

VIRGINIA EQUINE ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

The Association for Virginia Equine Artists & Photographers

VEAA Member Newsletter

Winter-Spring 2010

Thoughts from VEAA President, DEBBY THOMAS



What a winter we have had! The urge to 'hibernate' is strong but I keep thinking what a great opportunity this is to photograph, draw, paint, sculpt... to create new work in your medium. Instead of lamenting the lack of work for entries in shows, exhibits or vendor booths, push yourself to create a new work each week and think what you will have for spring shows!

Another possibility is to use this often slow time of year to expand your knowledge. Sign up for Robyn Ryan's sculpture workshop

the last weekend in February to try your hand at something new.

Our annual meeting is coming up on Saturday, March 27 at the Cultural Art Center in Glen Allen and there are complete details in this newsletter. I hope you join us to share your work, ideas and meet the other members. I've made many new friends and gained so much knowledge from this organization and hope you will do the same.

Enjoy the good and look for happiness in everyday!

See you soon!

Debby

Welcome New Members

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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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Spring General Membership Meeting to be Held Saturday, March 27 at the Cultural Arts Center in Glen Allen

March 27, 2010, 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM

The Cultural Arts Center in Glen Allen, VA

The ins and outs of utilizing the social media tool Facebook to promote your artwork and network with other artists will be the presentation topic during the upcoming Spring General Membership meeting that will be held Saturday, March 27 at The Cultural Arts Center in Glen Allen, Virginia. VEAA Vice President Kristen Queen and Social Media Coordinator Jillian Chilson both find Facebook a valuable addition to their marketing efforts and will share their expertise and answer questions during their program.

The Cultural Arts Center is located at 2880 Mountain Road, Glen Allen and the meeting will be held in the "Dogwood Salon." A boxed lunch will be provided at no cost to paid VEAA members. The sandwich options are sliced chicken, shrimp salad, Hanover club, or vegetarian wrap. Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, March 19 with your lunch selection to Debby Thomas by e-mailing tthomas222@comcast.net or by calling 804.784.2690 so that she may place the order.

In addition, artists are encouraged to bring a piece of artwork to share with the group. Other topics for discussion will include past and upcoming exhibitions, workshops, cooperative advertising, and the location of the next general membership meeting.

Look for our full page, four color cooperative ads in the next issues of Art Horse and Horses in Art magazines! For more information about how to participate in upcoming ads, contact Kristin Waters Wise at 540.377.2250 or getwise@hughes.net.

Check for news & updates, view artwork images & website links of VEAA artists on our Facebook page "Virginia Equine Artists Association"

Members Exhibit during Fall Draft Horse and Mule, Dressage Shows



Kristin Wise and Renae Major participated in the Virginia Draft Horse and Mule Association Show in Culpeper on September 19 and 20, 2009. Both artists made multiple sales and considered the event successful. The Show also offered numerous photo opportunities.

That same weekend, Robyn Ryan and Debby Thomas exhibited during the Virginia Dressage Association



Show in Fredericksbutg where each made sales and numerous contacts. Watch the VEAA website for details about the 2010 shows.

Exhibit Opportunities at Virginia Therapeutic Riding Centers

Exhibit opportunities are available at Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington as well as Equi-Kids in Virginia Beach.

Several artists could exhibit together at the Hoofbeats facility, with each showing two or three pieces. If interested, contact Robyn Ryan (rryan@hughes.net) as she may be able to pick up your work at the annual membership meeting and deliver it to Lexington when she picks up her work at the end of March.

Equi-Kids includes both a beautiful new facility in which to display artwork and a gift shop through which artists may sell on consignment. For more information about the Equi-Kids opportunity, contact Elaine Hurst (elainehurst@mac.com).

VEAA Members Exhibit During the Montpelier Hunt Races in November



Wilma Bradner, David Everette, Becky Knotts, Renae Major, Eleszabeth McNeel, Robyn Ryan, Debby Thomas, Janet Tyrell and Kristin Wise participated in the VEAA show at the Montpelier Hunt Races.

Exciting Changes Planned for 2011 Celebrating the Horses of Virginia Exhibition

Celebrating the Horses of Virginia (CHV) organizers Kristen Queen and Kristin Waters Wise are hard at work on plans for the 2011 exhibit. Though the details are still being finalized and are not ready for publication at press time, here is a brief outline of the show format changes that are being worked out.

- The show will be open to all equine artists living in Virginia.
- The show will include media categories to be determined.
- The show will be judged with awards given in each category and perhaps a Best in Show award.
- We plan to cultivate relationships with a couple of key organizations to develop more publicity, secure a nationally recognized juror, and help with the sponsorship of awards.
- The CHV show will remain an online affair for 2011 but if all goes well, we hope to develop a live version for 2012.

Watch the VEAA website and Facebook page for more information in the near future.

Kudos

Two paintings by **D. Haskell Chhuy** have been included in the newly released coffee table book, "A Centennial View," published by The Derrydale Press for the Masters of Foxhounds Association of America.

Willa Frayser had two equine paintings accepted into the all-media juried show at the Crossroad Gallery for their November-December 2009 show. Both were oil on canvas and were the only equine artwork in the show. Willa also did two pencil commissions for a Welsh Arab Pony breeder in Australia.

Gail Guirrerri-Maslyk has four paintings hanging at the State Senate building in Richmond.

Renae Major and **Kristin Waters Wise** each had several pieces accepted for the juried Fall 2009 Art at the Mill Sale during which both made sales.

Debby Thomas' photograph "Dressage Reflections 2" won second place in the 2010 Horses in Art cover contest. She was a finalist in the Photography Master's Cup, placed five of six entries in the Equine Photographer's Network Contest and her photographs made the covers of "Horse Talk" and "Horse of Delaware Valley" magazines as well as the Deep Run's "AA" show program cover. In addition, Debby had a drawing and a photograph accepted into the "Art Show at the Dog Show."



Kristin Waters Wise placed first and second in drawing during the 2009 Rockbridge Regional Fair Art Show.

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.

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Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Great American Trail Horse Sale, Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, February 26 & 27, Contact: Kristin Waters Wise at (540) 377-2250

Strawberry Hill Races, Colonial Downs, Saturday, May 15

Foxcote, White Post, First Weekend in June

Virginia Derby, Colonial Downs, July

Virginia Draft Horse & Mule Association Show, Commonwealth Park, Culpeper, Third Weekend in September

Virginia Dressage Association Show, Rose Mount, Third Weekend in September

Montpelier Hunt Races, Montpelier, First Weekend in November

Unless otherwise noted, please contact Kristen Queen at kristenqueenart@yahoo.com for more information.

Links to other events of interest to equestrian artists such as Dancing Horse Farm, Rock Springs Art Show in Wyoming, Calgary Stampede, Royal Winter Fair of Toronto, Ex Arte Equinus and others may be found at www.veaa.org - just click on the "Opportunities" link.

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**Check out the 2010
Celebrating the Horses of Virginia
Show at www.veaa.org/art**
