



VIRGINIA EQUINE ARTISTS
ASSOCIATION

The Association for Virginia Equine Artists and Photographers



JULY 2020

Letter from the President

Hello fellow members,

I have to say that this “situation” has finally gotten to me! So much so that I totally forgot to get out the newsletter on July 1st. (I am still putting flags in this late issue!) I apologize, and blame it on simply not knowing what day of the week or month it is.

I have house projects half finished and creative work that doesn't get finished or even started. I worry about going out, going to the grocery store, and doing anything remotely attached to my former life.

What keeps me going? Groups like this one, and the friends I have made from groups like this one. We are all in this together, let's move in a direction that will bring an end to this madness, heal our Country, and get us all back in the saddle!

Eleszabeth

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Our Annual Meeting scheduled for June 27 has been postponed. We will keep you posted on the date, but probably not until Fall or later.

ART CONTEST! Winner will be announced in the July Newsletter but online on our FB page by the middle of June!



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News from member Liz Callar



I got to the Middleburg Spring Races shooting from the rail. I was on the course at The Virginia Gold Cup and got some great shots.

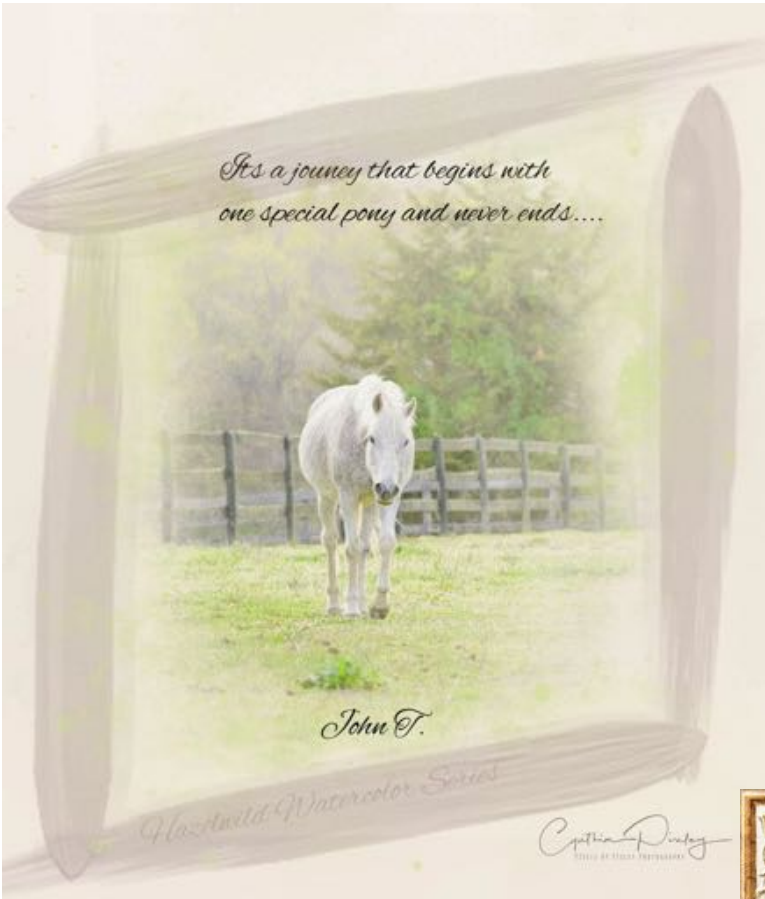


I entered the American Horse Publication and got a third place in the category of Editorial Action Photograph

Congratulations!



YOUR PAGE



Featured Artist

VEAA Member and Social Media Manager, Cyndi Pixley
<https://www.facebook.com/cynthia.s.pixley>

Please send jpg images and/or information on what you are working on at the moment.
Please email to E7Aquila@aol.com. Need artist for August newsletter.



A Message from Marion Mercer, our Publicity/Marketing Manager

I know in my soul that I am an artist, but at this point in my life, truthfully I am an art educator first and foremost. I am also engaged heavily as an animal janitor (6 horses and 5 cats), but that's another story... As an educator, the greatest joy is in working with students who inspire me with what they do, and sometimes with what they have done. Teaching in a community college brings a highly diverse student body, from teenagers still in high school, to seniors in their 80's. I've never had anyone in their 90's, but I will be delighted when one arrives in my studio!



Over the past two years I worked with an exceptional student who came to Lord Fairfax Community College wanting to add an art degree to the degrees he had already accumulated. Jason Hatch already had a full career in the U.S. Army, retiring as a Major in 1993, and is now working on exploring the full potential of his life. He started with studio art, and was a great student. He was also taking creative writing, and at this point feels his strengths lie in writing and film making. Jason always has an eye out for his fellow, usually younger, students. At LFCC he included them in his film projects and talked to them about creative fellowships and residencies. I hope you will take the time to watch his fascinating interview, completed after his artist's residency at Gettysburg, PA, and also his short film, ANAMORFIKA. Within the strictures of the Corman Quarantine Film Challenge, Jason had to use a cell phone, shoot it at home, and keep it under two minutes. He creates a phenomenal emotional journey within this framework.

You may have noticed that there is nothing about horses in my description of Jason Hatch. Much of my life in art doesn't include horses, though I wish there was much more. I do feel very strongly that art is an important factor in all human life. Any chance I have to present that importance to those around us not as deeply involved in art as we all are... well, I think it benefits all artists. Our school honors student superlatives in the spring. As the chair for the art department, I talk with adjuncts and decide on an Outstanding Art Student. This year I was for the first time strongly compelled to also put forward a student for our LFCC Outstanding Graduate. The committee chose Jason from the pool of other wonderfully qualified candidates. I was thrilled, not only for Jason, but for all the other art students as well.

Please view Jason's film by copying and pasting this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VErFZQtoCBA&feature=youtu.be>

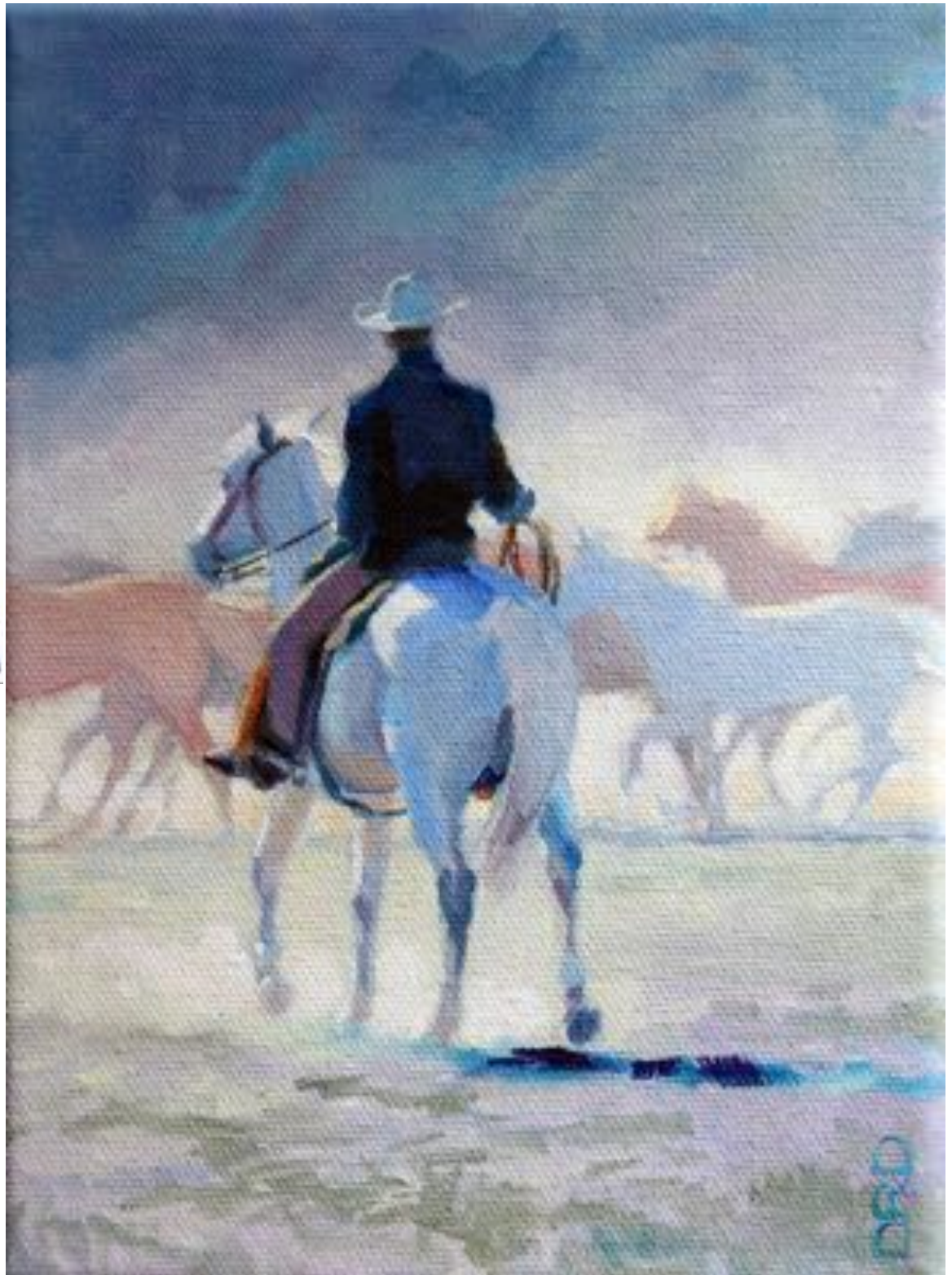
A Podcast about Jason's artist in residence can be heard here:

<http://seminaryexplores.uls.edu/e/war-is-no-place-for-children-a-soldier-s-story/>



The Winner of our First Art Contest is

Donna
Doyle



Bringing
in the
Herd



Two Honorable Mentions

Robyn
Ryan



Patience

&

Renae
Major

Call
to
the Post





**Debby Thomas' Workshop at Zephyr Farm
has been rescheduled to
October 31st, rain-date November 1st.**

Please contact Debby at tthomas222@comcast.net
for more information or to sign up
for this workshop!



Mark your calendar! July 23, at 7 pm. Join other VEAA members in a ZOOM social hour. Let's talk about what we have been doing, or what we are working on, or, you don't have to talk at all, just listen, be a part of the group.

We will be sending out the contact information for the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!



Free Classifieds for Members!

Send me info about art related items you want to sell and it will be posted in this monthly newsletter!

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