

Dear CVWG Members,

After a Zoom meeting on July 27 where some difficult decisions had to be made, the CVWG Board and I are sorry to let you know that with the exception of the Small Works Show in Crozet, all other planned activities of the guild have had to be cancelled for the remainder of 2020 due to Covid-19.

CANCELLATIONS

All Monthly Meetings August to November (year end lunch)

The Church of Our Saviour remains closed to any community activities

Linda Bethke Workshop in October

The UVA venue for the workshop at Zehmer Hall is closed until January

Linda was most gracious about this and hopes to do a workshop for CVWG in the future

Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge Exhibit in November

The Gallery Committee at WCBR does not know if any visitors will be allowed to enter

If open, delivery of paintings could only be done in 1-2 delivering all the paintings instead of

Individual artists being responsible for delivering

We have the option of selecting another date in the future to be in 2022, possibly Dec. 2021

Courthouse Judged Show in October

Entry into the Courthouse is very limited & the hallways are tight spaces for hanging

Our judge, Eleanor Cox, has been most understanding & hopes to judge in the future

DUES EXTENSION

Members' dues paid for 2020 will be extended and now include all of 2021.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Each year a nominating committee is formed from Board members to select the officers of CVWG for the following year. This year the nominating committee is comprised of Sharon Walker, Linda Abbey and Patty Richmond. If anyone is interested in becoming an officer to include President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer, please contact a member of the nominating committee. Also if you have an interest in becoming involved in any of the committees, please let them know.

The nominating committee will present the slate of officers in September to the membership and the slate will be voted upon by the membership in October. As we have had to cancel all meetings, this will take place digitally at the appointed times.

As upsetting as these changes are, I think we all understand that the safety and well being of the membership is the most important circumstance at this time. We all pray and are hopeful for a vaccine to be available by late winter in 2021 so that all people can resume a more normal life without fear for their health and life. Until such a change comes, CVWG through its website, www.cvwg.art, will continue to keep its members informed of online workshops, online places to show their art, information about its members and other pertinent art information. Mark Fitzpatrick, our webmaster, is always looking for items to put on the website so please especially now help the organization by sending Mark information about workshops, exhibiting opportunities, framing information, art tips, plein air opportunities, questions about art techniques, etc. Until we are able to return to regular monthly meetings, our website becomes an important part of CVWG to keep its membership informed and you are all a part of this.

Stay well and remember as artists, painting can bring us great joy, a release from daily concerns, and a reason to look to the future with hope as we strive to improve ourselves in the activity we all love.

Linda Verhagen

