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Williamsburg Visual Arts Center

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In The Russian Byzantine Tradition

January 28-29-30, 2008

Bruton Parish House

A Mini Workshop

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at the Gallery, limited space available.

President's Remarks

It's signed, sealed and delivered!

City Manager Jack Tuttle advised us that amendments to the restricted covenants on the Paper Mill Creek property have been signed by the State Attorney General and W&M President Gene Nichol. Approval enables us to proceed with negotiations with the city for a long term lease on a portion of the 35 acres. Preliminary meetings have been scheduled with our architect and fellow gallery member Carlton Abbott, to review initial requirements pertaining to those negotiations. We will keep you posted on all future developments.

Lisa Freeman of E. L. Freeman, a Williamsburg-based fund raising consultant, has commenced work on a feasibility study to help guide the board in the design of and preparation of a capital campaign. Her written report will be presented to the board in early January 2008. So, plans are moving forward on the exciting transformation of the gallery to become the **Williamsburg Visual Arts Center**.

I hope many of you attended the second annual *Dance the Decade - Art in Motion* fundraiser. It was an even greater success than last year's event. Cindy May and her committee did an outstanding job in organizing and managing this special event.

This summer we hired Lori Jakubow as part-time Outreach Director. Lori has done a fine job of moving quickly to expand our art education programs by increasing adult and children's classes, establishing a partnership arrangement with the Williamsburg Landing to use their new facilities for classes, and introducing iconography and pottery to our class offerings.

A new lectures series commenced this month and will run through next March. They are made possible through our partnership with the Virginia

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MEMBER NEWS ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Jan Ledbetter's painting titled "My Daughter's New Scarf" was juried into the prestigious National Watercolor Society 87th Annual Exhibition 2007 and selected for their important Travel Show which will go to many museums and galleries across the country this next year.

In addition, she was also awarded third place in the Virginia Watercolor Society 28th Annual juried Exhibition 2007 currently on display the Charles Taylor Arts Center in Hampton.



Karen Schwartz won an "Award of Excellence" in September for her painting "Crossing the Millennium Bridge" from the Central Virginia Watercolor Guild at their Annual Exhibition at the McGuffey Arts Center.



Archie Fripp has been named Official Photographer for This Century Art Gallery. Mr. Fripp's unique photography background will enhance the coverage of the Gallery's rich visual arts, education, and outreach programs.

Archie and his wife Jean are long standing members and volunteers of the Gallery.

Mr. Fripp is retired from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. In his previous work he used cameras to record images of the inner workings of nature not only with light but also with electrons and x-rays. Using experiences with microchips, he helped develop the digital camera that now sits on the planet Mars. He also helped evaluate and choose the first cameras for the Hubble Space Telescope.

Pat Wilson's painting "Calla Lilies in Watercolor" is a winner in the Easter Seals 2008 Seal Art Contest. Ten finalists are selected by Easter Seals and the winners are chosen by an online vote.

Pat learned about the contest because she has an autistic granddaughter and Easter Seals provides resources and help for families living with autism.

Pat's painting is one of six winners that is chosen to be represented on Easter Seal stamps and distributed to 15 million homes in February 2008 as part of the Easter Seals annual fund drive.

Pat began painting many years ago in her native New Jersey, using pastels and specializing in children's portraits. She started working in watercolor when she and her husband, Jack, retired to Williamsburg in 1989. She has studied under several watercolor artists in this area. Pat is a member and volunteer at This Century Art Gallery where she has exhibited her work.



President's Remarks

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Museum of Fine Arts and will again be held at the Williamsburg Regional Library. See a separate article on the lecture subjects. The focus on expanding art education is a key ingredient in our plans for the new arts center, where all programs will be held on premises.

We have decided to defer the Annual Meeting until February 2008, at which time we anticipate having a more comprehensive progress report to share with the membership. A save the date notice will go out 30 days prior to the meeting.

At the risk of being repetitive, I want to encourage you to volunteer some of your time to gallery activities. We are always looking for members to work on committees, or take a turn managing the front desk. Please contact Charlene or me for volunteer opportunities. As always, I welcome your suggestions and comments.

Michael Kirby

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 16 – November 16, 2007

Main Gallery: Ania Nergaar-Nammack, Abstract-Representational Painter, Lewes, DE

Craft Gallery: Tamara Lee Little, Weavings & Polly Nunn, Ceramics

Members' Gallery: Walk on the Wild Side

Kiwanis Children's Gallery: York County Schools

November 20 – December 21, 2007

Main Gallery: Gloria Coker, Painter, Newport News, VA

Craft Gallery: Devon Rawson & Maggie Sobataka Unique Crafts

Members' Gallery: Landscapes & Portraits

Kiwanis Children's Gallery: Rawls Byrd & James River Elementary Schools

December 22 through January 7, 2008

Gallery Closed

January 8 – February 8, 2008

Downstairs Galleries: Fifth Annual High School Student Art Show

Members' Gallery: Award Winners From the 2007 Annual Members Show

Kiwanis Children's Gallery: Toano, Berkeley & James Blair Middle Schools

Aromas Promotion To Benefit TCAG

Aromas Specialty Coffees & Gourmet Bakery has generously offered to include TCAG as a beneficiary in "Great Coffees for Great Causes", their ongoing charitable program designed to support area nonprofits. Aroma's will donate \$3.00 to the gallery for every pound of their coffee purchased using specially designed coupons available through the gallery and its website as well as at gallery events. The promotion was launched at *Dance the Decades—Art in Motion* when patrons were able to sample the various flavors available, including Columbian Supremo, Guatemalan, Sumatran and an excellent Colombian DECAF. This promotion is ongoing and members are encouraged to enjoy Aroma's excellent coffees, share coupons with their friends and help support the gallery operations at the same time. This Century Art Gallery, the Williamsburg Visual Arts Center, wishes to express its deep appreciation to Don and Geri Pratt for this generous support. For more information, contact the gallery at 229-4949 or the website at www.thiscenturyartgallery.org.

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This Century Art Gallery is one of the many nonprofit partners in Leave A Legacy® Greater Williamsburg, a community-wide initiative to increase giving through wills. Leave A Legacy is a media campaign that encourages donors to *Make a Difference in the Lives that Follow* by making a charitable gift part of your estate plan. We hope that as you consider your annual gift to TCAG you also think about your Legacy to our community. Leave A Legacy has also published the Charitable Gifting Guide, which lists charities and professional advisors who can assist with estate and financial planning. Copies of the guide are available at the offices of these advisors, TCAG, or the Williamsburg Community Trust. Visit www.LALWMBG.org for more information on Leave A Legacy Greater Williamsburg.



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Please help us raise funds for important programs by linking your MVP card and shopping at Food Lion. You may link your MVP card by visiting the Food Lion website at www.foodlion.com. Click on **LionShop & Share Register Your MVP Cards** then click on **This Century Art Gallery** or type This Century Art Gallery in the box. Make sure to include **all twelve digits** of your MVP number including the small numbers at the beginning and end of the bar code.

You can also register by phone by calling **1-800-210-9569**. Or, if you prefer, complete the attached sign up form and a Gallery representative will be happy to register your MVP card for you.

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This Century Art Gallery
219 North Boundary Street
Williamsburg, Virginia 23187

The Painted Banner Project

If you haven't been by the Gallery lately you might not recognize it. Thanks to the efforts of a group of member artists the building has had a face-lift. The painted banner project is an awareness campaign to bring attention to This Century Art Gallery and the many important programs it offers to the Williamsburg community. Member artists have volunteered to paint 4 by 6-foot cotton drop cloth canvases, which are then sealed with an exterior UV protector and hung on the front of the Gallery. The canvases are all for sale to benefit important TCAG programs and will be rotated throughout the coming months. Currently hanging are *Sail Away* by Kay Krapfl, *Apollo* by Lori Jakubow, and *Oops* by Rice Trolan. Participating artists also include Apryl Altman, Elizabeth Eubanks, Dorothy Grebos, Kim Holland, Sharon Parker, Lucia Romano, and Maggie Sobataka.



Art Program Partnership

This Century Art Gallery has joined with Williamsburg Landing to provide studio space for art classes. The brand new studio art facility is located in the Doig Health Club and Spa and was designed specifically for art classes, workshops, and lectures. The studio is spacious, well lit, and houses all new equipment including a potters wheel and kiln, which will allow 3-D classes. TCAG has an outstanding roster of artists and instructors who will teach at the new facility making this a positive creative venture for both organizations. Classes are currently in session and are available to TCAG members, residents of the Landing, and open to the public.



Carrie Hicks, Michael Kirby, and Maggie Sobataka at the new studio art facility at Williamsburg Landing.

New Home School Art Program

This Century Art Gallery - Williamsburg Visual Arts Center has introduced a new Home School Art Program consisting of four six week sessions throughout the 2007-08 school year developed in accordance with visual arts standards and designed to complete the fine art component of a home school curriculum. The curriculum includes the elements and principles of design, drawing techniques, painting, printmaking, diverse mixed media, art history and cultural art. Classes are taught by professional artist instructors with a high teacher to student ratio in a fun creative environment designed to engage students and promote a cultivation of the arts. Mondays 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm for students ages 7 - 14. The next session begins (session 3) February 4 - March 10, 2008. Session 4 runs March 17 - April 21, 2008. Register by phone at 229-4949 or at the Gallery.

Art After School

TCAG is pleased to announce another successful new children's art program "Art After School", art classes open to children ages 7-14. Children develop their individual interests in art by spending time after school in a creative environment working in diverse media. Classes are Mondays from 3:45 to 5:00 pm. The remaining 2007 schedule of classes is November 5, 12, 26, & December 3. The course fee is \$10 per class and all supplies are included! Register by phone at 229-4949 or in person at the Gallery, class size is limited.

Art @ Your Library Fall Lecture Series

Centuries of Art @ Your Library is sponsored by This Century Art Gallery - Williamsburg Visual Arts Center in partnership with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and the Williamsburg Regional Library. The free lecture series is made possible through This Century Art Gallery's partnership program with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA). It has been organized by the Office of Statewide Partnerships of the VMFA and is supported by the Paul Mellon Endowment.

The presentations are at 7:30 PM in the Williamsburg Library Theatre located at 515 Scotland Street. Light refreshments are served following the presentation.

Fall Schedule

Oct. 29	Mr. Mellon's Romantics: Eugene Delacroix and Theodore Gericault
Nov. 5	A Brilliant Disorder: The Works of William Blake
Nov. 12	Living in The Golden Age: Florence and the Medici Living in 15 th Century Italy
Dec. 3	The Painted Veil: J.M. W. Turner and the English Romantic Landscape
Jan. 28	The Wine of Genius: Maurice Utrillo an His Portrait of Montemarte
Feb. 18	Freedom in Pigment: Henry O. Tanner's Life and Work
Feb. 25	Lazarre Gallery presents: Russian Impressionist Art
Mar. 10	Gardens Since Eden

Gloria Coker, Painter

This Century Art Gallery, November 20 – December 21. “Gloria Coker's work is poetry, music, and motion blended in a vibrant world of color that is breath taking. Her art pulsates with life and sound. It is like being at the center of a vortex of energy, momentum and brilliance- swept into a dynamic landscape of visual splendor.” Gloria Coker was an illustrator for the Newport News, Virginia Daily Press (a Chicago Tribune newspaper) newsroom for twelve years before pursuing her career as a professional fine artist. Her work there included illustrating newsroom and feature stories as well as courtroom art, which appeared in the newspaper and on TV.



Gloria Coker's loose and vivid acrylics and oils capture her feelings about people of all ages as they engage in their passions and everyday activities. She displays her personal art including musicians and dancers in galleries in Virginia, North Carolina, California, and Washington, D.C. Her collectors are worldwide. She has taught classes in watercolor at CNU, TNCC, and Peninsula Fine Art Center. Her awards are numerous. Ms. Coker's art is in many collections throughout the US and Europe,

including Ernie Els, JoAnn Falletta, Tom Clancy, Marcel Desaulniers, Fuzzie Zoeller, and the Daily Press.

Holiday Craft Sale



The annual Holiday Craft Sale featuring unique fine art crafts is **November 20 - December 21**. Plan to save your special holiday shopping for this once a year event!

If you are health conscious and looking for the safest of painting mediums, think about Casein. A milk-based binding agent is used for this aqueous medium. It is solvent free!

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Maggie Sobataka

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TCAG ANNUAL FUND

In keeping with standard non-profit procedures, the board of directors of This Century Art Gallery decided to institute an Annual Fund appeal beginning in the fall of 2007. As we seek to expand our mission to provide the Williamsburg community with the best quality contemporary art and art education, the cost of doing business is no longer being adequately met with membership dues, art sales and other incidental income. Staffing, supplies and general operating expenses continue to increase. This long overdue measure will allow our members and others in the community to lend their additional support to the gallery and its programs while creating a stronger financial base. Your support at any level will be most welcome and appreciated.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS January 11, 2008.
Please submit news items to editor Erin Houston
via e-mail at eohouston@gmail.com or by phone:
(757) 229-4949. *Thank you.*



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