



Mission Statement

The Blue Ridge Fine Arts Guild (BRAG) promotes the works and activities of artists working in two-dimensional media in Yancey, Mitchell, and Avery counties and the surrounding areas of Western North Carolina.

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November 2012- BRAG Newsletter

From the Editor...

'Tis the season to be thankful and I must say that I am particularly thankful for Nancy Wood, who did a fabulous job with the newsletter while I was traveling. Thank you Nancy!

Our next meeting is coming right up - November 19, Monday, 6:30 pm at the Burnsville Town Center. I hope to see you all there!

Don't forget... paint first!

Susan Garriques

News

Our next BRAG meeting is Monday November 19th at 6:30 pm at the Burnsville Town Center. Beverly Kies will be the guest artist.

Members enjoyed a demonstration by Edward Morris during the October meeting. If you weren't able to make the meeting, be sure to take a look at his website - edwardmorrisart.com.

The TRAC Studio Tours are coming up later this month. Several BRAG members participate in the tour. The dates this year are Friday, November 30th, Saturday, December 1st and Sunday, December 2nd.

BRAG Member, Barbara Kahn, is exhibiting her work at the The Pizza Shop in Spruce Pine through the month of December. You can see Barbara there during the Meet the Artist receptions on December 1st and 2nd from 12 to 4pm.

Upcoming BRAG exhibitions -

TRAC SPRUCE PINE GALLERY—2014

The SPRUCE PINE TRAC GALLERY HAS BEEN SECURED-- for the 2014 BRAG Exhibit-- "SPACES, PLACES AND FACES"

For AUGUST -SEPTEMBER--(specific dates will come later). Save these times on your calendar!!

We will make this another HUGE EXHIBIT FOR BRAG.

TRAC BURNSVILLE GALLERY —2013

The BURNSVILLE TRAC GALLERY HAS BEEN SECURED--for the 2013 BRAG Exhibit-- "BRAG, MADE TO MEASURE"

For SEPTEMBER 14 thru OCTOBER 12. Save these dates on your calendar!!

Details will come later.

If anyone has ANY INPUT--ANY IDEAS for these shows--please send them to Linda Elsegood in an email.

These are YOUR EXHIBITS--and we want to make them the very best possible!!!

Creative Challenge - Each month a photo will be included in the newsletter and members are encouraged to paint from that photo. It should be quite interesting to see how everyone handles the subject matter.

Internet Tidbits



Artist: Edward Morris demonstration



Artist: Barbara Kahn exhibition



Artist: Beverly Kies Happy Dog



Creative Challenge November



Be sure to read this before you enter your next juried show...  
<http://painting.about.com/od/careerdevelopment/f/art-competition-jurors.htm>

Here's a good blog post about dealing with "shyness"..  
<http://carolwontkowski.com/blog/50210/artist-incognito>

For you watercolor artists that are also die-hard plein air painters -  
<http://www.artistsnetwork.com/medium/watercolor/plein-air-painting-using-alcohol-as-an-antifreeze-for-watercolor?lid=CHtamfb101812>

And here are 10 reasons an artist should draw more...  
<http://www.finearttips.com/2012/10/10-reasons-why-artists-should-draw-more/>

**Laurel Lovrek** spent time on Jacksonville Beach right after Hurricane Sandy blew by and found "no beach and big wave"s. Her pastel painting does a wonderful job of capturing that moment.

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**Classifieds**

Women Painters of the Southeast is looking for new members. Their next show will be in April 2013 in Franklin, TN!!! [www.womenpaintersse.blogspot.com](http://www.womenpaintersse.blogspot.com)

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**CALL FOR ENTRIES - North Ridge Country Club Art Gala 2013**, Raleigh, NC, Sat, Feb 23, 2013. Juried Competition and Sale of 2-D work. \$10/submission, limit 5. Deadline Jan. 7, 2013. For more information, visit their website, or email [NRCCArtGala@aol.com](mailto:NRCCArtGala@aol.com).

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**One last note** - it's about the Money Jar. You may have noticed a vase or a jar placed near the refreshments at each meeting and you may have assumed that was to help pay for the coffee and cookies. BUT..... BRAG pays the Town Center \$30 for each night that we meet. The "Money Jar" is meant to help pay the rent. If each member attending the meeting will contribute \$1 it will just about cover the cost of the rental. Please don't forget to add your dollar when you come to the meetings. Every dollar helps!

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Artist: Laurel Lovrek



Artist: Nancy Wood



Artist: Kathleen Turczyn

