



THIS CENTURY

ART GALLERY ▲ WILLIAMSBURG

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March-April 2005

President's Message

Spring is finally here, and there are many items to share with you.

- ▲ Our search for a new facility continues without success in either identifying an appropriate lot on which to build or finding an existing building suitable to convert into a gallery. We have broadened the search beyond the City of Williamsburg to include James City and York Counties, recognizing the dispersion of growth in the area.
- ▲ I appeal to all members to contact me if you know of a property that would meet our needs. We would be delighted if anyone is in a position to donate a property and assume the substantial tax benefits from such a donation. This happened recently to the benefit of the Heritage Humane Society. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have ideas or suggestions. Until we identify a facility, we cannot initiate the Capital Campaign. Our fundraising success depends heavily on potential contributors identifying

with the location and the property.

- ▲ At the March meeting, the board approved a modest increase in dues to remain consistent with other area arts organizations. A separate article describes the increases and attendant benefits for those willing to make contributions beyond the basic annual dues. The increases will take effect at the beginning of our fiscal year on **1 September 2005**.
- ▲ We have two gift opportunities for members and the general public. First, Don Smith's book, *Lefevre James Cranstone. His Life and Art*. Don gave a lecture on this subject last month at the Library and copies are available at the front desk. Secondly, we are producing note cards of all 15 painted violins from last year's successful *The Art of Music* fundraiser. They will be available for sale in early April. Member discounts will not apply to the note cards.
- ▲ Finally, I want to remind you that our last lecture for the season will be at the Library on Monday, April 4 commencing at 7.30pm. Barbara Johnson will talk about Vermeer's *Girl with the Pearl Earring*.

As always I welcome your comments and suggestions.

Michael Kirby

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Colonial Polo Cup Art Competition



The Williamsburg Kiwanis Foundation's second polo fundraiser will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2005 at Shirley Plantation in Charles City. This year's event will include the Colonial Polo Cup art competition.

Artists are invited to submit original paintings (acrylic, oil, watercolor) inspired by polo, the 'sport of kings' experience: its scenes, sites, horses, and spectators. Framed entries (landscape format preferred; maximum size 16" x 20"), will be accepted at This Century Art Gallery on Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27, from 10 a.m. until noon.

Judges for the competition are Fred Czufin from the Gallery, Gene Chis of the Williamsburg Area Arts Commission, and Larry Murphy, member of the Williamsburg Kiwanis Foundation. The winner will be notified and introduced at a Gallery members' reception on Monday evening, March 28.

The winning entry will be featured on this year's Colonial Polo Cup commemorative poster, souvenir program book and other promotional materials. The artist will be given space in the Polo Cup Boutique at Shirley Plantation the day of the event to display and/or sell his art and to sign copies of the poster that will be for sale.

All entries in the Colonial Polo Cup art competition will be on display at the Gallery until May 6.

Artists wishing to enter the contest or those seeking details about the Colonial Polo Cup art competition may receive a copy of the competition's rules by contacting Williamsburg Kiwanis Foundation members Rice Trolan at

757-221-8308 or Larry Murphy at 757-564-6841.

For information about the Colonial Polo Cup visit colonialpolocup.org or call 757-873-7333.

Gallery Art Scholarships

This Century Art Gallery is pleased to announce that \$2000 in art scholarships will be awarded to Williamsburg area art students this spring. Graduating seniors in the Williamsburg, James City County and Bruton District of York County School Districts, including home-schooled students residing in these districts, were invited to apply. The minimum award will be \$500.

The scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who best demonstrate an ability in art and are planning to continue their education at the college level in the Fall with art as a major interest. Students were required to submit a portfolio of 8-15 pieces representing their recent artwork along with two letters of reference. The portfolios will be reviewed by a jury committee, and finalists will be invited for an interview. All portfolios will be returned

The TCAG 2005 Art Scholarships are funded in part by *The Virginia Commission for the Arts* and the *National Endowment for the Arts*.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

It has been a pleasure to participate as a board member of *This Century Art Gallery* and as your Outreach Chairman. The time has come me to pass this task onto another. You will find **JENNIE COX** to be a most competent Outreach Chairman with energy and thoughtful concern for the Gallery, our community and the development of outreach programming.

Thank you to all the membership for the support you have shown outreach education programming. I will continue as craft chairman for the Gallery. My goal will always be to promote TCAG has an asset to the community Williamsburg.

Sincerely,
Maggie Sobataka

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

K. DIANNE HOTTENSTEIN: PAINTER, PRINTER & POTTER

THIS CENTURY ART GALLERY-MAIN GALLERY &
CRAFT ROOM

FEBRUARY 15 - MARCH 25, 2005

GRAND PLACES & SMALL PLACES

THIS CENTURY ART GALLERY-UPSTAIRS

FEBRUARY 15 - MARCH 25, 2005

LECTURE SERIES

WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL LIBRARY

APRIL 4, 2005 ▲ 7:30 PM

TOPIC: *VERMEER'S GIRL WITH THE PEARL
EARRING*

Z.L. FENG: WATERCOLOR ARTIST

THIS CENTURY ART GALLERY-MAIN GALLERY

MARCH 29-MAY 6, 2005

DOUG EUBANK: SALT-FIRED PORCELAIN & STONEWARE

THIS CENTURY ART GALLERY-CRAFT ROOM

MARCH 29-MAY 6, 2005

GALLERY DUES AND BENEFITS REVISIONS

Changes effective Sept. 1, 2005

In order to meet the increasing challenges of balancing the budget and keep pace with other area arts organizations, the Gallery board approved the following revisions to dues effective **September 1, 2005**:

Students \$10 Single \$35 Family \$50

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membership will remain an additional \$20 for single and \$30 for family.

Membership benefits presently include:

- Invitation to preview receptions
- Gallery newsletter subscription
- Opportunity to meet featured artist(s)
- 10% discount on purchases
- 15% discount on purchases for volunteers
- Discount on gallery art classes

In lieu of an expanded annual fund component, the board also created the opportunity for gallery members to increase their membership benefits by joining one of the newly-formed gift clubs. These are:

Friend \$100-249 **Patron** \$500-999

Sustainer \$250-499 **Benefactor** 1,000.++

You will be hearing more about these categories in the months ahead. Remember that ***This Century Art Gallery*** is a 501(c) 3, non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Your support, at every level, is most appreciated.

RICE TROLAN would like to thank the 20 artists who donated pictures to be auctioned at the annual ***Kiwanis Snowball*** Annual Charity Fund-Raiser. The beautiful pictures garnered several thousand dollars in the silent auction. The proceeds from the fund-raiser (approximately \$20,000) will be distributed among some forty charity organizations in our community. It all goes back to those in need. Thanks a Million \$\$.

MEMBER NEWS

- ▲ Artist-member, **PATRICIA RAPOPORT'S** painting, *Hydrangeas*, has been accepted to the ***Southern Watercolor Society's 2005 Annual Exhibition*** to be held April 29-May 30 at the ***Visual Arts Center***, 19 East 4th Street, Panama City, FL 324015, and her painting, "Copenhagen" has been accepted in "Splash 9", to be published in 2006.
- ▲ Artist-member, **POLLY NUNN**, will be exhibiting paintings, sculpture and photography at the Trellis Restaurant during from March 14 through June 20th.



"Flame Lilly"
by Polly Nunn

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This Century Art Gallery greatly appreciates the continued dedication of its many volunteers.

The role of **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** was established to organize our volunteer staff for a period of three months. We would like to express our gratitude to Miriam Tharpe for her efforts as coordinator for the months of December, January & February. During the months of March, April & May, we welcome Kathy Hornsby who has graciously volunteered for this important role.

Please remember to bring your calendar with you when you are working a shift so that you may sign up for your next volunteer shift. Then, call the **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** to let her know that the slot is filled.

If you are interested in the position of **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** for the months of June, July & August or other volunteer opportunities, please contact Charlene Zolad at the Gallery.



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