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THIS CENTURY ART GALLERY

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Reflections from the Executive Director

I begin by saying thank you – to our Board of Directors, staff, our community and you. Since I began my tenure in January, I have been welcomed and shown such kindness. Your warm words of encouragement certainly have shown that I am in the right place at the right time.

I'm looking forward to meeting you in person and learning more about your commitment to This Century Art Gallery and our Art Education Center. This year, we have begun an important branding initiative designed to help us provide the messaging, content, programming and outreach that meets the needs of the marketplace today. As Susan Burkart, one of our new board members shared with us, "Branding is a promise. It tells people what we stand for, what we're proud of. A brand is a relationship between an organization and its clients – it lets the community know what they can expect from an organization."

We welcome some new board members to our board this year and I hope you'll

take the time to introduce yourself and get to know these terrific volunteers who willingly give of their time and resources to support our mission. Congratulations go to Barrow Blackwell, Bobby Braxton, Susan Burkart, Brenda Houlden, and Jane Medlin-Burton.

When I see a work of art, I say to myself that I wish I could produce something like "that." Live performance is one of my passions, so I'm naturally curious about creativity and passion. In the last few months at This Century Art Gallery, I'm seen evidence of both – in abundance, from our artists, instructors, staff, Board of Directors, and you. We move forward with the vision to become the Williamsburg Art Center, because you care and have helped to support the programs you find highlighted in this newsletter.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you

Tempy Barbaru, Executive Director



STATE OF THE GALLERY

From the President: The gallery enjoyed a productive and successful year in 2013.

It started with another well-attended High School show in January with over 100 outstanding two- and three-dimensional works exhibited. In our continuing tradition, we awarded scholarships to students pursuing art in college.

The visiting artists' calendar lived up to our reputation of presenting first-class contemporary art shows for the enjoyment of members and visitors to the area and they were augmented with excellent member's art. In June, we again welcomed Ambassador Walker, who presented the first three prizes at the Members' Show in his mother's name.

The Art Education Center got a face lift with new colorful interior and exterior paint jobs. It has helped give us a new and attractive presence in the Arts District.

We continued to build art classes and workshops for all ages and talent. Competition has increased notably and greater emphasis will be placed on marketing the program. The Weekend Gallery has been a great success, attracting the general public, providing exposure and sales of member's artwork while increasing revenue.

Our community outreach programs continue to serve the public and build awareness for the gallery. The lecture series attracted solid audiences and helped build our partnership with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and the Williamsburg Library. Jail art continues to surprise and delight inmates we teach on a weekly basis and Buddy Art introduces a creative outlet for young people with physical and mental challenges.

Our major annual fundraiser, ArtSpeaks, Large and Small, was a great success and provided a welcome financial boost to operating revenues. The genesis of a new and additional fundraiser plan in 2014 will be a series of private parties under the umbrella of Artful Soirees. Stay tuned for more information.

In May, we held our Annual Meeting at Williamsburg Landing that attracted a record attendance of members and Landing residents. In addition to electing new officers, we announced our purchase of Carlton Abbott's property in City Square where we plan to construct a 7,000 sq ft building to house the Williamsburg Art Center. At a future date, our goal is to fund and sustain the new building with the launch of a capital campaign.

We continued to work our strategic plan goals that focus on three main objectives: restructuring the board to be more governance driven by appointing new members from the community, increasing volunteerism to grow and sustain our expanding programs and increase operating revenue, all essential requirements for future success.

We ended the year financially sound with enthusiasm for making 2014 our best year yet.

As always we welcome your comments and suggestions.

Michael Kirby, President



MICHAEL & JULIET KIRBY ART SOCIETY

The gallery is pleased to announce the establishment of the Michael and Juliet Kirby Art Society as part of our leadership giving effort. Enhanced by the \$10,000 Baker Challenge Grant, the society is proud to have raised over \$23,000 for the gallery. Below are the Founding Members of the Michael and Juliet Kirby Art Society:

Carlton & Nancy Abbott
 Don & Linda Baker
 John & Ann Beard
 Clyde & Gulay Berryman
 Nanci Bond
 Gere Allison Brown
 Jay & Marguerite Brown
 Joe & Susan Burkart
 Gail Burger
 Harry & Jane Medlin-Burton
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 Boyd & Betsy McKelvain
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 Marc & Wilma Sharp
 Sebastiana & Douglas Springmann
 Rice Trolan
 Millie West
 Douglas & Janis Wood

The Michael and Juliet Kirby Art Society will help underwrite the Art Center's Education and Outreach programs in perpetuity with new and continued future support. Our sincere appreciation to these Founding Members and Don and Linda Baker for their Challenge Grant.



A reception was held in May at the residence of Millie West to honor founding members of a leadership giving group, the Kirby Art Society. Five new board members were introduced to the attendees. The new board members will be formally introduced at the annual meeting in May. Pictured from left to right are new board member Barrow Blackwell (Kaufman and Canoles), new board member Jane Medlin-Burton (community leader), Michael Kirby, new board member Susan Burkart (marketing and branding professional), new board member Brenda Houlden (The Wine Seller), Linda Baker (Baker Challenge Grant), and new board member Robert (Bobby) Braxton (community leader).



Michael Kirby and Executive Director Tempy Barbru showcase the commemorative plaque to recognize the founding members of the Kirby Art Society.



Millie West and Juliet and Michael Kirby greeted guests at the reception to honor the Kirby Art Society members.

WORKSHOPS AT THE ART EDUCATION CENTER

This Century Art Gallery (TCAG) is proud to offer a variety of classes to the greater Williamsburg area for the enrichment of the community. Our instructors are all professional artists and experienced teachers, skilled in their medium and well-versed in their art and art craft.

Recent workshops have included:



MARJORIE PERRIN

This Century Art Gallery partnered with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) for a Landscape Painting in Oil Workshop with Artist, Marjorie Perrin. This one-day workshop was sold-out and we have plans to schedule both Marjorie Perrin and other VMFA artists in the future. This program was organized by the VMFA and is funded, in part, by the Paul Mellon Endowment.



KEN WRIGHT

Another popular workshop is Abstract Painting with Artist, Ken Wright, who teaches a workshop at the Art Education Center every semester.

More information regarding upcoming workshops can be found at www.thiscenturyartgallery.org

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ARTSPEAKS: OLD & NEW

Mark your calendars now and help us make 2014 our biggest year ever! On **September 21st**, This Century Art Gallery (TCAG) will hold its fall fundraising event at Legacy Hall in New Town. We are doing something completely different this year! ArtSpeaks: Old and New will be a "gala" type evening. We are very fortunate that Rick Overy, Compass Wealth Strategies, has agreed to be our Auctioneer! He will orchestrate the evening's activities, including live and silent auctions of new and pre-owned artwork donated by regional artists and art collectors, plus non-art related items donated by local businesses, merchants and friends. Prepare to enjoy a full evening that will include ample food, wine and other beverages, and a special entertainment segment that is sure to delight you! The net proceeds from this event will benefit TCAG's exhibitions, programs, classes and outreach, and help further our goal of becoming the Williamsburg Art Center. We thank you for your continued support. You are a vital part of our organization. For more information, call Janis Wood, Co-Chair at 757-220-2217.



ArtSpeaks: Small & Great 2013

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Community Outreach activities include an annual Kids' Art Day, which is free and open to the community for hands-on art projects; a weekly Open Studio, which is open to all students and artists for a nominal fee to cover the cost of a clothed model; a monthly Open Studio for The ARC clients, who are developmentally challenged adults; and Weekend Gallery Exhibits, which are free and open to the public to meet the artists, enjoy the artwork, and also occasionally hear music of local groups or participate in a hands-on, community art activity. Schedule permitting, we also make the Art Education Center available to non-profit community groups in need of meeting space.



ART EDUCATION

The Art Education Center offers classes and workshops for all ages. The adults classes are offered every semester and include: painting (watercolor, acrylic, oil, watermedia), still life, drawing, plein air painting, pastels, iPad art, matte cutting, portrait painting, collage, batik, botanical drawing and painting, paper mache, basic fabric painting, decorative painting on glass, abstract painting, and Never-Before-Had-An-Art-Class.

New in 2013, we held a special 3-day workshop with Carole Barnes. Spring and fall semesters offer youth programs: Elementary School Art, Home School Art, and Teen Art. There are Summer Art Camps for Kids from 4 years old to teenagers. Also in 2013, we were able to simultaneously offer camps for 2 different age groups.



WEEKEND GALLERY

The first 2014 show at our Art Education Center (blue building) on March 28 - 29 was well attended. It featured the works of four artists: Kristen Dahms (mixed media), Fran Jones (watercolor), Kay Krapfl (oil-acrylic-pastel), and Blanche Scharf (jewelry).

We are currently gearing up for the **May 30 and 31** show which features six artists: Judy Cosman (pottery), Caroline Hardy (collage & paper mache), Trotter Hardy (photography), Binford Harrell (oil & oil pastel), Henry Mook (paper mache), and Ginger Olansen (acrylic). Come meet our artists on either Friday night (5:30-7:30) and enjoy wine and light refreshments, or on Saturday (1:00-4:00) when they will be creating their unique works of art. If you would like to participate in a Weekend Gallery show, please complete and return our 2014 WG application (available on our website).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The day-to-day operations of both the Art Education Center and the Boundary Street Gallery fall to the members to maintain the many programs within and the outreach that is provided to the community.

Please consider volunteering in a position that will enhance your creative talents - whether it is Hospitality, Marketing, Reception, Teacher Assistants... the possibilities are endless!!!

A list of opportunities are available at the Gallery, AEC and the website. This is your gallery - be involved!

Consider:

- Serving at the front desk of the gallery to answer calls and greet the public
- Helping to provide refreshments on preview nights
- Working with other volunteers to setup and takedown the Weekend Gallery at the Art Education Center

Contact:

- Someone who would be willing to provide needed supplies for art classes
- A donor who might donate a TV/DVD unit to be used in art classes
- One of your friends or neighbors to host an "art party" at the Art Education Center

BUDDY ART

Buddy Art 2013-2014 included two sessions of 6 classes each. The Fall session included a week-long show of the students' art hosted by Prince George Art & Frame. Both sessions included a final party featuring a cookie-decorating activity and a display of the students' art. We were fortunate to have good weather in spite of all the snow, so no classes were cancelled and the kids got to play with bubbles on the patio – one of their favorite activities.

Fall 2013 session included 17 students enrolled and a total of 52 volunteer buddies. The Spring 2014 session included 23 students enrolled with an average attendance of 17 kids, plus 40 volunteer buddies. St. Olaf's Catholic Church made a large donation to Buddy Art in the Fall. Note Cards featuring art by the Buddy Art students are available for sale at the gallery. All proceeds support the Buddy Art program.



2014 MEMBERS SHOW

The 2014 Annual Members' Show will be held **June 10-July 11**. The show will be installed the weekend of May 31-June 1 and James Warwick Jones, Artistic Director for the Charles H. Taylor Arts Center, will be the judge. Prizes will be awarded at the Members' Preview on Monday, June 9, 5:30 -7:30. The Call for Entries is in the mail and is also available online along with information about the Annual Members' Show



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SHOW

The 2014 High School Student Show included 146 entries by 104 students from six Williamsburg Area High Schools. The teachers from each school selected the artwork to represent their school, and the show was judged by Juliet Kirby who awarded cash prizes for First, Second & Third place plus 8 Merit Awards, as well as 13 Honorable Mention Awards. TCAG members selected the artwork to receive the People's Choice Award at the Members' Preview on January 6th, and Juliet announced the winners at the Student Award Reception on January 8th. [Information about the High School Student Show and list of awards is available online.](#)



2014 ART SCHOLARSHIPS

The TCAG Scholarship Review Committee selected three graduating seniors to receive the 2014 Art Scholarships for students planning to study Art in college in the Fall 2014. Scholarships were awarded to [Aura Fessler, Lafayette High School](#), [Victoria Sprankle, Warhill High School](#), and [Joseph Payson, Bruton High School](#). The scholarship recipients were announced at the Members' Preview on April 28. Information about TCAG's Art Scholarship program is available online.



Joseph Payson, Bruton High School, and Victoria Sprankle, Warhill High School.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 29 - May 30
Ken Smiegowski

May 30, 5:30 - 7:30p

May 31, 1:00 - 4:00p

Weekend Gallery

Art Education Center

110 Westover Avenue, Williamsburg

June 10 - July 11

Members Show

July 15 - August 15

Gloria Coker

August 19 - September 26

Darrell Craig

September 21

ArtSpeak: Old & New

Legacy Hall in New Town

4301 New Town Ave, Williamsburg

September 30 - November 7

Melanie Hartman, Karen Schwartz, and
Patricia Rapoport

September 26, 5:30 - 7:30p

September 27, 1:00 - 4:00p

Weekend Gallery

Art Education Center

November 11 - December 19

Chee Kludt Ricketts

November 14, 5:30 - 7:30p

November 15, 1:00 - 4:00p

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