



### 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. BRAG is an avenue for artist education and exposure through programs, workshops, exhibitions, and the internet, and seeks to promote and encourage the arts among its members, local schools, and the public.

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## December 2012- BRAG Newsletter

### From the Editor...

Back in October it was looking a lot like Christmas around here, but December has been like having an Indian Summer. The mild days have been welcomed graciously by all, I'm sure. It's the end of a year again and time to clean out the studio. A good time to look back at what's been accomplished this year and think about goals for the coming year. BRAG has an exhibit scheduled in September/October at TRAC, so time to start planning a painting for that, too. Don't forget - at last month's meeting, those members who attended agreed to skip a December meeting and convene again in January. So... no meeting this month. Wishing you all a very Happy Holiday Season! See you in January!

Don't forget... paint first!

### Susan Garriques

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### News

**Beverly Kies** was our guest artist in November. Members enjoyed her discussion about marketing art as well as her demonstration. If you didn't have a chance to make the meeting, you can see Beverly's work on her website, [www.beverlykies.com](http://www.beverlykies.com), or see it in person at the Design Gallery in Burnsville.

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12 BRAG members submitted paintings to be juried for the Bascom exhibit. Each member was allowed to submit 3 paintings for jurying. Denise Cook gathered 6 other people who viewed the work and voted for their favorites. The ones with the most "votes" were selected for the exhibit. The winning artists are: **Sandra Gates, Rolf Holmquist, Laurel Lovrek, Roy Nichols, Gaylene Petcu and Nancy Wood**. Congratulations to EVERYONE who submitted paintings and congrats, too, to those artists who will be going on to the Bascom exhibit.

For those artists that will be in the exhibit - there is paperwork from the Bascom that needs to be completed, some of it they would like right away. Please review the attachments sent to you on December 4th in an email from Laurel Lovrek. Artists are responsible for getting their paperwork to the Bascom. Also - you will need to organize transportation to and from the Bascom for your artwork.

*(editor's note: You may remember that 5 paintings were to be chosen and notice now that there are 6. After the jurying, the Bascom let us know that one more painting could be accepted, so Denise was contacted to find out which the 6th painting was. Sandra Gate's painting was the 6th.)*

**John Elsegood** has just been elected on to the Burnsville Public Arts Board as TRAC representative. Most assuredly he will be as valuable a member there as he is to BRAG. Congrats John!

**Susan Garriques and Kathleen Turcyzn** are in the midst of painting murals at the Yancey Humane Society. Kathleen has been working in the "cat" hall with lots of kitties keeping her company while she paints. Susan is working in the dog kennel and paints to the sounds of beagle whining, puppies play-fighting, sometimes full-out-free-for-all barking and the occasional howl. The murals should be finished by the end of the month (Kathleen is off painting in Florida at the moment), so be sure to stop by and take a look. You might just find your new best friend while you are there!

**Scott Boyle and Craig Franz**, who some of you may know from Paint Outs or workshops, belong to Blue Ridge Realists which is having a show December 15 thru March 10th. Here is the link to the show [http://www.hickorymuseumofart.org/upcoming\\_exhibitions.php](http://www.hickorymuseumofart.org/upcoming_exhibitions.php) The group's website is [blueridgerealists.org](http://blueridgerealists.org).

Concomitantly there is a show by the Watercolor Society of North Carolina featuring Signature Members.

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If you've never had the pleasure of visiting **Rolf Holmquist's** studio, you can take a virtual tour by clicking on this link.... you'll see that in addition to being a fabulous creator of 2-D work, he also creates in 3-D.....

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vc4Tdachx\\_w&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vc4Tdachx_w&feature=youtu.be)

### 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



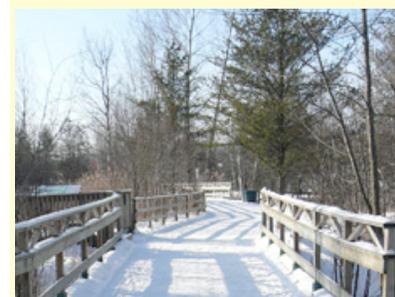
Artist: Nancy Wood *On top of round bald*



Artist: Gaylene Petcu *Blue Iris*



Artist: Linda Vickers Elsegood *Balinese in Blue*



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.

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

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**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. Feel free to crop and edit as you wish. You may bring your paintings to the meetings, or if you would prefer, send photos of your paintings to Susan Garriques for the newsletter. And... you don't have to finish it for a specific month - there won't be any deadlines. So if you don't get to paint this month's photo till late December or early January, no worries. Just have fun. (if you would like a higher resolution image (larger image) for printing - or an image from a previous Creative Challenge, please email Susan Garriques)

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**Internet Tidbits**

Some interesting exercises about value - <http://faso.com/fineartviews/53264/dark-and-light-and-read-all-over>

You may not be planning your first show, but here are some great tips for making the best of your next exhibit.....<http://emptyeasel.com/2012/12/11/10-tips-for-your-first-art-show/>

More on marketing.....<http://emptyeasel.com/2012/11/26/introducing-the-abcs-of-art-marketing-appreciating-your-audience/>

Shipping art? This is a great help...<http://www.reddotblog.com/wordpress/index.php/art-shipping-horror-stories-and-how-to-avoid-shipping-problems/>

This one may be a repeat - but it definitely bears repeating - The Google Art Project. Virtually visit museums from all around the world. Grab a cup of tea and enjoy! <http://www.googleartproject.com/>

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**Classifieds**

The Penland Supply Store would like to merrily invite you to partake in a holiday celebration with a little shopping involved perhaps! We have some ribbon wrapped gift ideas, a new selection of decorative papers, eco tote bags, wearables, books, journals as well as supplies for all the creators on your list! (sorry blacksmiths-no coal!!) . We are offering a variety of discounts, snacks and a special treat of letters to Santa that Lloyd has been receiving-that's what happens when you are on Facebook!

Date- Friday, December 14th  
Time- 9:00-5:00Pm  
Hope to see you then!

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**2013 Carolina's Got Art!**  
Sponsored by Elder Gallery

ENTRIES IN ANY MEDIUM ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

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<http://www.carolinasgotart.com/>

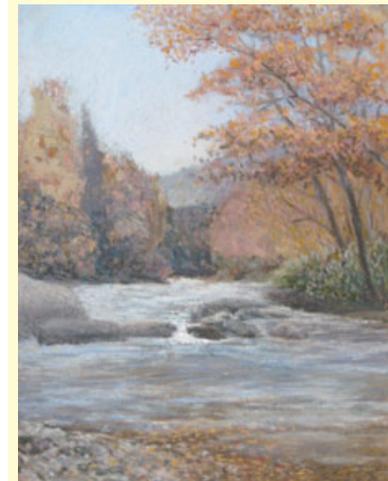
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**CALL FOR ENTRIES - North Ridge Country Club Art Gala 2013**, Raleigh, NC, Sat, Feb 23, 2013. Juried Competition and Sale of 2-D work. \$10/submission, limit 5. Deadline Jan. 7, 2013. For more information, visit their website, or email [NRCCArtGala@aol.com](mailto:NRCCArtGala@aol.com).

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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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Creative Challenge December

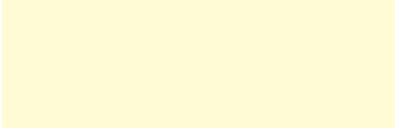


Artist: Laurel Lovrek *Autumn lament*



Artist: Susan Garriques *Skull*

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