



## *Parsons-Bruce Art Association*

### *Spring Newsletter 2019*

#### *Membership Welcome*

We extend a special thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership to Parsons-Bruce Art Association or has joined us for the first time. Our newsletter is one of the ways to keep you involved and informed. We are especially grateful to our Patrons: George and Nancy Lee Bagwell, Bob and Carolyn Kreml and Ron and Helen Reiter. To our Friends: Mark and Debbie Morris. To our Donors: Ralph and Pam Alderson, Thelma Crowder, Ben and Brenda Fincher, Joe and Debbie Griles, Aubrey and Jean Houghton, Tom Kaiser and Sallie Adams, Chris and Carol LeSesne and Charles and Nancy McCormick.

IF YOU HAVEN'T RENEWED, JUST SEND A CHECK TO PBAA, P.O. BOX 234, SOUTH BOSTON, VA 24592. IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER, HAVE THEM CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBER FOR MORE INFORMATION OR JUST DOWNLOAD A MEMBERSHIP FORM AND MAIL IT IN.

#### *Open Art Studio*

Since its inception a little more than a year ago, approximately 50 people have visited or taken advantage of the opportunities of PBAA Open Art Studio which meets at St. John's Episcopal Church in Halifax. The art work created there has been displayed at PBAA events and most recently at the South Boston Public Library. Participants have learned, practiced, improved and produced art with amazing results!

#### *Betty Caldwell Workshops*

This winter and spring Betty Caldwell has taught classes on drawing: drawing with colored pencils and drawing with oil pastels in conjunction with Open Art Studio. Additional classes will be offered based on the interest of participants. Visit Facebook public group page, Parsons Bruce Open Art Studio and learn more about classes.

#### *Exhibit*

During March, Parsons-Bruce Art Association sponsored an art exhibit featuring the art of Halifax County Public Schools students (Kindergarten through High School). This exhibit celebrated Youth Art Month for our students, their families and their art teachers. Over 80 pieces of art were exhibited and more than 200 came to visit during the opening reception. This was a wonderful community event!

#### *Billy Johnson Art Exhibit*

PBAA is pleased to be sponsoring an exhibit during April and May at the Cage Gallery of The Prizery featuring the art of Billy Johnson of Chesapeake, Virginia. Billy is drawn to photography and painting. His current paintings are subject-based abstractions with an emphasis on three themes: portraits, the female figure and still-life paintings that include images of vintage North Carolina pottery. An opening reception for Billy will be held April 7, 2019 from 3 pm to 5 pm to meet Billy and view his work. Please plan to join us!

#### *Welcome New Board Member*

PBAA welcomes Betty Caldwell to the Board. Betty is a native of Halifax County, She graduated from Radford with a BS in Art Education and taught art for 31 years in Halifax County Public Schools. After one year of retirement, she taught 5 years at Bethel Hill Charter School in North Carolina. Throughout the years, Betty has taught many art classes for adults and children for PBAA. She is an active member of First Baptist Church and South Boston Garden Club. Along with her love of painting and drawing, her hobbies are golf, bridge, reading, gardening and most importantly spending time with her two granddaughters. Betty is married to Jack Caldwell, a native of South Boston, and they have two daughters.

### Spring Social

Plans are underway for the PBAA Members' Only Spring Social. On Thursday, May 16, 2019, from 6 pm to 8 pm members are invited to Glenmary, home of Sandy Cage. This is a free event for Parsons-Bruce members (non-member guests will be \$25). Invitations will be sent soon. Please plan to join us for this very special Spring Social!

### PBAA 2019 Scholarship

PBAA will be awarding a Halifax County High School senior a \$1000.00 scholarship during Awards Night, May 15, 2019.

### Kids Kollege

July brings the eighth year of PBAA sponsoring Kids Kollege! Delta Kappa Gamma will again be helping PBAA with the implementation of this much anticipated series of enrichment classes for children from 5 to 12 years old. Two weeks of classes beginning July 8, 2019 will include familiar favorites and some new classes. Tuition this year will be \$60 per child per class and the hours will be 9 am to 12 noon. Classes will be held at The Prizery, the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center and the Innovation Center. Be on the lookout for publicity and application forms in local newspapers and on our website soon (see below)!

### Mark Your Calendar

**Halifax County Little Theatre: "Smokey Joe's Cafe"** (April 25 – May 5, 2019).

**The 16th Annual Halifax County Heritage and Antique Machinery Festival:** May 3-4, 2019 at the Halifax County Fairgrounds. This is a two-day event is packed with great activities for the entire family.

### The Prizery:

Summer Theatre Celebrating will include: "Mary Poppins" (June 21- July 6, 2019): "Mamma Mia" (July 12 – July 21, 2019).

### The Robert Cage Gallery:

Billy Johnson (Chesapeake Artist) - April and May sponsored by PBAA. Opening Reception April 7, 2019 from 3pm to 5 pm

Lake Country Artisan Guild (11 artisans from Clarksville and the surrounding area) – June through August - sponsored by PBAA. Opening Reception Sunday, June 2, 2019 from 3 pm to 5 pm

John Greer (New York Artist) – September – October sponsored by PBAA. Opening Reception Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 3 pm to 5 pm

👁️👁️ Look for us on Facebook and on our web page: [parsonsbuceart.com](http://parsonsbuceart.com)! Information about PBAA and our events as well as membership forms can be found!

Parsons-Bruce Board: Cathy Cole (chair), Carolyn Krempf (vice-chair), Bobbi Bohanon (secretary), Tay Bost (treasurer), Betty Caldwell, Martha Coates, Margaret Covington, Peggy Crews, Bertha Jane Dunavant, Debbie Griles, Susan Leonard, Carol Le Sesne, and Susan Stanley.

