

# VIRGINIA EQUINE ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

The Association for Virginia Equine Artists & Photographers

VEAA Member Newsletter

Spring-Summer 2009

## Thoughts from VEAA President, DEBBY THOMAS



Happy Summer to all!

What a wonderful opportunity we have as fellow equine artists to share our experiences and join together to help each other in our work and exhibitions.

So many of you are taking an active role in the VEAA and experiencing the benefits. Please email to the general membership if you need any help with a medium or want feedback on a work in progress. That is another way we can share and assist each other and enrich our network.

Thanks to Pat Bevan we have a constantly updated web site presence and Jillian Chilson has created a Facebook page for the VEAA.

I thought you would enjoy this excerpt from "Art Biz Blog from FeedBlitz."

"Don't wait for luck to rain down on you. Instead practice the following:

Know what you want. Don't let anyone else tell you what they think is best for you.

Work hard. Maintaining a career and being self employed is incredibly hard work. Make sure you are prepared for this.

Challenge yourself. If it's easy, it's probably not worth pursuing.

Be grateful for all you have. You won't get more until you appreciate your current abundance.

Be persistent. Fall down, get back up, and know that the universe wants you to succeed. I do, too."

*Debby*

## Welcome New Members

Karen Aneiro  
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## Spring General Membership Meeting Held March 28 at the Cultural Arts Center in Glen Allen



Seventeen VEAA members attended the Spring General Membership meeting on March 28, 2009 at the Cultural Arts Center in Glen Allen, VA. Topics covered during the business meeting included the Montpelier, Celebrating the Horses of Virginia, and Strawberry Hill Races exhibits; workshops; the cooperative ad program; and developing a VEAA presence on Facebook. Following the VEAA sponsored luncheon, Attorney Joan Bellefield Davis gave an informative talk about copyright law, LLCs and trademarks.

## VEAA Exhibits During Strawberry Hill Races at Colonial Downs, April 11



Debby Thomas, David Everette, Marion Mercer, Wilma Bradner, Willa Frayser and Renae Major took part in the show at the Strawberry Hill Races at Colonial Downs on April 11, 2009.

## VEAA Members Help Raise Funds for Blue Ridge Hospice During Belmont Stakes Party Held June 6 at Foxcote



Gail Guirreri-Maslyk, Dorothy Chuuy, Kristin Waters Wise, Marion Mercer, Debby Thomas, Wilma Bradner, David Everette and Renae Major participated in the VEAA show held during the Belmont Stakes party at Foxcote. Hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Huffman, the event raised funds for Blue Ridge Hospice. Congratulations and thanks to Gail Guirreri-Maslyk for her donation of a large painting for the raffle to benefit the Blue Ridge Hospice. Thanks also to Dorothy Chuuy, David Everette and Marion Mercer who donated 10% of their sales proceeds to the Hospice, too.

## VEAA Expands Cooperative Ad Program

Since the beginning of 2009, five full page, full color cooperative VEAA ads have appeared in state and national equine publications. The first ads featured Celebrating the Horses of Virginia artists and appeared on the back cover of the spring issue of Horses In Art as well as in the March/April issue of Horse Talk and the March issue of the Virginia Horse Journal. The next two ads were open to the entire VEAA membership - one appeared in the May issue of the United States Equestrian Federation's Equestrian Magazine, which featured an article about commissioning a horse portrait. The second is on the back of cover of the summer issue of Horses In Art. VEAA Members interested in participating in future VEAA cooperative ads should contact Kristin Wise by e-mailing [kwise@karisgraphicdesign.com](mailto:kwise@karisgraphicdesign.com) or calling 540-377-2250.

## 2010 Celebrating the Horses of Virginia Exhibition Planned

VEAA members are invited to take part in "Celebrating the Horses of Virginia 2010." You may select up to three Virginia equine subjects for use in creating artwork in the medium of your choice. To participate, select your subjects and contact Kristen Queen by August 10, 2009 with a brief description of your chosen horse(s) including the horse's name and any interesting story behind your selection. You may send your information to Kristen Queen by e-mail to [kristenqueenart@yahoo.com](mailto:kristenqueenart@yahoo.com), or by regular mail to Kristen Queen, 7196 South James River Highway, Buckingham, VA 23921.

Artwork must be completed by November 10, 2009. Display venues are being explored, and the work will also be on the VEAA exhibition web page in February, 2010, with sale prices and the opportunity to sell them through the web site.

Participating artists will be charged \$10 per piece, or \$25 for 3 pieces to help defray costs for the project. 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).

## VEAA Institutes Guidelines for Exhibiting at Shows in Absentia

Artists who send work to be included in a VEAA show, but who will not attend the show will share the entry fee with all participating artists and pay a flat fee of \$25. In addition, 15% of any of an absent artist's sales will be distributed to the artists present and working the booth at the event. Non-attending artists will be allotted one or two screens depending on the available space. If more than five prints are sent, they must supply their own bin. If a piece is a large shape or size, they must provide their own transport.

## Kudos

**Diane Bird's** stained glass piece "Ziggy", which was part of the Celebrating the Horses of Virginia show, recently sold.

**Liz Callar** made the cover of a recent issue of "Covertside" as well as the cover of the 2010 Calendar for the Master of Foxhounds Association with one of her beautiful foxhunting photographs.

**Willa Frayser** sold an original graphite drawing of a dressage horse and a custom painted tack box through the "Changing Reins" store in Ashland. In addition to working on a commissioned portrait for a client in Australia who breeds Welsh/Arabian crosses, Willa is currently working on several new watercolors and hopes to start an oil for exhibit work. Willa is now only working part time so will be able to have some new work to exhibit at VEAA shows.



**Gail Guirrerri-Maslyk's** oil painting, "The Belmont Blue Ridge Hospice Benefit", was raffled during the Belmont Stakes Party at Foxcote with proceeds benefitting the Blue Ridge Hospice.

**Mary Shira's** charcoal drawing "Draft Horse Pair" was the first Celebrating the Horses of Virginia artwork to sell through the VEAA's online gallery. A portion of sale proceeds benefitted the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, James River Chapter.

## Remember: the VEAA offers Credit Card Processing for Members Participating in VEAA Events

In order to simplify sales at different exhibition venues, the VEAA processes Visa and MasterCard credit sales as a benefit for its members. 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.

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### Upcoming Exhibition Opportunities

**Virginia Derby**, Colonial Downs, Saturday, July 18, 2009

TENTATIVE: **Blue Ridge Hospice - Fall Races**, Saturday, September 19, 2009, Woodley Farm, Berryville, VA

**Virginia Draft Horse & Mule Show**, Commonwealth Park, Culpepper, September 19 & 20, 2009

**Montpelier Hunt Races**, Montpelier, November 7, 2009

For more information, contact Kristen Queen at [kristenqueenart@yahoo.com](mailto:kristenqueenart@yahoo.com).

**\*\*\*Watch for information about upcoming workshops!\*\*\***

### American Academy of Equine Art Invites Collaboration with VEAA

After seeing the Celebrating the Horses of Virginia cooperative ad on the Horse in Art Magazine back cover and then visiting the VEAA web site, American Academy of Equine Art President Lloyd Kelly contacted VEAA President Debby Thomas. Mr. Kelly said the AAEA would like to collaborate with the VEAA in the future. If you have any suggestions for potential collaborative projects, please contact Debby at [tthomas222@comcast.net](mailto:tthomas222@comcast.net).

### VEAA Board & Officers

Debby Thomas, Manakin-Sabot, President  
& Founding Member

Kristen Queen, Buckingham, Vice-President  
& Exhibition Coordinator

Renae Major, Richmond, Secretary  
Wilma Bradner, Richmond, Treasurer  
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Robyn Ryan, Fredericksburg, Historian  
Kristin Waters Wise, Greenville, Marketing & Publicity  
Coordinator & Founding Member

Patricia Bevan, Blacksburg, Web Site Coordinator  
Elaine Hurst, Port Republic, Workshop Coordinator  
& Founding Member

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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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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).