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President's Message

Happy New Year and Happy Volunteering!

If there is one thing I have learned from my almost 70 years on this planet; it is the absolute necessity of happy hard working volunteers, to the growth, sustainability, and creativity of all arts organizations.

This past year at VASA has really made this point abundantly clear. We have been required to fill several key volunteer positions to keep the wheels at VASA turning. True to the generous spirit of our members VASA is staying on track. We are moving forward and embracing 2015 with strength and resolve. I am very grateful to be working with people who enthusiastically "step up to the plate." I take my hat off to you!

When the lobby needed paint, Bruce Allen (already busy with rentals and building issues) organized a crew and wow, a sunny welcoming entrance to VASA. We needed a temporary Treasurer: Miles Constable (Vice President and Exhibitions Coordinator) volunteered.

When fund development became an absolute necessity Rick Rodgers leaped in and is now chairing an enthusiastic committee with Peter Gegolick, Jaime Gordon and Karen Gordon. Rick has also upgraded our website recently (www.vasa-art.com) and will continue to add more information.

Heather Howard continues to quietly look after house supplies (they don't magically replenish themselves) and Cheryl Moskaluk is our much needed horticultural help. Both carry out a multitude of other tasks.

Frank Van Veen with his crew of volunteers (you can always count on Connie Osgood and Carol Charest) assist "Multi-tasking Miles" with setting up exhibits every month. The Resident Artists take turns competing for food fabulousness at the receptions and how about the Goop of 7 ice cream fun organized by Bruce Allen, Jaime Gordon and friends?

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President's Message cont'd

Who makes the exhibit labels? Julie Kaldenhoven has taken on the task. Carol Johnson did it before that. Carol also serves as VASA's unofficial information officer (she is the first artist people see when they come through the door.)

Then there is membership mogul Kristine McGuinty who has looked after this arduous task for years minus much of the technical help we now have.

VASA also has the phantom cleaners (some more obsessed than others.) Yes, we have professional cleaning services but I am pleased to say someone is always tidying up something. You know who you are and thank you!

On a final heart felt note, when Volunteer of the Year, our dear Carla Beerens passed away she left many responsibilities. Once again, a volunteer with great generosity of spirit stepped up to the plate; Victoria Armstrong has volunteered to fill one of Carla's positions as Editor of our VASA newsletter. We welcome her experience and expertise.

It is realized these are but a few of our volunteers and we hope to improve our system of volunteer recognition in the new year. Thank you and a huge appreciation to all of you who share time and talent to keep VASA vibrant!

Carol Watamaniuk
President

A Note from the Editor

Though I've volunteered to take on the job as your new newsletter editor, I am aware that a newsletter is only as good as ALL the contributing members of an organization can make it.

To that end, I will be sending out a request for submissions each month thereby giving us a wonderful opportunity to share all things "arty". If you have information about upcoming workshops, tips of the trade, useful websites, opportunities for artists, etc., please feel free to email me with the details and I will do my level best to include it in the next newsletter.

If you have an upcoming art exhibition, we want to hear about it, and celebrate with you!

I do ask that everyone please write your own articles, complete with details about the event so that I can just copy and paste it into the newsletter. If you are including an image, JPG format is best. Please—no PDF files as they cannot be edited.

With everyone's help, we can make our newsletter a successful communications tool for all VASA members. Thanks in advance for your help!

Victoria Armstrong—Newsletter Editor

Honoring our Volunteers



Carla Beerens

Carla Beerens how we miss you, our VASA Volunteer of 2014. Carla's favorite words seemed to be " I will do it." She then proceeded to actually do it!

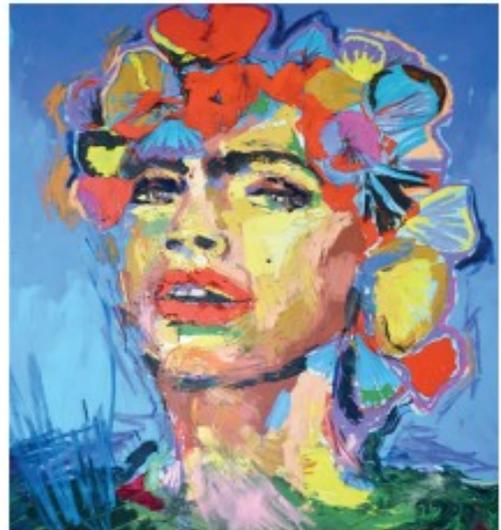
Not only an amazing artist (where did she find the time?) but a huge contributor to the whole operation of VASA. For our members here is a glimpse of Carla's considerable contributions:

- Board of Directors member
- Communications Director
- Editor VASA Newsletter
- New website initial input and set up
- Grants Coordinator
- Reception schedule with Bruce Allen
- 2014 budget proposal with Miles Constable
- Resident artist meetings, organized and reported concerns to Board
- Cleaner, gluten free chef, wall painter and any where else help was required
- Friend and mentor

A well known quote: Volunteers are not paid because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

Carla was priceless!

VASA Gallery Presents:



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Volunteer Opportunities

Several Board members are carrying out multiple duties to keep VASA running. While their enthusiasm and talents are appreciated they also happen to be artists who need time to create art and feed their souls! If you are interested in contributing by serving on the Board of Directors please submit your name and resume to Carol Watamaniuk, President.

Email: ronpluscarol@gmail.com
Or: Drop off your resume at the VASA office

Exhibition Schedule 2015

Artist	Month	Art intake	Art Hanging	Reception	Art sign-out
Members Show	Dec-Jan				Jan 31 10 – 12 (2015)
Stephen Ferris/Brandi Hofer	February	Jan 31, 1-4 PM	Feb 2 7-9 PM	Feb 7, 1-4 PM	Feb 28 10-12
Len Simpson	March	Feb 28, 1-4 PM	March 2 7-9 PM	March 7, 1-4 PM	March 28, 10-12 PM
Doris Charest	April	March 28, 1-4 PM	March 30, 7-9 PM	April 4, 1-4 PM	April 25, 10-12
Members Show	May	April 25, 1-4 PM	April 27, 7-9 PM	May 7, 6-9 PM (Art Walk)	May 30, 10-12
Bev Bunker (Women Portraying Women)	June	May 30, 1-4 PM	June 1, 7-9 PM	June 4, 6-9 PM (Art Walk)	June 27, 10-12
Frank VanVeen	July	June 27, 1-4 PM	June 29, 7-9 PM	July 2 6-9 PM (Art Walk)	Aug 1, 10-12
Cindy Barratt/Susan Casault	August	Aug 1, 1-4 PM	Aug 3, 7-9 PM	Aug 6, 6-9 PM (Art Walk)	Aug 29, 10-12
Wildlife group	September	Aug 29, 1-4 PM	Aug 31, 7-9 PM	Sept 3, 6-9 PM (Art Walk)	Sept 26, 10-12

Just a Reminder.....

1. For all **VASA artists**: Please login to the website and update your profile. If you have not logged in before, click on the "Forgot password" link to have the site send you an email that provides directions to reset your password and login. The "View profile" link appears in the same area where you found the "Forgot password" link. You will need to click the "Edit profile" button to make modifications, and the "Save" button at the bottom to save your modifications. You will control the access to your information (see the Privacy link in your profile) allowing either anyone, members, or only administrators to see your information when they look through an artist or volunteer directory on the site.

2. For all **Resident Artists**: The home page now contains a slide show. From each of the resident artists, I'd like two excellent examples of work to put in this slide show. Please indicate in the email that you grant VASA permission to use these images on the home page of the website. You can always revoke this permission at a later date, but I hope not to have to revise the home page too often. Please send me good quality photos, and at least 600 pixels wide or high (call or email me if you have questions about how), if you would like to have your work visible on the home page. Let me know if you have any questions or issues,

Please contact Rick Rogers—our webmaster—if you have any questions.

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Authentic Art Fund Development mtg.	4	5 Creative Cavorting 6:30-8:30	6	7 Acrylic Bootcamp II 10-4 Opening Reception 1-4
8 Acrylic Boot- camp II 10-4pm	9	10 Authentic Art	11	12 Creative Cavorting 6:30-8:30	13	14
15	16 Budget Mtg. Monday Night Chat Room 7-9	17 Authentic Art	18	19 Creative Cavorting 6:30-8:30	20	21 Acrylic Bootcamp II 10-4 pm
22	23 Board Mtg.	24 Authentic Art	25	26 Cultural Cafe	27	28

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Authentic Art Fund Development Mtg.	4	5 Creative Cavorting 6:30-8:30	6	7 Opening Reception 1-4
8	9	10 Authentic Art	11	12 Creative Cavorting 6:30-8:30	13	14 Acrylic for Beginners 10-4
15	16 Monday Night Chat Room 7-9	17 Authentic Art	18	19 Creative Cavorting 6:30-8:30	20	21
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29	30 Board Mtg	31 Authentic Art				