



Note from President, Dottie Golden



Have you had a chance to listen to the VAA's new podcast, The Art Box? If not, the latest episodes can be found on our website. Listen to them while working on a project, driving, or walking. The Art Box podcast is a delightful gem with insightful interviews.

Rachelle and Steve are engaging hosts. It's like listening in on a quiet conversation. We are proud of them both for the amount of time they have invested. Their efforts have been rewarded with excellent feedback from far away places. This is a wonderful opportunity for the VAA.

As summer heats up, the Gallery slows down a bit. Many programs and classes are taking summer breaks, allowing us to prepare for fall events. The Live Auction is gearing up to be quite an event. My donation is almost ready.

We have begun planning for the 2nd annual Witches' Ball. This event puts the 'fun is fundraiser' this is not only a fun party but a great group of people to work with. If you are interested in helping, contact me. There are many ways to get in on the fun.

Whatever you are doing this summer, I wish you joy and safe travels.
~Dottie Golden

VVAA PODCAST BEGINS

Virgin Valley Artists! Association Podcast "The Art Box" roused on June 12 when we released our first episode. Tyler Roylance, an art teacher at Virgin Valley High School and drawing instructor for VVAA (see the Events Calendar to attend his classes), was a fun guest. You will take great pleasure learning more about him, his family, and his unique take on art. Co-hosted by Rachelle Knight and Steve Dudrow, the podcast focuses on providing our listeners with a fun time getting to know local, regional, and national art talents. You can listen at your leisure to our Podcasts on PodBean at <https://vvarts.podbean.com/>; maybe while you are creating art, driving, going to bed, or just relaxing around the pool.

Steve Dudrow, Tyler Roylance, Rachelle Knight

Our upcoming lineup is:

July 4 - Kippy Spiker

July 18 - Rachelle Knight

August 1 - Chris Picior

August 15 - Brenda Slocumb

August 29 - Randy Bauman

We have a new Podcast menu item on our website; from there, you can read more about our guests, their art, and anything else we chat about during our interviews. We are looking for guests. If you might be interested, drop us a line at ArtBoxVV@gmail.com.

Thanks to Steve Dudrow for submitting this article.



AUGUST

July 30 to August 26

Fiber Art: Mesa Gallery

Themed Competition: "Abandoned Places"

Sponsor: The Progress

August 11

Board of Directors Meeting 1:00 pm

August 18

Awards Ceremony 4:00 pm

UPDATED GIFT SHOP GUIDELINES

The Gift Shop Guidelines have been updated as of May 15, 2022. You can access them on the website by signing in, then choose the VVAA Members tab > Documents > Artist Items > Gift Shop. Please review them, and any questions can be referred to Kay Weinland, Committee Chairman.

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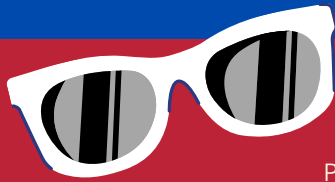
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GALLERY SUMMER HOURS



July 1 until Sept. 5
 The Mesquite Fine Arts Center will be open Tuesday through Saturday
 Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Please check the website for information on classes, meetings, and workshops.



VVAA CLASSES & CHANGES

Information on all classes can be found on the website from the Art Classes tab or through the Events Calendar.
Tuesdays: Drawing with Tyler Roylance 2-4 pm Drop-In \$10 **July 5th class is canceled
3rd Tuesdays: MFA Photographic Society is taking a hiatus until September 13th
Wednesdays: Watercolors with Char Lang - Intermediate & Beginner Classes Drop-In \$10
Thursdays: Beginner Acrylic Classes current students will meet while Vanessa is gone (July, August, September) from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Attendance will be taken, and students will mail Vanessa their work to be critiqued.
Fridays, Palette & Pour Party - July 1st, 5-7:30 pm \$30
 Last scheduled class until October, unless an artist will step forward to lead it.
Friday, July 15th Desert Doodling Class 10:30 am -12:30 pm Drop-In \$10

POTTERY STUDIO

July and August Studio Hours

Closed Mondays
 Tuesday - Thursday.....8 to 12 noon
 Friday.....10 to 5 pm
 Saturday.....9 to 1 pm
 Sunday.....9 to 5 pm Art
 Store hours are supported by studio hours
 Kids Clay Art is Wed & Thurs, 1 to 3 pm



Clayart 4 Fun

The two-day “Clayart 4 Fun” sessions begin July 6 & 7 from 1:00pm to 3:00 pm. Please register at the Pottery Studio.
 Click the Pottery Studio tab on the website for the registration form and more information.
 Other dates are July 13 & 14; 20 & 21; 27 & 28; August 3 & 4; 10 & 11; 17 & 18; 24 & 25.

Monthly Clay Classes

Beginner Hand Building classes with Diane Alexanian are a 3-week session. Pottery Wheel classes with Vonetta Menaka are a 4-week session. Sign-up sheets are posted at the Studio.

Student Supply Outlet (SSO)

Open daily when the Pottery Studio is open. Limited Art and Pottery Supplies

CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE!



The first “Palette and Pour Party” was held on May 28, 2021, with the artist and creator of the event, Vanessa Temple, leading the group in creating an acrylic painting of a dragonfly. It was so successful that the fundraising classes were held three times a month and booked well in advance. Aida Bryant and Wendy Douglas also instructed many courses. At the onset, Vanessa set a goal of raising \$10,000.00.

According to the latest VVAA financials, the classes have booked \$10,621.51!! Congratulations! This fall, classes will return to once a month unless other artists volunteer to instruct them. Vanessa will take a well-deserved hiatus this summer, returning to teach the PPP events on October 7th, November 11th, and December 2nd. Aida will lead the class on July 1st, when a Patriotic Gnome will be the subject. If you are interested in teaching a class this summer or next fall, please contact Vanessa at desertvan@gmx.com.

MOUNTAIN GALLERY-THEMED COMPETITION

“Let Your Dreams Fly” is the themed competition for July. We look forward to viewing our artists' dreams! “I dream of painting, and then I paint my dream.” ~Vincent Van Gogh.

COMING TO THE MESA GALLERY IN AUGUST

“Fiber Arts” will be displayed in the Mesa Gallery In August. Fiber art consists of materials taken from nature and synthetic fiber and includes sewing, quilting, needlepoint, macramé, weaving, felting, crocheting, knitting, embroidery, rug-making, basket weaving, and paper. All wall fiber art must be able to hang safely on the Gallery’s hanging apparatuses. We will accept non-hanging Fiber art as well. All items must be marked for sale. Don’t hesitate to contact Dottie Golden for any questions or inquiries:
 dottiegolden112@gmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Virgin Valley Artists’ Association awarded two \$1,000.00 scholarships to 2022 Virgin Valley High School graduates Adalynn Avila and Malia McOmie. Our scholarship winners were chosen by the VVHS Scholarship Committee and presented to students planning to pursue art in their future studies.



JUNE THEMED COMPETITION WINNERS "YOUR FAVORITE SONG"



First Place - "All My Relations" by Charyn McDonnell



Best of Show - Duke Ellington, 'Jubilee' by Floyd Johnson

Second Place- "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" by Cheryl Sachse



Third Place- "Bad Moon Rising" by Randy Bauman

THANKS TO OUR ANONYMOUS SPONSOR

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Emerging Artist- "Purple People Eater" by Connie Keith

SPONSORS CHOICE: "Grandma's Garden" by Linda Harris



Mayor's Choice - Tiny Dancer by Cheryl Sachse

Honorable Mentions:

- "Ah, Ah, Ah, Ah Stayin Alive" by Rita Fulmer
- "100 Pounds Of Clay" by Kathleen Birkholz
- "Joy To The World" by Chris Picior
- "American Pie" by Amy Wells

OCTOBER JWELED PICTURE WORKSHOP WITH JEAN BATTAGLIA



The ever-popular Jeweled Picture Workshop will return on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Jean will help you create a picture using heirlooms, old jewelry, buttons, and beads. Board cover colors need to be chosen when registering. Templates for a tree, wreath, and cross will be available. Check out the website (Upcoming Workshops Tab) to see the list of supplies and registration information.

WATERCOLOR TIPS, TRICKS, AND TECHNIQUES WITH LINDA SMITH



On Friday, September 30, 2022, Linda Smith will instruct students in understanding the nature of watercolor painting. Participants will work through simple exercises designed for both beginners and experienced watercolor artists. If you are looking for a fresh start in this unique medium or even a comprehensive refresher—this workshop is for you! A supply list and information on registration are on the website - click on the Upcoming Workshops tab. Linda will also teach a watercolor workshop on November 4, 2022 - "Finding a Suitable Subject."

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH - COREEN DeBERRY MITCHELL



When she was young, Coreen was often found hiding behind a door, drawing with a purple crayon on cardboard salvaged from her father's work. She has been winning art contests since early grade school and began painting in her late thirties. Coreen has been lucky to study under some amazing instructors, currently learning from Liz Lemon Swindle. Besides painting in oil, acrylic, and watercolor, Coreen enjoys making jewelry, soaps, and graphic arts. Her favorite styles are slightly surreal and realism, sometimes combined. She loves scuba diving, piloting small planes, and animals (especially cats). Continually taking photos of the world around her, she attempts to paint them pleasingly, hoping to uplift all who see them.

CARD ARTIST OF THE MONTH BEVERLEY MEDINA



Starting with Basic Drawing classes at the Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, Beverley became interested in Watercolor Basics and is still experimenting and learning with watercolors and other mediums. Originally from Virginia and retired after twenty-four years working for the Department of Defense (DOD) under the Department of Navy for Navy Exchange Service Command (NEX-COM), she and her husband spent the last seven (7) years of her career based in Yokosuka, Japan. They retired to Las Vegas, Nevada and after 15 years, moved to Mesquite, Nevada.

SAXON THE CAT

Saxon the Cat was a mascot of the suffragettes as they traveled around the country trying to get the vote for women. The Women's History and Culture Center (WHCC) has asked for the VVAA's assistance in their "Decorate Saxon the Suffragette Cat!" contest. The VVAA Board has agreed to display the entries, and the WHCC will hold a reception to announce the winners. The contest runs from June 13th until July 29th, with the winners announced at a reception on August 8th. Contact Chris at christinepicior@gmail.com to pick up your Saxon cut-out or if you have any questions.

GET SMART WITH ART

Classes will resume on August 13th with Tyler Royance presenting "Desert Animals." On September 10, 2022, Char Lang will assist with painting the various hummingbirds seen in our Virgin Valley neighborhoods.

Get ready for Halloween with Vanessa Temple, who will talk about her trips to Nevada's ghost towns and help you create some ghostly images on October 8th. Our GSWA program is partly funded by a grant from Nevada Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Classes are always free, and supplies are provided. Visit the VVAA website for registration forms.

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE EVERYTHING

Although our summer Gallery openings have been cut back to 5 days, help is still needed at the Front Desk and other areas. The Virgin Valley Artists' Association, Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, Pottery Studio, Supply Outlet, and classroom are all run by our volunteers. We are always in need of volunteers and have many positions open for different talents and time commitments.

Check out the website using the Volunteers button. Don't hesitate to contact Chris Picior at cpiciorvvaa@gmail.com if you are interested in any positions listed or would like to post an opportunity.

Stop in the Gallery to fill a Front Desk position.

