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35 years serving
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VECCA Celebrates 35 Artful Years

VECCA is planning a gala on the evening of Thursday, October 3 to celebrate 35 years of providing services in the arts to the local community. (See page 2 for details.)

In 1982, a group of local artists recognized the need for exhibit and educational opportunities for citizens of the Shenandoah Valley. Thus, the Valley Educational Center for the Creative Arts, Inc. (VECCA) was born.

In 1984, VECCA incorporated as an all-volunteer, non-profit arts organization complete with board of directors, officers and mission statement. It is funded through annual membership dues, donations and commissions from classes and workshops.

Meetings, classes, workshops, and arts camps were offered at various locations throughout the county. VECCA even established a theatre group that performed numerous musicals.

From its inception, VECCA has focused on acquiring highly qualified instructors and now offers a variety of workshops throughout the year taught by nationally recognized artists.

In 2000, the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors approved ongoing art exhibits in the main corridor of the Shenandoah County

Administration Building. VECCA sponsors six exhibits per year to the delight of employees and the public alike. VECCA also manages a rotating exhibit at Shenandoah Memorial Hospital and continues to establish other exhibit opportunities for members.

Each year VECCA sponsors the VECCA/Coffelt Student Art Show for county high and middle school students, one way it fulfills its mission to

promote arts education and opportunities for our youth.

Another way is its scholarship program for graduating seniors in public schools and home schooled students in Shenandoah County. In 2006 scholarships were extended to students majoring in music as well as art. Scholarships are solely funded by donations.

Twice a year, children are offered after school art classes in both Woodstock and Strasburg well as summer art camps. VECCA's dream is to expand the program to the southern part of the county in the future.

Senior citizens and low income individuals are also offered art programs as grants become available to support the projects.

7 East Art Galley was opened in 2003 in Woodstock as a partner to VECCA. The gallery offers artists a place to showcase and sell their work. It also allows members to participate in the Woodstock town enhancement plan and it gives VECCA a permanent home where people can connect on a regular basis. Also a volunteer run co-op, 7 East Galley currently consists of 15 member artists and 9 consignment artists.



First Thursday Open House at 7 East Gallery is a popular event connecting VECCA members and the public.

ARTFest from the Artists' Perspective

On Saturday, June 22 a host of volunteers helped locals artists prepare for the inaugural Shenandoah Valley ARTFest, co-sponsored by the Town of Woodstock and VECCA. Soon tents filled with paintings, pottery, notecards, photography, stained glass and more lined Main Street in Woodstock. The event was planned to coincide with Bike Virginia, a cycling event that brought scores of visitors to town.

"I was just thrilled to see downtown filled with people appreciating art," said pastel and acrylic artist Donna Patton.

Artists Deb Cooper, and Barbara Randel conducted a community painting at 7 East Gallery. They encouraged passersby to leave

their marks on a prepared canvas. Cyclists, adults, children, even local teens participated. "By the end of Saturday we finally revealed the masked bike image and words," said Debra. The completed painting was then raffled off.

VECCA members, including Gilda Allen, Lynn Crumpacker, Roberta Demski, Doris Foxwell, Diane Gould, Jeff Guenther, Sarah Kohrs, John Makley, Doris Miller, Donna Patton, Suzanne Soliday, Laurel Vaughan and Bobbi Walker, as well as other artists shared aspects of their craft with the community.

"Taking a day to savor the arts is a wonderful way to encourage artists and to inspire the community," remarked local potter, photographer, and writer Sarah Kohrs.

New Jersey Boy Wins Raffle for Community Painting



Miles Dyson, a youngster from New Jersey whose parents were participating in Bike Virginia, won the raffle for the Community Painting Project conducted at 7 East Gallery as part of ARTFest.

Calendar of Events

Workshops

Sat., Oct. 5 – Sun., Oct. 6

The Colorful Landscape: Who Paints Purple Trees? Watercolor Workshop
with **Brenda Hounshell**, info@brendahounshell.com

9:30 am – 3:30 pm at St. Paul's Heritage Center
106 S. High St., Edinburg

Take woodland scenes to a new level with creative color choices. Members \$120, non-members \$140. Register by Sept. 20. Contact Barbara Randel at searand3@yahoo.com or 540-984-9299.

Fri., March 27 – Sun., March 29

Oil and Pastel Workshop
with **Diane Tesler** dianetesler.com

9:30 am – 3:30 pm at St. Paul's Heritage Center
106 S. High St., Edinburg

Use still-life set-ups or work from your own photos. Members \$170, non-members \$195. All levels. Contact Barbara Randel at searand3@yahoo.com or 540-984-9299.

Monthly Drawing Lab

with **Holly Huddle** hollyhuddle@gmail.com

2nd Tuesday per month from 2:00 – 3:30 pm
at 7 East Gallery Studio Space

All levels are invited to sharpen drawing skills with former Central High School art instructor Holly Huddle. Bring your own supplies. \$5 per session. Contact Donna Patton at 540-459-4226 or dkpatton@shentel.net.

Classes

After School Art for Kids

Grades 2 – 4: Thursdays, Sept. 5 – Oct. 10

Grades 5 – 8: Thursdays, Oct. 17 – Nov. 21

with **Roberta Demski** distinctiveartdesign.com

3:45 – 5:15 pm at 7 East Gallery Studio Space

\$50 per student or \$40 for more than 1 child per household. Contact Donna Patton at 540-459-4226 or dkpatton@shentel.net.

Watercolor Basics

with **Martha Mobley**, **Art at the Forest Edge Studio**

First Session: Mondays, Sept. 9 – Oct. 14

2nd Session: Mondays, Nov. 4 – 25

6:00 – 8:00 pm at 7 East Gallery Studio Space

\$165 for VECCA members, \$175 for non-members
Contact Donna Patton 540-459-4226 or dkpatton@shentel.net.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

How to Cut a Mat for Framing

with **Laurel Vaughan**

2:00 – 4:00 pm at 7 East Gallery Studio Space

Free. Bring a picture and learn how to use the gallery's mat cutter. Matboard available for purchase. Contact Laurel Vaughan 703-975-2245 or vaughan@shentel.net.

Ongoing

Guitar Lessons

with **Larry Sasser**, 540-933-6496

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 9:00 pm at 7 East Gallery

All levels. \$15 per half-hour private lesson.

Open Studio

Wednesdays 9:00 am – noon, 7 East Gallery

Free. Contact Dan Voss at 549-459-5043.

Events

Fun in the Sun Bunch

Free monthly drop-in outdoor painting session.

No instruction provided.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

W. O. Riley Park in Woodstock

Contact Laurel Vaughan at 703-975-2245 or

vaughan@shentel.net.

Writer's Group

Last Sunday of each month from 2:00 – 4:00

p.m. at 7 East Gallery. Contact Sarah Kohrs at

434-922-2029 or senkohrs@gmail.com

Ongoing

Thursday, Sept. 5

First Thursday Open House

Featuring VECCA Writers

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at 7 East Gallery

Meet local authors and hear selections of their work while enjoying munchies and sips.

Thursday, Oct. 3

VECCA 35th Anniversary Gala

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at 7 East Gallery

Help us celebrate 35 years of serving the

community. Contact Donna Patton at

540-459-4226 or dkpatton@shentel.net.

Exhibits

7 East Gallery (a VECCA partner)

123 S. Main St., Woodstock, VA 22664

Open M & Th – Sat. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sun. 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Sept. Artist of the Month

"In Bloom"

By **Laura Henderson**

Reception: Sun., Sept. 8 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Oct. Artist of the Month

"Thoughts Through the Shutter"

By **Will Thompson**

Reception: Thurs., Oct. 3 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Nov. Artist of the Month

"Woven into Knots"

By **Jeff Guenther**

Reception: Thurs., Nov. 7 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Shenandoah Co. Govt. Bldg.

Friday, July 12 – Friday, Sept. 13

Fur & Feathers Show

Friday, Sept. 13 – Friday, Nov. 15

Membership Show

Friday, Nov. 15 – Friday, Jan. 10

Small Works Show

Ongoing

Art in the Halls

Shenandoah Memorial Hospital Surgery Ctr.

Art on the Walls

Winchester Gastroenterology

Member News

Sarah Kohrs' photographs "Together" and "Beyond Walls" are published in the fall 2019 issue of *Raven Chronicles Take a Stand: Art Against Hate* anthology, as well as "Discarded" and "Frayed" in the summer/fall 2019 31:2 issue of *CALYX*, a journal of art and literature by women. Sarah Kohrs' poem, "Holding a Placenta," is published in the upcoming issue of *The West Trade Review*.

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

VECCA reserves the right to cancel & refund tuition for any class at any time for any reason. Typically, the decision to cancel is based on enrollment 8 days prior to class start date, although some instructors require 30-day cancellation notification. Most students who cancel their registration 8 or more days prior to class start date will receive a full refund. Students who cancel their registration 7 days prior to or after the start date will receive a refund at the instructor's discretion.

Announcements

Fur & Feathers Show Award Winners

Judged by: Holly Huddle

Best in Show: "Bad Girl" by Donna Patton

1st Place: "O Cowtain My Cowtain"

by Kevin Byrne

2nd Place: "Hungry Eyes" by Shelly Miller

3rd Place: "Hello Spring" by Bobbi Walker

Hon. Mention: "Preening" by Pat Buynak

Proceeds of \$120 will be donated to the Shenandoah County Humane Society



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Judged Art Shows

JUDGED ART SHOW CALENDAR

July 12 – September 13, 2019

Fur & Feathers Show

Open to the public for work in any medium depicting animals. Registration fee and VECCA commission on work sold is donated to the Humane Society of Shenandoah County.

Send registration to:

Doris Miller

618 Miller Rd.

Edinburg, VA 22824

540-856-2687 or STAGE@shentel.net

September 13– November 15, 2019

Membership Show

VECCA members only. May submit up to 4 entries in each of 2 categories: Works on Paper & Works on Canvas/Panel. Send registration to:

Donna Patton

2907 St. Luke Rd.

Woodstock, VA 22664

540-459-4226 or dkpatton@shentel.net

November 15, 2019 – January 10, 2020

Small Works Show

(Snow date: January 17)

Open to the public for framed small work. Size (excluding mat & frame) not to exceed 144 sq. in. with suggested price of \$150 or less (for holiday gift shopping).

Send registration to:

Barbara Randel

1929 Ridge Hollow Rd.

Edinburg, VA 22824

540-984-9299 or searand3@yahoo.com

January 10 – March 13, 2020

Pastel & Water Media Show

(Snow date: January 19)

Open to the public for work in pastel or water media, including not-for-sale entries.

Send registration to:

Barbara Randel

1929 Ridge Hollow Rd.

Edinburg, VA 22824

540-984-9299 or searand3@yahoo.com

March 13 – May 15, 2020

VECCA/Coffelt Student Art Show

Open to all Shenandoah County public, private & home-schooled middle and high school art students. No entry fee. (NOTE: Teachers

select all 2-D artwork & photography for

submission.) Contact: Jeff Guenther

540-459-5296 or artman@shentel.net

May 15 – July 10, 2020

Photography Show

Open to the public. Adults: Up to 4 framed photos @ \$5/entry. Students (ages 8 - 18): Up to 3 framed photos with no entry fee. Send registration to:

Lucy & Jeff Reilley

1914 River Rd.

New Market, VA 22844

540-740-9200 or jlireilley@shentel.net

ENTRY INFORMATION

Location: Shows are held at the Shenandoah County Government Building located at 600 N. Main Street in Woodstock, Virginia

Entry Fee: \$5 per entry. Up to 4 entries accepted. Make checks payable to VECCA.

Entry Deadline: Monday preceding delivery date. Call designated contact to enter after deadline.

Delivery Date: From 10:00 am – 11:30 am on opening date of show (Friday) at the Shenandoah County Government Building.

Pick-Up Date: From 10:00 am – 11:30 am on ending date of show (Friday) at the Shenandoah County Government Building. Artwork may only be removed by a VECCA coordinator. Every effort will be made to ensure that artwork is handled with care. VECCA & Shenandoah County Government cannot be held responsible for loss or damage.

Requirements: VECCA membership not required unless specified. All work submitted must be original. Work copied from other copyrighted & printed material (ie. books, magazines, etc.) or work copied from other artists will not be accepted. Work must be labelled on back with artist, title, media & price. All work must be framed & wired to hang (no sawtooth hangers). VECCA reserves the right to refuse any artwork deemed inappropriate for any reason.

Commission: VECCA takes 20% commission on all work sold.

To sponsor a VECCA show, contact Sarah Kohrs at 434-922-2029 or email senkohrs@gmail.com.

VECCA JUDGED ART SHOW ENTRY FORM

Complete & mail to the designated VECCA coordinator listed above

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY | STATE | ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

SHOW YOU ARE ENTERING _____

1. WORK TITLE _____

MEDIA _____ PRICE _____

2. WORK TITLE _____

MEDIA _____ PRICE _____

3. WORK TITLE _____

MEDIA _____ PRICE _____

4. WORK TITLE _____

MEDIA _____ PRICE _____



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Member/Sponsor Form

VECCA'S MISSION

VECCA is dedicated to fostering an active cultural environment throughout the Shenandoah Valley by offering educational and cultural programs, creating opportunities for persons of all ages to develop and practice creative skills and providing exhibition and performance venues.

VECCA MEMBERSHIP

VECCA membership is open to individuals and families interested in supporting the arts in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Discounts on class & workshop fees
- Opportunity to rent wall space at 7 East Gallery
- Opportunity to exhibit at Shenandoah Memorial Hospital Surgery Center
- Discounts at the following area B & B's: **Edinburg Inn Bed & Breakfast** and **the Inn at Narrow Passage** (Check early for rates & discounts.)
- VECCA newsletter

VECCA SPONSORSHIP

VECCA sponsorship is open to individuals and companies interested in supporting the arts in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Sponsors can support VECCA at several different levels:

- Bronze Level for \$50
- Silver Level for \$100
- Gold Level for \$150
- Platinum Level for \$200 or more

Sponsors can also support VECCA's scholarship program.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Two or more scholarships are awarded annually to graduating public or home-schooled high school seniors residing in Shenandoah County..

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

- Summer Art Camps for Children
- After-school art classes for children
- Award-winning art program for seniors

JUDGED ART SHOWS

- For information on VECCA's six annual judged art shows, refer to the back of this sheet.

BENEFITS OF SPONSORSHIP

- VECCA membership for 1 year
- Feature story in newsletter
- Self-promotional opportunities commensurate with giving level

TO LEARN MORE

To find out more about VECCA sponsorships, contact Sarah Kohrs senkohrs@gmail.com or call 434-922-2029.

VECCA MEMBER/SPONSOR APPLICATION FORM

Mail to Debra Kibler | 545 Appletree Ln. | Woodstock, VA 22664

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY | STATE | ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

NEW RENEWAL

STUDENT (18 & under) \$15 INDIVIDUAL \$25

FAMILY \$35

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VECCA CLASS/WORKSHOP FORM

Mail to designated coordinator

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY | STATE | ZIP _____

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CLASS/ WORKSHOP _____

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Coming Full Circle: Lynne Crumpacker

Lynne Crumpacker's career has taken her on a fascinating journey during which she has explored a wide range of crafts, 'learning the old ways,' as she puts it, 'then taking them to more contemporary forms.'

As a youth, Lynne began her artistic endeavors focusing on painting. Then for more than ten years, she explored fiber arts, experimenting with spinning, weaving and knotting. She even went so far as to raise her own sheep and practiced the art of dying to enhance the beautiful colors of the wool they yielded.



Lynne Crumpacker

Beginning in the late 1970's she began applying the visual aspects of fibers—their texture and flow into her work in ceramics. Continuing in the spirit of scores of local potters from the Shenandoah Valley who preceded her, Lynne

became a full-time studio potter fashioning functional handmade items. For fourteen years, she was a partner in the Edinburg Village Shops, an artisan's co-op.

She continues to work as a graphic designer, meeting the advertising needs for a variety of different enterprises. She also works as designer and production artist for the *Mountain Courier*, a local newspaper serving Shenandoah County.

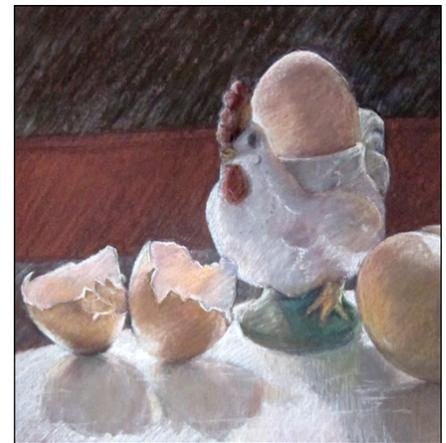
Lynne has been a member of VECCA from its inception and a member of 7 East Gallery where she has come full circle back to painting, mostly in oil, watercolor and pastel. VECCA is also the beneficiary of her talents as designer of 7 East Gallery's window displays.



'Fridge Art' in oil



'Portrait' in watercolor



'Chicken' in pastel



Kids attending VECCA's Summer Art Camp in Strasburg (top) and Woodstock (right) show off their creations. Both were taught by Roberta Demski.

Summer Scrapbook





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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Debra Cornell, Steve Garrett &
Jennifer Luvaas

Thanks to all members who have renewed their membership in the past 3 months. For more information on becoming a VECCA member, see insert.

SPONSOR PROFILE

Bill Grillo

"Exposure to the arts should be encouraged for all," said Bill Grillo, our featured sponsor, VECCA board member, 7 East Gallery landlord, and art aficionado. "Art allows individuals to freely express themselves."

As long as Bill can remember, he has appreciated art and design. Although Bill's primary career was as the senior managing director for commercial assets services in the DC metropolitan area and although he never had formal training for restoration or landscaping, he has faithfully renovated a number of houses, intimately integrating nature with his thoughtful architectural vision. "I'm adept at seeing the project finished in my mind before undertaking it," Bill says.



Bill Grillo

Nate & Main, the Woodstock shop named after his dog Nate is an example. After acquiring the log building, home to the shop at 129 S. Main Street, Bill was able to renovate while preserving the historic charm of the property. While the project presented more challenges than the log house along the north fork of the Shenandoah River that he calls home, it was one he was willing to undertake. "I saw myself as the caretaker," he remarks.

Adept as he is in the art of restoration, Bill has always been interested in supporting the fine arts as well. "I am in awe of the work that comes from the hands of artists," Bill says. And

although he would tell you that he cannot even draw a stick figure, it's evident that Bill's creative flair qualifies him as an artist, too.

Join Bill Grillo and dozens of others who recognize both the aesthetic and cathartic benefits of the arts, not only for individuals but also for their communities. Becoming a VECCA sponsor is one way you too can support the arts in your community.

WELCOME NEW SPONSORS
*Gold: Sally Cowal of Muse Vineyards
Silver: Diane Gould, Steve & Kay Witt*

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