



WATAUGA VALLEY ART LEAGUE

April 2015

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April 18, 2015, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Johnson City Memorial Park Community Center

The Watauga Valley Art League will meet Saturday, April 18, 2015, at the Johnson City Memorial Park Community Center, 510 Bert Street, from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. An informal art critique begins at 10:30 for those interested, as well as a time for fellowship.

Bess Crider of Asheville, North Carolina, will present a lecture entitled "The Byzantine Icon: Understanding the Icon as a Doorway into the Sacred" on April 18, 2015, at the 11:00 a.m. meeting of the Watauga Valley Art League, Memorial Park Community Center, Johnson City, TN. She has studied icon painting since 2004 under the tutelage of Master Iconographer, Ksenia Pokrovsky. Bess works in egg tempura, using natural earth pigments and gold leaf on a gessoed wooden panel. Her icons are found in private homes and churches. Using slides of Byzantine icons, Bess will show the importance of icons from both the perspectives of history and the liturgical use within the Eastern Orthodox Church. She will bring a selection of icons for display as well as materials used in painting to give listeners tools for approaching the icon with greater understanding.

Meetings are open to the public and free.

Some of the WVAL artists' artwork may be seen at www.wataugavalleyartleague.com. For more information about the meeting or WVAL please contact Ed Puhr at (423) 467-4285.

***** Dues for 2015: \$33 per person and \$45 per couple and \$18 per art student ***
\$15.00 after July 1st**

Mail to: **Watauga Valley Art League, PO Box 2177, Johnson City, TN 37605**

*****For your convenience, all forms and applications are in PDF Format
and can be downloaded and printed from the WVAL Website*****

Please check us out at WWW.WataugaValleyArtLeague.com and WWW.Facebook.com/WataugaValleyArtLeague

Any WVAL Member interested in having their profile art portfolio placed on the WVAL Website or Facebook Page, please submit a short biography along with several samples of artwork to WVAL@WataugaValleyArtLeague.com.

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Art Classes:

URBAN BIRD: Morning art class - TUES. 9 AM; evening art class – Tues. 6:30 PM. All media & all levels. \$30.00 for 8 wks. At Kiwanis Park,

- W. Market St., Johnson City. New classes every 8 wks. Call Urban at 743 4950.
- ART HOLSCLAW Basic Acrylics – Weds 12:30-2:30 at the Community Ctr. Call Art 543-6676 for details
- JUDY O'HARA Acrylic Courses – Please contact her at 833-5525 or judyohara@ymail.com
- LINDA CAMPBELL for class info 477-8196
- KEN SIMMELINK: Open painting and critique, Mondays 12:30 to 2:30 at the Senior Center.



**Reminder: The next board meeting is April 13, 2015 and General Membership Meeting is April 18, 2015
at Johnson City Memorial Park Community Center.**

Should anyone have a DVD from the WVAL Library, please return it at the next general membership meeting so the librarian can have an accurate inventory.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL DOCUMENTARY FILM AT TANASI GALLERY

One thing that appears on many people's "bucket list" is to hike the Appalachian Trail. It really is a man-made but natural wonder, stretching from Georgia to Maine, and it passes right through the Tri-Cities area. Tri-Cities resident Sam Henegar has produced the first documentary film about the trail, its fascinating history, and the transformative effect it tends to have on those who spend time hiking it. It's a beautifully produced film with breathtaking scenery of the Trail, which debuted recently in Washington, DC.

On Thursday, **April 16th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**, Mr. Henegar will present the film *The Appalachian Trail: An American Legacy* at the Tanasi Arts and Heritage Center in Unicoi.

Admission to the event is \$5 for adults or \$12 for families of three or more, which includes refreshments.

Please mark your calendar and bring the kids for an interesting and educational experience that the whole family will enjoy. For more information, call the Gallery at 735-0217, or contact Gail Clark at gailsclark@comcast.net or by phone at 423-502-1876.



*The Johnson City Area Arts Council provides access to the arts for the people of Johnson City
and the Northeast TN. area through education, communication and support of cultural activities.*

Dear Members, Artists, and Supporters of the Johnson City Area Arts Council;

We are standing at a crossroads in our thirty-six year history. As you may know, this past year has brought some dramatic changes to our organization in large part because we have suffered some serious financial losses in state and local funding.

Members of the JCAAC Board have engaged in some difficult and soul-searching meetings that have resulted in decisions to give up our gallery space on the ground floor of the King Building and relocate to a smaller office on the third floor. For now, we must discontinue participation in Arts Corp and the annual 4x4 Fundraiser, and, most painfully of all, eliminate the positions of Executive Director and Director of Operations, thereby establishing us as a fully volunteer agency with no paid positions.

As difficult and game-changing as these decisions have been, we have not given up or lost our enthusiasm for supporting the arts in our region. Needless to say, we are actively seeking financial support that will allow us to continue our work. And just as essential, we are reaching out to you for ideas about our future direction. What services can JCAAC provide? Who can we impact? With whom can we partner? How will we sustain our goals? And most important, what are you willing to do to help create the organization we are meant to be.

Your past support is greatly appreciated and we trust your continuing assistance will establish a future direction to which we will all be proud.

Please send your donations and/or ideas to: Johnson City Area Arts Council (jcards@mounet.com) King Centre Suite 302-D, Johnson City, TN 37601.

Wishing you an art filled New Year!

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Invitation to Artists

The Art Show at Sanford House is the first annual fine arts and craft show to raise money for the preservation of Sanford House, one of the finest Knoxville residences built during the 1920s. The Sanford House is located at 3316 Kingston Pike, directly behind First United Methodist Church. The invitation-only show will be held on a blacktop surface behind the House, overlooking a beautiful bend in the Tennessee River and Sequoyah. No admission fee will be charged to the public, and ample free parking will be available for exhibitors and the public.

For more information and application visit

<http://WataugaValleyArtLeague.com/ArtExhibits>

**Watauga Valley Art League
General Membership Meeting
March 21, 2015**

10:30 am – Critique and fellowship

Ed puhr called the meeting to order at 10:58 with a quote by George Bernard Shaw. There is no treasury report in the absence of Mona Kramer, Treasurer. Membership fees for 2015 are now due and are \$33.00.

Susan Donner – The April program will be presented by Bess Crider from Ashville. The member that will present show and tell for the April meeting will remain anonymous and will be a mystery until the April meeting.

Judy O'Hara – There are 23 members that have signed in and 2 visitors.

Art in the Park will be April 10 and 11 at the Johnson City Memorial Community Center and they will provide WVAl with three tables for members to demonstrate and display their work of art.

Trying to buy the castle would like to turn Johnson City in to an Art Mecca and will have a brain storming session at Cranberry's Restaurant April 8 at 5:00 pm. October 21 – 23 she will have an internet digital conference at the King Building.

Judy – The WVAl Picnic will be May 17, 9 am to ? At the Tipton Haynes Historical Park and will have plein air painting. Would like to have a half dozen. Members demonstrate their art and techniques. WVAl will provide the chicken but please sign up to bring a main dish, salad, dessert, drinks or snacks. There will be more information at the next meeting and in the newsletter.

Fairly new member Janice Glover is presenting show and tell this meeting. She works mainly in acrylic. Janice spoke about how important it is to have an art mentor in order to provide encouragement and have a watchful eye and suggestions on improvement.

The program today is presented by Monique Carr.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Elton O'Hara