00 pm Tuesday September 1 / 2:00 pm Friday October 30)

If you wish to add your name for this exhibit, please contact one of the Co-chairs Lee Austin and Linda Harrison. Responses are needed by August 17th.

Covenant Woods Interest is being solicited for an exhibit the end of August

If you'd like to participate and you haven't already responded to chair, David Everette, please do so now

Kudos

David Austin and Dave Everette

Many thanks to David Austin and Dave Everette, who spackled and painted the exhibit wall at McCool's Framing in Bon Air.



BAAA art on exhibit at McCool's Frame Shop Gallery

Reception for BAAA Members Exhibit at Crossroads

The Open House/Reception for the BAAA Members Exhibit at Crossroads Gallery is Friday, September 18, 2020 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. 2016 Staples Mill Road, 23230. The exhibition will be on from September 18- Nov 8, 2020. **Masks, social distancing, etc. will be required and enforced**

The Art Scene

National Gallery: True to Nature, European Plein Air Paintings from 1780-1870

One can see a good part of it on Line. Along with it is a lecture commentary about the show which one can view by Mary Parsons, curator of French Paintings and Ann Loftich a plein air painter from California. She comments on many of the paintings in the show and her analysis is very insightful.

Virginia Watercolor Society's (Annual Show and Exhibit

Gary Lou Upton, Patrice Reese, Bev Perdue, Ellie Cox, and Marty Franks have been going full steam planning for the 41st Virginia Watercolor Society's (VWS) Annual Show and Exhibit, October 31st-December 31st at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture. Note: Volunteers can learn a lot, and the show needs volunteers. Since the VWS occurs each year in Virginia at different venues, this is the first time in 10 years, Richmond's art community will host.

For 20 lucky artists, the VWS Show's accompanying workshop by this year's judge, watercolor artist Fred Graff, will be October 27-30th. Reportedly, this is Fred's last workshop. Spaces are still available. Call Patrice Reese if you're interested. \$150 deposit required to secure space.

BAAA Donates to MidAtlantic Pastel Society's Fourth Annual Member's Judged Exhibit

Bon Air Artists Association donated \$100 to the MidAtlantic Pastel Society's Fourth Annual Member's Judged Exhibit. The exhibit is between October 1-November 28th at Uptown Gallery.

Show Off Your Studio!

Do you want to share a glimpse of your art studio space? Take some well-lit and balanced photos of you while working or just of your studio space and email them to Elizabeth O'Meara (elizomeara@gmail.com)

Want to Exhibit with BAAA?

Contact Sally Guynn at 304.279.1345 by September 18th in order to get on the list for our next jurying-in event on Oct 2nd, immediately following our regular meeting. Sally is happy to share with you information about the process of jurying-in and how to prepare your art for it. If you miss October's opportunity, the next jurying-in event will be in February.

Meeting Minutes

No General Meetings are scheduled for July and August.