



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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January 2013- BRAG Newsletter

From the Editor...

Happy New Year! I hope that you are all taking advantage of this chilly weather and spending lots of time painting.

This newsletter is a little late this month - I am participating in a 30 Paintings in 30 Days Challenge and it seems all there is time for now is to paint. You can read more about the challenge further on in the newsletter.

Our next meeting is coming right up - January 21st at the Town Center. Since we didn't meet in December, it's been a long time since we've seen each other. It will be good to be together again.

Don't forget... paint first!

Susan Garriques

News

Barbara Kahn's art is now adding to the ambiance at Mary Jane's Cafe in Burnsville.

Rolf Holmquist has work in an Invitational Show "Something Old, Something New" taking place at the Carbarus Arts Council Galleries in Concord, NC. The exhibition dates are January 14-March 7, 2013. You can read more about it here?.. http://cabarrusartscouncil.org/

Sandra Gates, Rolf Holmquist, Laurel Lovrek, Roy Nichols, Gaylene Petcu and Nancy Wood all have paintings in the Bascom exhibit - "Regional Art Leagues: Selected Works". The exhibit runs from January 19 - March 31, 2013. The reception and awards announcement will be held March 23rd, from 5 - 7 pm. You can learn more about the Bascom here.... http://thebascom.org

Scott Boyle and Craig Franz, who some of you may know from Paint Outs or workshops, belong to Blue Ridge Realists who are having a show now through March 10th at the Hickory Museum of Art. The Artist Reception is on Friday January 25, 2013 from 6 pm - 8 pm

Here is the link to the show http://www.hickorymuseumofart.org/upcoming\_exhibitions.php.

The group's website is blueridgerealists.org.

Members Susan Garriques and Sandra Gates are participating in the online 30 Paintings in 30 Days Challenge hosted by Leslie Slaeta. The Challenge began on January 2nd and runs through the end of the month. There are over 250 artists signed up for the challenge. Once the daily paintings are finished, each artist posts on their own blog, and then posts a link to that painting on Leslie's blog. That link is a thumbnail of the painting. And available for people to click on to see the day's painting.

You can read about the challenge and see more art here: http://leslieslaeta.blogspot.com

Susan' blog - http://suzun.blogspot.com

Sandra's blog - http://sandragates.blogspot.com

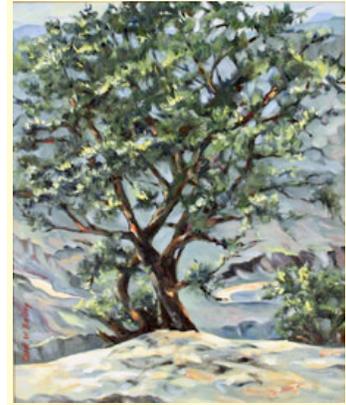
Time for a field trip?? Check out this exhibit at the Columbia Art Museum in Columbia, SC:

Impressionism from Monet to Matisse showcases 55 masterworks from the Dixon Gallery and Gardens. The exhibition features paintings by the well-known leaders of French Impressionism: Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Camille Pissarro and Alfred Sisley as well as paintings by America's most noted Impressionist painters, Mary Cassatt and John Singer Sargent. Major modern paintings by Paul Cézanne, Paul Gauguin and Georges Braque are also on view.

http://www.columbiamuseum.org/exhibitions/monet-to-matisse/

The Toe River Valley Plein Air Painters is a brand new group for artists that enjoy painting outside. There will be no membership fee. There won't be any formal meetings. Basically the "group" will serve as a method of finding someone to go paint with. All "business" will be conducted through email and a blog. If you are interested, please email Susan Garriques - susan@susangarriques.com.

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)



Artist: Carol Bailey North Rim



Artist: Mary Dykes Sheba



Artist: Susan Garriques Maty



Creative Challenge January



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**Internet Tidbits**

<http://www.linesandcolors.com/2013/01/04/proko-drawing-tutorials/>

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.linesandcolors.com/2013/01/03/new-frick-collection-website/>

<http://faso.com/fineartviews/54340/drawing>

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**Classifieds ArtFields** will offer the largest cash prize of any art contest in the Southeast. The ArtFields Art Competition will award one Top Prize of \$50,000, a People's Choice prize of \$25,000 and a Juried Panel prize of \$25,000. The contest will be open to artists residing in the 12 Southeastern states. Two-dimensional and three-dimensional artwork will be the categories for submission. The competition is open to emerging and established artists. Artist registration opens Monday, January 7, 2013.

Here is the link to learn more about this opportunity: <http://www.artfieldssc.org/>

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**Largest Juried Competition in Southeast**

Carolina's Got Art! has launched a call to artists for its annual juried arts competition. Open to NC/SC artists only, \$15,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded to winning artists. Notable art critic, Lance Esplund, of Bloomberg and The Wall Street Journal, will serve as 2013 juror.

Carolina's Got Art! accepts most mediums including paintings, photography, sculptures, woven pieces, and ceramics. Of the ten 2010 winners, five won prizes for sculpture or ceramic work.

If an artists' work is chosen, Carolina's Got Art! will come to a city near you to pick up and drop off your work. See the website for details.

Entry Deadline: 3/15/13

Website: [www.carolinagotart.com](http://www.carolinagotart.com)

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**Looking for some extra income?** Let the Haywood County Arts Council help sell your artwork in local businesses! All artists are welcome, so let us hear from you!

Original works in oil, watercolor, pastel, acrylic, etc. are sought as well as fine art photography, textiles, and prints. Three-dimensional work is accepted for some locations. All artwork must be for sale.

Interested artists should send name, phone number, email address, and website address/other online gallery presence address to [info@haywoodarts.org](mailto:info@haywoodarts.org). Project coordinator will contact artist to go over details.

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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: Barbara Kahn *Cavern*



Artist: Laurel Lovrek *Beach Sunrise*



Artist: Nancy Wood *Geese*



Artist: Gaylene Petcu *Grandfather Mountain*



Artist: Kathleen Turczyn *River is wide*