

## MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2012, BRAA BOARD MEETING

12:30 - 1:30 P.M., Zeppoli's Restaurant

Present:

Robi Sallee  
Nancy Norton  
Danie Janov  
Vikki King  
Leslye Bloom  
Charlotte Chan  
Tom Barnhard  
Jeannette Bowker  
Gerri Young  
Jack and MJ Burn

Robi Sallee brought the meeting to order.

Items presented:

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### **Blacksburg Art Summit**

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Presented by Robi Sallee

The following invitation was received by Robi from The Blacksburg Partnership:

“Please join us for an Arts Summit, to be held on Saturday, August 25th from 9 to noon at the Blacksburg Community Center...

Join members of the arts community, elected officials, Virginia Tech and supporters of the arts to discuss common interests and to stimulate conversation about future collaborative opportunities. The event is sponsored by The Blacksburg Partnership Collaborative for the Arts and the Blacksburg Museum and Cultural Foundation. **Feel free to invite others and RSVP by August 11th at [info@blacksburgpartnership.org](mailto:info@blacksburgpartnership.org) or 540-443-2008.** Hope to see you there.”

BRAA needs volunteers to attend this important session. Maxine Lyons is interested in going, Robi will try to attend, but others are encouraged to attend as well. There will still be plenty of time to get to Heritage Day at the end of the summit.

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### **Eastmont art exhibit**

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Presented by Nancy Norton

This exhibit is part of the annual Tomato Festival of Shawsville. Exhibit location is the George Grey Gallery in the Shawsville Community Center. BRAA will be guests

of the Eastmont Art Association which extended the invitation to us. Important dates are:

Drop off date/place: to be determined  
Hang date: August 1 (Nancy has enough help)  
Reception: August 12, 3-4:30 p.m.  
Tomato Festival: August 18

Once Nancy has determined date and place for drop off she will notify the eight artists already signed up. More artists can be accepted. Notify Nancy Norton if you wish to participate at <mailto:nancypnorton@comcast.net>

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### **Gallery Committee report:**

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Presented by Leslye Bloom

Leslye stepped down as gallery manager so she put together a proposed plan for how that job could be handled by her replacement/s. By end of discussion, [Nancy Norton](#), [Charlotte Chan](#) and [Jeanette Bowker](#) had volunteered to take on the task.

Leslye thanked Carol McNamee and Vanessa Gourley for their participation in drafting the procedures.

Robi commended Leslye on the drafted procedures.

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### **New River Art Biennial Juried Exhibition 2013**

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Presented by Leslye Bloom

The Biennial Juried Exhibition is now set for Oct 2-Nov 9, 2013, at Perspective Gallery in Blacksburg. Reception is tentatively set for Oct. 4.

Michael Haga, Associate Dean, School of Arts, College of Charleston, S.C., who is well versed in a multiple of mediums, has agreed to act as juror for the show.

The New River Art website has been updated at [newriverart.org](http://newriverart.org) and a link to it placed on <http://www.blacksburgart.org>

Working with Leslye on this project are Gerri Young, Vikki King from BRAA and Diana Francis from the Creekmore Law Firm.

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### **Treasurer's Report**

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Presented by Vikki King

Vikki reported that approximately \$800 has been taken in and \$300 spent.

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### **Don Andrew's Workshop**

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Presented by Nancy Norton

20 of the 25 allowed spaces in the Don Andrews workshop set for Aug. 6-10 are now filled.

All travel and lodging arrangements for Mr. Andrews are set.

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## Miscellaneous

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Proposed drawing class – Nancy and Danie are trying to get a BRAA-sponsored drawing class together taught by an instructor from the Hemlocks Studio in Cedar Mountain, N.C. If the instructor accepts, she will be hosted by Danie.

Proposed weekend workshop – Nancy and Danie will pursue the possibility of scheduling a weekend workshop by VMFA.

Blacksburg Farmer's Market booth – Robi pursuing the possibility of a booth space at the Blacksburg Farmer's Market. This booth would be available for use by any BRAA member or members.

Leslye was contacted by the Smart Road management regarding possibly becoming a BRAA gallery space. Leslye will pursue further.

Robi determined that the request she had received from the Beaux Arts Gallery in Blacksburg for BRAA exhibitions was not a viable one and BRAA would not pursue the space.

Vikki King will test the BRAA tent by using it for her space at the upcoming Art at the Market event.

Robi gave the Downtown Blacksburg, Inc., membership fee request to Vikki for payment.

Maxine Lyons dropped by for a few minutes to tell us the next CAIO show for BRAA will start soon and the theme will be "Summer."

Robi made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded.

Prepared by Gerri Young