

**VAAL Membership Meeting – Thursday, September 18**  
**October Art Exhibit at the Rec Center**  
**EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITY AT WESTLAND MALL – Oct. 24, 25, 26**

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**Thursday Sept. 18**  
**“Learn about the Teachers”**

After a beautiful warm and sometimes rainy summer, it is time to settle down and think “art.”

If you are wondering which class to take, this meeting will provide the opportunity for you to meet some of the great VAAL teachers and learn about their backgrounds and to hear about what you can expect in their classes.

We are very proud of our professional teaching staff who are all award winning artists.

The meeting is on Thursday Sept. 18 and it starts at 7:00 pm. After a short business meeting and refreshments, settle back and meet the teachers.

Get reacquainted with other VAAL members. Bring a friend.

**VAAL Website/Gallery**

Laurence Selkulich and Anne Sullivan-Smith are two new members of the gallery. As Anne’s was completed she sent an email to Judith Waterman that said, “Fred (Keebler) did a beautiful job on my gallery. It’s up on the VAAL website and I’m really pleased.”

You too can be a part of this service as VAAL members. The cost is \$10/year and can be paid with your VAAL dues and sent to Judith Waterman, Membership Chairman. Once you pay, Fred is notified and you organize your statement and jpgs and the two of you set up the page. As a special perk, the Board has agreed that if you pay now, you will have the rest

of 2014 and all of 2015 for the one yearly fee. A great opportunity! Fred will work on a first to sign up basis.

**Congratulations**  
**to VAAL Winners**

The Spring Juried Art Exhibit of 2014 was exhibited at the Livonia Civic Center Library during the month of June and juried by Meighen Jackson of BBAC. Ms Jackson gave awards to the following artists.

First Place - Beverly Johnston  
Second Place - Regina Dunne  
Third Place – Ann Sullivan-Smith

**Honorable Mentions**

Dorothy Amberger  
Gail Churchill  
Daria Fileta  
Fred Keebler  
Barbara Eko Murphy

VAAL extends thanks and appreciation to exhibit chairpersons: Kathleen O’Connell and Barbara Gage Rex for a very successful exhibit.

**VAAL FALL ART EXHIBIT**

All members should have now received the VAAL 2014 Art Exhibit Information by mail. The exhibit will be held at the Livonia Recreation Center from October 5 to 31, 2014. Entries must be postmarked no later than Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014. Important dates to remember are:

- Deadline – Sept. 27
- Drop Off – Oct. 4 from 1:00-2:00
- Reception – Oct. 11 from 2:00 – 3:00
- Take down – Nov. 1 from 11:00 to 12:00

**EXHIBIT**  
**OPPORTUNITY**

Three Cities Art Club has invited Vaal to participate in their annual exhibit at Westland Mall. Held in front of Macy’s, it is a three day event with ongoing entertainment. There are prizes and a large audience. The entry fee is \$25 for 3 pieces and \$5 for a bin to sell cards, etc., or \$5 for a sling for unframed or prints. A commission fee of 20% will be given to artist’s club on all sales. (There will be an additional 5% fee if a credit card is used for a purchase.) **EVERY ARTIST MUST WORK ONE 3 ½ HOUR SHIFT.**

**Drop off is Friday, October 24 from 8:30 to 10:30. Exhibit hours are Friday from 10:30 to 9:00 p m, Saturday from 10:00 to 9:00 pm and Sunday from 10:00 to 5:00 pm. Pick up is on Sunday from 5:00 to 6:00.**

In order for us to participate, we must have a minimum of 20 members enter to cover expenses. **Entry forms will be available at our meeting on September 18. Please be prepared to leave your entry fee at that time.** Checks should be made out to Three Cities Art Club. (Checks are nonrefundable unless we do not have enough artists to participate.)

The deadline for entry forms is October 6. Photographs of artwork must be submitted at that time also. This is not a juried show.

**This is a wonderful opportunity to sell our work and participate in a fun event! We thank Three Cities for inviting us! Reps will be at our meeting to answer any questions.**

## Membership Dues

VAAL membership dues are payable on January 1, 2015. In order to offset increases in operating expenses dues will be increased to \$40. As a member you receive:

- Quarterly newsletters
- Members Directory
- Postcard Reminders
- Early registration
- Class discount
- VAAL exhibits
- \$10 art gallery on website
- \$40 link from VAAL website to your own website

## VAAL GOES ELECTRONIC

As a cost saving step, VAAL will begin sending notices, newsletters, etc. via email. If you do not have an email or do not want one we will continue to use snailmail. So, as you renew your membership, please send in your correct email so the database is correct.

From: Judith Waterman, Membership

## VAAL HOLIDAY SHOPPE

We will once again be holding our annual Holiday Shoppe after the end of the Fall Semester. We are expecting many new vendors with gifts to tempt you. Applications for vendors are still being accepted. Do you have someone to recommend, or a product of your own? Questions?

Call Virginia Bosak, 734-432-5976

## NEED TO PHOTOGRAPH YOUR WORK?

Fred Keebler, VAAL's webmaster, will photograph your artwork for entry to shows. He will travel to your location. The artwork can be framed or unframed. **Fred can burn CDs and create inventory lists.**

For a few pieces of art work, you may choose to bring the artwork to his studio. The cost for travel to your site is \$25, plus \$5 per photo for Photoshop processing. For more information contact Fred at fredkeeble@fredkeeble.com.

VAAL website: [vaalart.org](http://vaalart.org)

## **\*\* Positions Open \*\***

### Schedulers

The VAAL Board is looking for two volunteers to create Schedules. Working as a team, they will be responsible for securing instructors and determining the information required to create the Schedule. It is typed professionally. *As an incentive, each team member will receive one free VAAL class per semester. Find a friend and get involved!!!*

### Refreshments

This person or team needs to keep track of sign ups for meeting refreshments and set up the tables, coffee, etc at the meetings and clean up after the meeting. Lots of help available.

### Supply Coordinator

This person will be responsible for paper goods and other supplies needed in the classroom. Purchased as needed. Not very time consuming, but very necessary.

### Get involved! Support VAAL!

Those interested may speak with Rich Emrich, President, or anyone on the Board.

### Mark Your Calendar

#### Membership meetings

October 17 – Lecture held in Civic Center Library Auditorium  
November 21 – Art Auction held in VAAL classroom

#### Other Dates

September 27 – Fall Show  
Deadline  
October 6 – Westland Exhibit  
deadline  
December 5 to 14 - VAAL Holiday Shoppe

## VAAL Information

VAAL email: [vaalart@yahoo.com](mailto:vaalart@yahoo.com)  
Phone: 734-838-1204

## CALL TO ENTER

Livonia Exhibition of Fine Arts  
November 7 – 24, to be held at the Livonia Civic Center Library Art Gallery. Deadline for entries – Oct. 9. Contact: 734-466-2542  
Prospectuses in the Classroom

## Art Exhibits

Northville Art House presents "Lines: An All-Media Juried Exhibit" Through September 27, The show can be seen from Wed. to Sat. 1:00 p m to 5:00 p m. VAAL artists Daria Filet and Barbara Eko Murphy both have pieces in this show.

### "Laura Whitesides Host - Monotypes"

A one woman show featuring Host's leaf monotypes. Sept. 3 to 30 at Fieldstone Winery, 223 S. Main, Rochester, MI Reception: Sept. 14, 1:00 p m to 4:00 p m. Ms Host is also a teacher at VAAL.

### Grosse Pointe Art Center

Presents "76<sup>th</sup> Members Show" through Sept. 20,  
Contact 313-881-3454

### Dearborn Community Arts Council

Presents "100 x 50" an art exhibit/fund raiser at the Padzieski Gallery, Sept. 12 – 26  
Contact: 313-043-1095

### Detroit Women in the Arts

Detroit Public Library (Main)  
Sat. Oct. 11, 12 – 5 p m.  
This is a Wikipedia Edit-athon  
All metro Detroit female artists in the following fields are encouraged to participate as subjects for writers to meet and write/edit Wikipedia articles about: Poetry, Visual Arts, Fashion Design, Jewelry, Music, Information:  
313-427-9772, \$5 per person.

### ART PRIZE 2014

Grand Rapids , Michigan  
September 24 to October 12

We would like to hear your news.  
Send to Dorothy Amberger  
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