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Virginia Museum of History & Culture Hosting The Virginia Watercolor Society 41st Annual Exhibition and Show

Richmond, VA – The Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC) is pleased to announce the museum will be hosting The Virginia Watercolor Society's (VWS) 41st Annual Exhibition and Show, back in the city of Richmond after ten years in various locations throughout the Commonwealth.

"We are dedicated to collecting and preserving the creative history of all Virginians," said VMHC President and CEO Jamie Bosket. "We are glad to partner with VWS in hosting this exhibition, which is a remarkably rich record of tastes and interests in Virginia in 2020."

Over 400 paintings from Virginia artists of the VWS were submitted to be in the show; 79 were selected by juror, Fred Graff, AWS-DR, NWS, TWSA-MS, an internationally recognized watercolorist in his own right. Graff will also conduct a private workshop for VWS watercolorists preceding the show.

The prestigious event will open to the public on Saturday, October 31 at 10:00am, and features 81 artists' juried, original watercolor paintings, on paper and in various water media from transparent watercolor, acrylic, gouache, or mixed media. There are paintings of landscapes, scenes of everyday life, still lifes, portraits, and abstractions. The museum's Virginia Sargent Reynolds Gallery offers 2500 square feet of extraordinary exhibit space for the public to see and enjoy fine art up close by some of Virginia's best.

The following artists have paintings in this exhibition representing numerous localities throughout the Commonwealth, as well as one from Ohio and one from North Carolina:

Mary Allen – Culpeper, VA
Mary Lou Andrews – Virginia Beach, VA
Terry Anstrom – Springfield, VA
Judy Antico – Falls Church, VA
Brenda Barthell – Arlington, VA
Claire Bentley – Springfield, VA
Solly Blank – Lynchburg, VA
Gwendolyn Bragg – Alexandria, VA
Solange Brown – Mechanicsville, VA
Noreen Brunini – Centreville, VA
Oleksandra Butts – Fairfax, VA
Patricia Carr – Roanoke, VA
Lizabeth Castellano-King – Stafford, VA
Charlotte Chan – Blacksburg, VA
Deborah Conn – Falls Church, VA
Pat Cook – Waynesboro, VA
Eleanor Cox – Midlothian, VA
Trish Crowe – Hood, VA
Constance De Bordenave – Richmond, VA
Kevin Deck – Roanoke, VA

Vera Dickerson – Troutville, VA
Janice Ducharme – Fairfax Station, VA
Christine Duke – Winchester, VA
Susan Egbert – Roanoke, VA
Holland Etheridge – Hampton, VA
Z.L. Feng – Radford, VA
Kimberly Ferguson – Clarksville, VA
Constance Fisher – Berryville, VA
William Frable – Richmond, VA
Marti Franks – Richmond, VA
Nancy Foley – Mechanicsville, VA
Jean Gill – Oak Hill, VA
Sally Guynn – Henrico, VA
Margitta Hanff – Alexandria, VA
Gayle Hicks – Hampton, VA
Myrtle Hooker – Roanoke, VA
David Hoque – Prince George, VA
John James – Hampton, VA
Chris Kupinski – Maineville, OH
Linda Lavigne-Long – Richmond, VA

Charlie Lindauer – Virginia Beach, VA
Janet Martinet – Manassas, VA
Megan Mehra – Aldie, VA
Kathleen Miller – Richmond, VA
Doug Mock – White Stone, VA
Sally Mook – Blacksburg, VA
Kate Niner – Alexandria, VA
Elaine Nunnally – Leesburg, VA
Glenn Ornsby – Smithfield, VA
Gwen Parker – Richmond, VA
Beverly Perdue – Midlothian, VA
Martha Petroff – Alexandria, VA
Purnell Pettyjohn – Lynchburg, VA
Lynda Pitman – Woodbridge, VA
Patricia Porter – Fairfax, VA
Meera Rao – Poquoson, VA
Patrice Reese – Henrico, VA
Elizabeth Roberts – Chapel Hill, NC
Megan Robison – Virginia Beach, VA
Suzanne Ross – Roanoke, VA

Ginger Sanaie – McLean, VA
Jacqueline Saunders – Burke, VA
Jane Schafer – Wirtz, VA
Angel Shields – Troutville, VA
Suzanne Lohr Sliger – Herndon, VA
Jung Smith – Falls Church, VA
William Snow – Palmyra, VA
Martha Staiger – Alexandria, VA
Gari Stephenson – Roanoke, VA
Susan Stuller – Midlothian, VA
Katherine Sullivan – Arlington, VA
Garry-Lou Upton – N. Chesterfield, VA
Jane Carter Vaughan – Lynchburg, VA
Carol Vaughan – Irvington, VA
Gerald Wadsworth – Richmond, VA
Linda Wallace-Blau – Fairfax, VA
Michele Walter – Blacksburg, VA
Don Whitson – Waynesboro, VA
Tammy Widenhaefer – Alexandria, VA
Christopher Wynn – Rockville, VA
Mary Jane Zander – Midlothian, VA

Viewers of each year's annual exhibition are asked to vote for the work they consider to be the best in the show. The winner of the 2019 People's Choice Award received a \$300.00 prize sponsored by James River Heating and Air. The 2020 People's Choice Award is being sponsored by James River Air Conditioning Co. Voting will take place in the gallery of the VMHC and the winner of this year's exhibition will be announced by the Virginia Watercolor Society in January 2021.

The majority of the show's paintings are available for purchase with 35% from each sale going to the VMHC. All COVID-19 health protocols will be followed at the show such as social distancing, wearing a mask, and managing the number of people in the gallery at one time.

Please use the following link for a selection of images from VWS:

[Virginia Watercolor Society - Images](#)

The VWS is a 501c(3) tax exempt organization of artists and non-painters, founded in 1979, which seeks to foster interest and participation in the exciting world of watercolor through the active programming of publications, demonstrations, annual juried exhibitions and social activities.

The VWS creates opportunities for beginning as well as established artists to advance their skills and professionalism, as well as educational for the public at large. Its charitable Creasy/Johnson Fund aims at educating and encouraging deserving artists, particularly students and beginning painters, and underwriting various educational projects of the VWS. Learn more about the VWS at www.virginiawatercolorsociety.org.

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is owned and operated by the Virginia Historical Society – a private, non-profit organization established in 1831. The historical society is the oldest cultural organization in Virginia, and one of the oldest and most distinguished history organizations in the nation. For use in its state history museum and its renowned research library, the historical society cares for a collection of nearly nine

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million items representing the ever-evolving story of Virginia.

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is located at 428 N Arthur Ashe Boulevard in Richmond's Museum District. Hours are Monday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the galleries and museum shop, Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the research library. For more information call 804.340.1800, visit VirginiaHistory.org, or connect on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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