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Artist Richard Wilson stands next to his pastel "Push Daddy" at the exhibit reception on February 10. He is holding a copy of the book with the same name, showing the picture on the cover. The child in the picture is his youngest daughter.

This Century Art Gallery is pleased to announce the **2007 Art Scholarship Winners**: Congratulations to **Matthew Athayde**, from Walsingham Academy, **Rachel Hammett**, from Williamsburg Christian Academy, and to **Kiersten Marshall** and **Zachary Lee Black**, both from Lafayette High School. These talented students will each receive a \$500 scholarship toward their pursuit of art as a major interest in college.

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President's Remarks

Spring has sprung and we are surrounded by nature's canvas of incredible beauty!

The first quarter was focused on a series of planning activities. First, we were successful in our presentation to the Williamsburg Winery for one of their "Wine on Wednesdays" fundraising events, and I hope you were all able to attend on April 25th. It was a fun event that attracted a record crowd and yielded a contribution to the Gallery of over \$2,000.

Our fundraising efforts will continue with the second "Dance the Decades - Art in Motion" event scheduled for Saturday, October 20th, so please note the date on your calendars now. It will be held at Bruce's Super Body Shop again and promises to be another outstanding evening.

By the time you receive this newsletter, I hope you were able to attend one of the information meetings at the Williamsburg Regional Library on the proposed visual arts center at Paper Mill Creek, presented by Carlton Abbott. Carlton reviewed a site plan, described a two level floor plan, listed the various planning stages, and requested the membership to share their thoughts on what they would like to see included in the new structure.

Amendments to the Deeds and Covenants on the property have been approved and signed by City Council and forwarded to the College for countersignature. Approval by both parties will enable the project to go forward, and with your input from the information meetings, architectural renderings can commence.

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Richard Wilson Pastels Exhibit

On Monday evening, February 12, This Century Art Gallery had a packed house for the preview of the Richard Wilson Pastels Exhibit. Wilson's national and international award-winning works were on exhibit February 13 through March 23. Artist Tasha McKelvey was there to introduce her pottery exhibit as well.



Top right: Richard Wilson posed with his pastel, "The Writings on the Wall II," the day he delivered his pastels to the gallery. (As in so many of his pictures, the girl in this painting is one of his daughters.)

Bottom right: gallery visitors visit the exhibit opening on February 12.

Top left: TCAG Artistic Director Darrell Craig (left) and Vice President Bob Zolad at the opening.

Bottom left: Pottery artist Tasha McKelvey with her "Large Patchwork Box."

We are exceedingly grateful to Dan and Betsy Hollins for the most generous gift they have made to the gallery in honor of Hank Mook and Elaine Abbott's contributions to the Williamsburg arts community over the years.

Naming opportunities will be available to donors during the construction of the new building, and Hank and Elaine will be invited to select the way in which they wish to be recognized.

President's Remarks

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A Business Plan is in the final stages of development and will be a key document for the implementation of a Feasibility Study, anticipated this fall.

The May Show features wonderful watercolor impressions by Eleanor Cox of local scenes and from Europe, Mexico, and across the States.

We are constantly seeking new volunteers to work on various committees, and I urge you to let us know where your interests lie. Currently, we are looking for additional help in communications, governance, art education coordination and desk sitters. Please alert Charlene Zolad if any of these functions appeal to you.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions, and appreciate your continued support.

--Michael Kirby

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 18-July 27, 2007
2007 TCAG Annual Members Show

October 20, 2007
DANCE THE DECADES-Art in Motion

Annual Members Show Opens June 29

The 2007 TCAG Annual Members' Show will take place June 18 and run through July 27. Call for Entries were mailed to TCAG members in late April. All TCAG members are eligible to submit one piece for the show as defined in the Call for Entries. Entry forms will also be available in the gallery and on the TCAG website and will be due at the Gallery on Saturday, June 2.

(www.thiscenturyartgallery.org/MembersShowEntryForm.htm)

Art work will be accepted on Saturday, June 9. The Jean H. Walker Award Of Excellence for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place along with 9 Merit Awards will be designated by an outside judge for a total of 12 cash prizes to be awarded at the Members' Preview and Awards Ceremony on Monday, June 18th. Ambassador Howard K. Walker will join us to present the awards in his late mothers name.

Dr. Barbara Rothermel Final Speaker in Winter Lecture Series



Rothermel

On Monday March 12, 2007 This Century Art Gallery concluded its Centuries of Art @ Your Library winter lecture series, with a lecture by Dr. Barbara Rothermel, Professor of Art History and Director of the Daura Gallery at Lynchburg College.

Her lecture "American Landscape Paintings in Transition, 150-1940," linked the changing views of American landscape painting with the social and cultural history of America from the mid-19th century through the Great Depression.



EXHIBITS
ELEANOR COX, WATERCOLORS
ELIZABETH A. SAWYER, CERAMIC ART & DESIGN
UPSTAIRS GALLERY: PICTURES FROM MY TRAVELOGUE
MAY 8 THROUGH JUNE 8, 2007



Vineyard Morning 3 by Eleanor Cox



This Century Art Gallery President Michael Kirby and Artist Eleanor Cox



Maggie Sobataka introducing Artist Elizabeth Sawyer

Snapshots from the May 7, 2007 Member Preview; Eleanor Cox Watercolors and Elizabeth Sawyer, Ceramic Art & Design. Eleanor Cox has been a professional watercolor artist since 1963 and paints landscapes of Virginia, Ireland, Scotland, France and Italy, focusing on freshness and clarity of light. Elizabeth Sawyer is a professional artist who concentrates on ceramic art and design. The exhibit runs through June 8, 2007.

Artist Accomplishments

Jan Ledbetter's painting titled "Emily" was juried into the Southern Watercolor Society 30th Annual Exhibition, 2007 where it received the FW Publications Award and American Artist Watercolor magazine Winter issue featured Jan's paintings in an article.

For his "Freedom Flows" (an oak burlwood vessel inlaid with brass and turquoise stone), **Ray Rountree**, Woodturner from Suffolk, was awarded on 3/31/07 an Honorable Mention at the Contemporary Arts Center of Virginia's themed exhibition, "By Our Heirs Forever" in conjunction with the exhibition of the Magna Carta and Four Foundations of Freedom. Nineteen artists and 22 works were selected from almost 200. (Only four works were 3-D--two of which were Ray's.) Exhibition continues through June 18, 2007.

Peggy Kossler recently had two paintings accepted into the Florida Suncoast Watercolor Society juried show at Englewood (February), and two accepted into the Venice Art Center Members Show. Go to: <http://womencontemporaryartists.com/>, click on Kossler.

Dare Boles had a piece of art selected to be included in the Northwest Area Arts Council 20th annual juried show in Woodstock, IL. The juror for the show was international artist/author Judy Chicago. The show ran March 1- April 29.

WINTER ART CLASSES

Winter Art Class: Introduction to Oil Pastels

Introduction to Oil Pastels students Buster Bilyeu, Robert Landen and Kris Merritt are applying new techniques, mixing colors, and value changes by copying old masters. Class instructor, Darrell Craig is a painting and drawing instructor and the Artistic Director and Vice President of This Century Art Gallery.



*Left to right:
Darrell Craig,
Kris Merritt,
Buster Bilyeu*

"Watercolor-Release the Creative Spirit" was taught by Maggie Sobataka. In this class students explored expanding traditional techniques to free themselves to include unconventional means of finding an end result.



*Left to right: Maggie Sobataka, Bonnie Coyle, Sandra Ross,
Jerry Buetow*

This Century Art Gallery winter art classes included Botanical Drawing & Painting taught by Williamsburg artist Juliet Kirby.

Students brought a flower to paint and Juliet worked individually with them on specific areas that needed strengthening. She also demonstrated botanical watercolor techniques. The class learns to paint beautiful representational flowers, fruits, and leaves while developing drawing skills with a special focus on contour and shading and accurately depict botanicals using this traditional approach.

Juliet Kirby's carefully rendered work is the result of many years of study both in the United States and in her native England. She attended the Byam School of Art and The Central School of Art in London where she established the foundation for a career as a botanical artist. She graduated from the Botanical Illustration Program at the New York Botanical Garden, specializing in watercolor and pen and ink. Juliet has been teaching for several years, and continues to present her botanical art in regional exhibitions.



*Left to right: Juliet Kirby with class: Sue Rountree,
Louanne Martin, Juliet Kirby (sitting), Jane Pierce, Rice
Trolan, Susan Franz, Nick Vrettos, Virginia Treese, Betty
Ducote*

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS August 6, 2007. Please submit news items to the gallery via e-mail, thiscenturyartgallery@verizon.net or by phone, (757) 229-4949. Thank you.



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