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Spring 2017

Message from the President - Ed Covert

Dear Friends of Beverley Street Studio School,

It is an exciting time to be a Board member during our 25th anniversary year. BSSS is an evolving and active organization; just a glance at our new logo, website, mailings, e-blasts, and social media pages will show that.

Behind the scenes, the Board of Trustees is hard at work on topics not quite so glamorous, like budgets and by-laws and committee structure. However, we believe these tasks are essential to ensure the School's next 25 years of success.

Where we will be in the future will depend largely on the decisions we make now. Our goals include financial stability, new and improved ways of communicating, attracting new students, and continued program development.

It is a diverse and talented Board this year and it's a pleasure to work with each one of them.

Ed Covert
Board President



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To kick off a year of celebration, BSSS launched a new logo design to help better promote the School and its programs. Special thank you to Gretchen Long of Queen City Creative who designed our new logo. The redesign has also been implemented on our updated website. Be sure to visit bssschool.org to view new images, navigation system and learn more about our art community!

Schooled in Art: Beverley Street Studio School Celebrates 25 Years



Mark your calendars for Beverley Street Studio School's 25th anniversary celebration: May 18, 2017, 5:30pm-7:30pm at Trinity Episcopal Church in Staunton (located directly across the street from the

School). This casual, open-studio event is free and open to BSSS members and the general public. More than heralding the past 25 years, we hope to further our involvement in the community and bring awareness to this treasured organization. We hope you will attend for a fun evening of appetizers, a brief talk by Frank Hobbs, co-founder, a high quality art silent auction, and self-guided open studio tours. Bring a friend with you to introduce them to BSSS! New members who register that night receive our special \$25 membership rate. Help us spread the word about BSSS by sharing our e-blasts, "liking" our Facebook page and bringing your friends and neighbors to this event.

Founders Follow-Up

Ron Boehmer lives in Lynchburg and is still an active and beloved "Theory and Practice of Painting" instructor at BSSS. He has also taught courses in studio art and art history at Central Virginia Community College, Lynchburg College, Hollins University, The Virginia School of the Arts, The Lynchburg Fine Arts Center, and the Lynchburg Art Club. Ron is recognized as one of Virginia's foremost landscape painters. His work

has been included in several significant museum and touring exhibitions in Virginia.

Frank Hobbs is now an Associate Professor at Ohio Wesleyan University where he teaches painting, drawing, and 2D Design. In 2015 Frank received an Individual Excellence in the Arts Award from the Ohio Arts Council and is currently preparing work for a solo exhibition at Page Bond Gallery in Richmond, VA, opening on May 5. He will return to BSSS for a workshop called "Developing Your Color GPS" in May.

Rosalie Day White in 2017 celebrated her 20th season as artist in residence, Nimrod Hall, Bath County, Virginia. She has been

selected as Virginia Governor's School

Outstanding

Educator three

times. She was

also chosen

to represent

the City of

Lynchburg in

an artistic

exchange

exhibition with

Lynchburg's

sister city in

France. Currently, she

teaches painting at Art on

12th/Art Box and the Academy

Center of the Arts in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Ryan Russel is residing in Lexington and continues to paint in and around Rockbridge County. Ryan's primary focus is still on site landscape painting. However, he mixes it up a bit, painting studio still lifes, and working up studio landscapes based on smaller on-site studies.

Daniel Dempsey is an Embedded Software Engineer at Northrup Grumman in Lynchburg, VA and continues to paint. At time of publication, BSSS was unable to reach Daniel for an update.

May 18 Celebration Event Schedule:

5:30-6:00: Appetizers, cash bar, and art silent auction

6:00-6:30: Frank Hobbs: Stories of BSSS Early Years

6:30-7:00: Live auction and continued bidding on silent auction items

BRING A FRIEND!

"BSSS classes keep me in the studio!" - Eliza Hoover

Paint Staunton and Win!

Second annual Paint Staunton Quick Draw Art Competition & Wet Paint Sale: Saturday April 29, 2017

Event will begin at the Sunspots Pavilion, across from Sunspots Studios in downtown Staunton. Area plein air artists will compete for \$1000 in cash prizes and the opportunity to capture the timeless beauty of Staunton's architecture.

The painting competition begins at 9:30 am and ends at 12:30 pm. The artists submit the paintings for judging followed by the Wet Paint Sale and Pop-Up show which is open to the public from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Sunspots Pavilion.

Register for Paint Staunton Quick Draw Art Competition by contacting the BSSS office or register day of the event beginning at 8:00 am at the Sunspots Pavilion. Artists of all skill levels are encouraged to participate. There is a Professional and Amateur Artist fee of \$15 per person. Artists 16 and under register for free. More information regarding the competition and schedule of events can be found on the BSSS website.

Not an artist but love art? Contact us to volunteer! Visitors are also welcome to come downtown Staunton from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and watch the artists in action. And make sure you stay for the Wet Paint Sale from 2:00 to 3:00 pm at the Sunspots Pavilion where you can buy the newly created, original art. Bring a friend and enjoy a day of art.

The Paint Staunton Quick Draw Art Competition will be held rain or shine.



Painting by Steve Doherty



Geiger Family Moves to Staunton

After three decades in Charlottesville, painters Elizabeth and Philip Geiger have moved to Staunton to pursue their art full time. The Geiger children, Martin and Helen, are both attending art schools and will be at the Geigers' new TJ Collins home on Frederick Street during vacations. The entire family looks forward to getting involved in the visual arts community and attending events and open session figure drawing at BSSS.

The quiet, relaxed lifestyle and visual beauty of Staunton's architecture and landscape drew the Geigers to the area. The proximity to the BSSS, where Elizabeth is currently teaching a drawing class is an added bonus.

A professional artist for over 25 years, Elizabeth focus has been on still life and more recently on landscape. She has won a Museum Fellowship from the Virginia Museum, copied at the National Gallery of Art in D.C., and has shown her work regularly throughout the eastern United States. Elizabeth has been a visiting artist at William & Mary, MICA, the Kentucky College of Art & Design and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. This summer, in addition to teaching at BSSS, Elizabeth will be teaching beginning landscape painting at the Mount Gretna School of Art in Pennsylvania.

We can expect to see Elizabeth at work around town with her easel, canvas, umbrella and oil paints. Welcome to Staunton, Elizabeth and family!

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The success the School has achieved is not possible without the support of our generous donors and sponsors. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you in the studios and gallery.

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2016 Financial Report

Over the past 25 years, we have been proud to maintain financial stability. 2016's later-than-usual giving patterns and academic registration caused concern at the end of the year; however, our loyal members responded to our plea and we were able to close with a net gain of \$3,000. Even with this end of year giving, BSSS shows a 13% decrease in overall annual giving compared to 2015.

The Board will be addressing this concern in 2017 and welcomes the opportunity to hear from you. Please do not hesitate to speak to a Board member or our Executive Director regarding your creative needs and how you would like to help make BSSS a more viable and accessible organization.



Travel Study to England!

Join long-time BSSS instructor Janly Jaggard on an art appreciator's trip to London and East Anglia, England on September 1-12, 2017.

Enjoy art, museums, exhibitions, historic houses, exquisite gardens, food and the companionship of a small group. Join BSSS Instructor, practicing artist, and British native Janly Jaggard on a tour to London and East Anglia, England.

Per person cost:

Double shared room: \$2,685
Single room: \$3,367
Payment Schedule:
\$300 deposit upon registration
\$1000 due May 1
\$1000 due June 1
Balance due July 1

This trip is for those who like to visit art museums, gardens, historic buildings and places off the regular tourist trail. There will be great pub lunches, lots of delicious cream teas and the best fish and chips in England. The trip will include walking around places of interest as well as chances to sit and enjoy the company of a small group. There are only a few available slots left on this trip so book your space now.

For further itinerary questions, contact Program Director Janly Jaggard at janlyj@gmail.com or go to bssschool@verizon.net.



Lainie Mabbitt Joins BSSS Office

Lainie Mabbitt joined BSSS in March as our part-time Administrative Assistant. Lainie, who has over 20 years of experience in Human Resources, will bring her communications, writing, process improvement and organizational development skills to the School to further its reputation as a professionally-run organization. Lainie recently moved back to Staunton from Charlotte, North Carolina. We are excited to welcome Lainie back to town and to BSSS. Stop by the office to welcome her to the team.



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Give the gift of art instruction by donating to our Scholarship fund!

BSSS has awarded two scholarships in 2017, and both of the talented and energetic students attended Jeffery Stockburger's Indirect Painting class this Spring.

We are proud to be able to offer funding assistance to those who qualify. Applications are available upon request from the BSSS office.

To give to this fund, simply give a designated donation for this purpose. Your funding will be distributed throughout the year to deserving students.

