

# VIRGINIA EQUINE ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

The Association for Virginia Equine Artists & Photographers

VEAA Member Newsletter

Fall 2008



## Thoughts from VEAA President, ELAINE HURST

Happy fall to everyone! What a gorgeous time of year. There are beautiful colors that grab at my artist's heart. I love the perfect kind of riding weather too!

Change. Change happens, and as we know all too well, change is in the air. While change can be scary, it also presents an opportunity for growth. We don't grow when we are comfortable and doing the "same-ole, same-ole." The economic problems going on are scary in many ways, and we know that as artists, it will have an effect on us. Election changes will bring another change to our country.

The VEAA had its own elections. Although there were no debates, and no huge press coverage, in our corner of the country, there will also be changes. I will be handing over the reins of the presidency to Debby Thomas, who has been our exceptionally competent vice president. I know that Debby will be an outstanding president and will take the VEAA in wonderful directions. I will stay

on the VEAA board and remain in charge of workshops.

Our new vice president will be the extremely capable, and energetic Kristen Queen. Kristen will be a wonderful new addition to the VEAA board, officers, and the membership. She has also taken over several big projects, including "Celebrating the Horses of Virginia". Welcome to the VEAA board, Kristen.

Treasurer Wilma Bradner will keep her office as will our recording secretary, Renae Major. Both Wilma and Renae do an amazing job of keeping our records, communication and all sorts of other things very well organized.

So, as your out-going president, I bid you all farewell and happy painting. I have thoroughly enjoyed being president during our formative years. Now it is time for change, time to move into a new era for the VEAA. I, for one, look forward to going along for the ride!

*Elaine*

## Welcome New Members

Liz Callar  
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Suzanne Clifford-Clark  
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Culpeper, VA 22701

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## OUR MISSION...

to promote and market Virginia equine art and to provide educational opportunities for Virginia equine artists and photographers.

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**VEAA 2008 Member Events in Review**



VEAA exhibit during the Virginia Derby Party at Colonial Downs. A portion of sale proceeds was donated to the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation.

**April 26, Blue Ridge Hospice Benefit Reception at Foxcote Barn, sponsored by the Blue Ridge Hunt, White Post, VA:** Elaine Hurst, Debby Thomas, Wilma Bradner, David Everette, Renae Major, Marion Mercer, Julie Scott, Carole Newton, Patricia Bevan, Doris Phillips

**July 18, Virginia Derby Party benefiting the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, Colonial Downs, New Kent, VA:** Elaine Hurst, Debby Thomas, Wilma Bradner, David Everette, Kristin Wise, Renae Major, Kristen Queen, Vanessa Elam

**September 6, Virginia Draft Horse & Mule Association Old Dominion Show, Culpeper, VA:** Cancelled due to tropical storm Hanna

**November 1, Montpelier Hunt Races, Montpelier Station, VA:** Carole Newton, Wilma Bradner, Elaine Hurst, Debby Thomas, Renae Major, Linda Warshaw, David Everette, Karen Trimmer, Linda Wolitz, Marion Mercer, Rebecca Knotts



Blue Ridge Hospice Benefit Reception at Foxcote Barn.

**The VEAA now offers Credit Card Processing for Members Participating in VEAA Events**

To simplify sales at different exhibition venues and as a new benefit for its members, the VEAA now processes Visa and MasterCard credit sales. Being able to accept credit charges can be the determining factor in a sale as few people carry checkbooks and even fewer carry cash. In addition, because there are often sales of more than one artist's work to a single patron, the process is simplified by the use of a single sales ticket. All purchases are handled through a central cashier at the show and checks are sent to the artists, usually within a week. There is a small surcharge of three percent to cover the associated costs to the VEAA.

**Eight VEAA Members Participate in Horses In Art Cooperative Ad**

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Eight VEAA members took part in a cooperative ad (detail above) that appeared in the fall issue of the Horses In Art magazine. Members interested in participating in future VEAA cooperative ads should contact Kristin Wise by calling 540-377-2250 or e-mailing kwise@karisgraphicdesign.com.

## Celebrating the Horses of Virginia Exhibition Update

The "Celebrating the Horses of Virginia" exhibit is moving forward. Twenty VEAA members will participate with a variety of artworks in mediums to include oil, acrylic, watercolor, graphite, colored pencil, pastel, photography, leather tooling, and mixed media.

The 2009 Celebrating the Horses of Virginia exhibit beneficiaries will include the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation chapter of Manakin-Sabot, the Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center of Lexington, and the Equine Rescue League of Leesburg. Exhibit representatives also met with officials from The Meadows Event Park in July to discuss the Park as a possible event venue and beneficiary in the future.

Exhibit organizers are currently in the process of seeking host galleries and exhibition venues for the travelling exhibit. Several locations throughout the state have been contacted and details are being discussed.

Venue and exhibit schedule information will be provided to participating members as it becomes available, as well as to a variety of media outlets. For additional information, please contact Kristen Queen at [kristenqueenart@yahoo.com](mailto:kristenqueenart@yahoo.com).

## Celebrating the Horses of Virginia Dates to Remember

Friday, November 7, 2008

Deadline for written entry with photographs and/or digital images on CD

November 17 – November 22, 2008

Entry receipt and acceptance confirmations mailed

Friday, January 10, 2009

Shipped artwork accepted

Friday, January 10, 2009

Hand-delivered artwork accepted

## Spring General Membership Meeting in Richmond planned March 28, 2009

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the VEAA spring general membership meeting, which will be held Saturday, March 28, 2009 in Richmond. The guest speaker will be Joan Bellefield Davis, Attorney at Law, who will talk about copyrights, image use, and other legal matters pertaining to artists. Additional details will be mailed and posted online early next year.



On August 23 and 24, VEAA members took part in Mary Shira's workshop "The Horse of a Different Color", during which they explored the use of color when painting the horse. The workshop was held at the Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center community room at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington.

## Spring Workshop with Mary Shira planned in Richmond March 7 - 8, 2009

"Creating Depth in Painting the Horse"

**Instructor: Mary Shira**

Light and shadow are colors. Artists will explore how differing light conditions affect values in painting the horse. They will develop spatial depth using dramatic shading as a dominant element in the composition. Those who took her last workshop will also expand upon what they learned about color when painting the horse. All mediums, all levels. For more information, contact Elaine Hurst by calling 540-254-8231 or e-mail [elainehurst@mac.com](mailto:elainehurst@mac.com).

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## Kudos



Kristen Queen's artwork chosen to accompany the "Shades of Gray" novel.



One of Elaine Hurst's paintings accepted in the fall AAEA show.

**Kristen Queen:** Artwork chosen to accompany the novel of author Jessica James entitled, "Shades of Gray: A Novel of the Civil War in Virginia"

**Elaine Hurst:** Two paintings accepted in the 2008 American Academy of Equine Art Fall Open Juried Exhibition and Sale

**Robyn Ryan:** One-woman show in August entitled "Cat-itudes" in Fredericksburg

We want to hear from you! Send news of your awards and accomplishments to VEAA, P.O. Box 35614, Richmond, VA, 23235-0614, or e-mail [info@veaa.org](mailto:info@veaa.org).

## VEAA Board & Officers

Elaine Hurst, Port Republic, President & Founding Member  
Debby Thomas, Manakin-Sabot, Vice President & Founding Member  
Renae Major, Richmond, Secretary  
Wilma Bradner, Richmond, Treasurer & Founding Member  
Kristin Waters Wise, Greenville, Founding Member  
Patricia Bevan, Blacksburg  
Kristen Queen, Dillwyn

## Regional Representatives

Western Virginia/Roanoke: Patricia Bevan, Blacksburg  
Lexington/Charlottesville: Representative Needed  
Northern Virginia: Representative Needed  
Eastern Virginia: Representative Needed

## Committee Members

### Exhibitions

Debby Thomas, Chairman, Manakin-Sabot  
Carole Newton, Chairman, Montpelier Hunt Races

### Education & Workshops

Elaine Hurst, Chairman, Port Republic  
Anita Parkinson, Mt. Crawford

### Marketing & Publicity

Carole Newton, Chairman, Brookneal