

# Visual Arts Association of Livonia

## VAAL 2016 FALL EXHIBIT

VAAL (Visual Arts Association of Livonia) presented their 2016 Fall Art Exhibit at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center beginning with the reception held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 and running through November 12, 2016. The Exhibit was judged by Janet Grant. First Place prize was awarded to Barbara Eko Murphy for her work "Relax with Nature".

The exhibit featured wonderful art work done by VAAL members in various mediums.



"Relax with Nature"  
by Barbara Eko Murphy

First Place winner, Barbara, is a former Livonia resident and teacher. She started art lessons at VAAL in 2000, after teaching elementary school for 34 years. She loves entering art shows and promoting Metro artists!

Other winners at the VAAL Fall Art Exhibit were: Chuck Schroeder, Second Place for his drawing, "Pride of Baltimore, Rigging"; and Mary Kehoe for her painting "Pride".



"Pride of Baltimore, Rigging"  
by Chuck Schroeder



"Pride" by Mary Kehoe

Honorable Mention recipients-Al Weber, Marge Masek, Dorothy Amberger, Gail Churchill, and Jean Thomas.

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## 2016 HOLIDAY SHOPPE

Plan on attending the opening reception of the Holiday Shoppe on Thursday, December 1st from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Not only will you have first choice to purchase unique, one of a kind hand made gifts, but you will have an opportunity to win an original painting, donated by a VAAL artist. For the first time The Holiday Shoppe is having a raffle of three beautiful paintings. But, the best news is the raffle tickets are only \$2.00/each and you can select which painting you want to have a chance at winning. The low ticket price can buy a lot of entries! The drawing will be that evening at 8:00pm. You do need to be present to win.

The Holiday Shoppe will be open to the public from 10am-7pm, December 2nd through December 10th.

*2016 Holiday Shoppe reception will be on Thursday, December 1st from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Hope to see you there!*

"I would like to personally thank the Exhibition Committee members who helped with grid setup, hanging the show, and general intake and take down of the show: Rich Emrich, Tom Lyons, Nancy Savage, Ellen Yax, Kathleen O'Connell, Gail Churchill, Betty Lewis, and Anne Sullivan Smith."

*Barbara Gage Rex,  
Exhibition Co-Chair*

## SPRING ART EXHIBIT

With the cold weather now upon us, it's never too early to THINK SPRING!

The Spring Art Show will be in June 2017 at the Livonia Civic Center Library.



## TRY SOMETHING NEW

With such a strong art community in Metro Detroit, there are many opportunities to try something different!

**Pewabic Pottery** (Detroit)—Do you like ceramics? Is ceramic making something you've always wanted to learn? If so, Pewabic Pottery is the place to learn. Sign up for a hands-on workshop. No matter your skill level, learn about the required tools and the proper technique to build the perfect object of your design. (313) 626-2000 [www.pewabic.org](http://www.pewabic.org)

**Photo Sensei, LLC** (Detroit)—Photography is art. Why not look through a lens and create beautiful pictures? Whether a beginning, intermediate or advanced photographer, get involved. Classes such as Sip and Shoot allow adults to drink a little wine while getting involved in a photography class. Sign up for beginner/intermediate photography and learn how to operate a camera. Sign up for iPhoneography, which is a class that teaches a person how to take quality phone camera pictures. Whatever style of pictures you like, sign up for a class and become an expert. (313) 312-4192 [www.photosensie.net](http://www.photosensie.net)

**The Glass Academy** (Dearborn) - Their classes and workshops are designed to give you a hands-on experience that you will remember forever! Coffee Nights and Drop in Workshop offer you the opportunity to observe and, if you would like, join in the fun! Call (313) 561-4527 or visit their website at [www.glassacademy.com](http://www.glassacademy.com) for class and registration information.

**Fritz and Friends** (Franklin) - Join Fitz and Friends jewelry, where your creativity has no limits. They offer a fun, friendly and well-equipped learning environment for the study of both basic and advanced techniques in metalsmithing and jewelry making. Along with regular technique workshops, they offer 10 week general class sessions for all skill levels. (248) 762-4810 [www.fitzandfriends.org](http://www.fitzandfriends.org)

### CLASSES, WORKSHOPS and MEETINGS

**Please check your mail for the VAAL Winter 2016 Class Schedule which will be mailed out the week of December 5th.**

**Class schedule will be available online as well at [vaalart.org](http://vaalart.org).**

**The next Member meeting will be on Thursday, January 21st at 7pm at the VAAL classroom.**





### GENERAL INFORMATION

VAAL meetings are open to the general public and held in the classroom on the third Thursday of the month excluding June, July, August and December.

Enrollment is open to everyone without restriction. Membership dues are \$40 per calendar year.

Membership is encouraged, as members enjoy reduced tuition fees, early registration for classes and the ability to be eligible to participate in our Spring and Fall Exhibits.

## MEMBER NEWS

**Ann Cleary**—A photo of Ann’s artwork and a brief story that she wrote will be published in the December issue of Conquer Magazine. It is the premier forum for patients surviving cancer, nurse navigators and other oncology team members initiated by the Academy of Oncology Nurse and Patient Navigators (AONN+).

She created the artwork in Eder Joppich’s class and it is titled “Who Needs Hair?”

## NEW INSTRUCTOR-VIANNA SZABO

Whether she is painting portraits, landscapes, or still life, Vianna is known for her expressive use of color that captures a moment in time.

Born and raised in Michigan, Vianna learned to paint as her children were growing up, they became her inspiration and early models.

She is a nationally recognized artist who works in pastel, oil, and watercolor, and has won awards in many juried competitions including, The Pastel Society of America, The Portrait Society of America, and The International Association of Pastel Societies, and the Michigan Watercolor Society. In June of 2014, she was the Featured Artist in The Pastel Journal.

Vianna is a popular and passionate instructor and teaches workshops nationally and abroad. She has also juried many art competitions both nationally and locally.

Vianna is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America, and earned Distinguished Pastelist status in the Pastel Society of the West Coast. She was inducted into the IAPS Master Circle in 2011 and became an Eminent Pastelist in 2015.



## NOEL NIGHT

The 44th Annual Noel Night will take place 5-10pm on Saturday, December 3rd, in Detroit's Midtown District.

Over 90 institutions—including the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Michigan Science Center, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, the Detroit Historical Museum, and the Detroit Public Library—



will open their doors to the public free of charge during this Cultural Center-wide holiday open house. Activities include carriage rides, shopping, craft activities, and performances by over 200 area music, theatre, and dance groups.

The DIA will also host a community based art making experience, where participants will use a wide variety of materials to create a large rendition of a Winter Village in their Art Studio. Inspired by their director, Salvador Salort-Pons, and his vision of the DIA becoming the town square of the surrounding community, this collaborative workshop will be a reflection of their vision for Detroit and it's neighborhoods.



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The evening's festivities culminate with a community sing-along on Woodward Avenue led by the Salvation Army Band—a long-standing Noel Night tradition. Free shuttle service is offered between participating venues. Convenient parking is located in area lots. Call (313) 420-6000 or visit [noelnight.org](http://noelnight.org) for additional information.

## NEW ADDRESS FOR DUES

Dues should now be sent to:

Diana Jamrog

15722 Woodside Street

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## VAAL

THE VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA (VAAL) IS DEDICATED TO ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION OF THE CREATIVE ARTS BY OFFERING STUDIO CLASSES, MONTHLY MEETINGS AND TWICE YEARLY EXHIBITS.

## INFORMATION

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