

# JULIE HAMILTON ART LIVING A CREATIVE LIFE

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## I am a member of:

- **Signature 9 Gallery**  
301 S. Jefferson St  
Roanoke, VA 24011  
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- **The Arts Council of the Blue Ridge**  
20 Church Ave  
Roanoke, VA 24011
- **The Salem Fine Arts Commission**  
for the past 20 years

## Welcome / Upcoming Art Shows

Welcome to the first issue of the Julie Hamilton Art newsletter! I hope it will keep you up to date on my upcoming art shows, classes, workshops, jewelry shows, catering, and ideas on living a creative life!

One of my favorite quotes is "The world is full of magical things patiently awaiting our wits to sharpen" - Eden Phillpotts. As an artist and a teacher I find myself drawn to share what I know about living creatively and making each day a reflection of one's authentic self. I am inspired by other people who love their work and follow their passions. I believe that this can be achieved in little ways everyday. Perhaps you will be inspired to try something new... listen to that little voice telling you to pay

attention, play, and enjoy your life!

### Current Shows

#### **"A Few of our Favorites"**

Signature 9 Gallery

Roanoke, VA

March—May

#### **"Julie Hamilton—Five Year's of Painting"**

Mill Mountain Coffee & Tea

Salem, VA

End of March—April

#### **"Handmade Jewelry Sale"**

Online sale 50% off

<http://www.juliehamiltonart.com/jewelry.html>



"Beacon" acrylic on canvas  
36" x 36" 2009 SOLD



"Siphon" oil on canvas  
48" x 48" 2007 SOLD

## Awards and Recognition

- I was awarded a GAP grant by The Arts Council of the Blue Ridge for 2009-2010! The program is designed to support activities for artists to create, refine, or exhibit their work, while furthering their careers. Watch in June for my new body of work and project details!
- I received the People's Choice Award for favorite artist at the 2009 Salem Fine Arts Commission Juried Art Show in Salem. The show takes place at the Salem Farmer's Market each October and features about 25 local artists.
- "Illuminated Mountains" painting was chosen for the new Carilion Clinic Medical Office Building at Riverside by the Carilion Design Group.



All photography in this issue  
by Julie Hamilton

## Living a Creative Life! Part One in a Year Long Series

Living a creative life means something different to each of us. For my mother it can mean preparing three new recipes for her family on a Sunday night or one of her various creative sewing projects. For my best friend it may be some much deserved quiet time to write....for me it can be as simple as eating lunch with my six year old on the floor under a blanket fort that we've built. I view each day as an opportunity to create something meaningful and authentic in my life that invites color, joy, and seren-

dipity. Some days I am more successful at this than others! But my goals and intentions guide me to create special memories with my daughter and husband, to challenge myself as an artist and painter, to dare to try new things and have the courage to build the life I want one step at a time.

I was fortunate a few years back to visit internationally known sculptor Dorothy Gillespie in her New York City studio where she auto-graphed my sketchbook with

the advice, "Follow Your Bliss". Great advice...but do you know what YOUR bliss really is? [Take a few moments to explore the following:](#)

- List five hobbies that sound fun.
- List five classes that sound fun.
- List five skills that would be fun to have.
- List five things you used to enjoy doing.
- List five silly things you would like to try once.

**Is there one small step you can take today towards something on this list that allows you to Follow Your Bliss!?**

I am currently taking commissions for clients looking to invest in a one of kind work of art for their home or business. Contact me to view my portfolio and references!



"Marty's Land" oil on canvas 16" x 20" commission by client

## Classes and Workshops

I am currently teaching a **Hand Built Ceramics class for Beginners** though Salem Parks and Recreation at Salem High School. All projects are created and glazed with food safe, oven safe and dishwasher safe materials! Class may be taken more than once as I will introduce more advanced skills and techniques on a one to one basis! Watch this summer for fall schedule registration. Class is usually Weds nights from 6-8pm, \$100 for 8 weeks!

The past six months I have been working on a project with Roanoke County Schools and the Roanoke County Parks and Recreation to teach, organize and curate the **Enchanted Eve Art** classes and two art shows for over 150 elementary school children. Students from Penn Forest, Oak Grove Elementary, and the Salem High School International Baccalaureate Art Students all created Enchanted Eyewear that was both creative and magical!



In the studio!

"I cannot expect even my own art to provide all of the answers—only to hope it keeps asking the right questions." - Grace Hartigan

## Recent Shows

2009 was a very successful show year! A quick recap of where I showed my work:

**30th Annual Roanoke City Art Show in Center in the Square**

**Alchemy and Transformation—featured artist Julie Hamilton and Ben Carter at Signature 9 Gallery**

**Salem Fine Arts Commission Juried Art Show 2009**

**Recent Work by Julie Hamilton at Stellar One in Roanoke, Franklin St Plaza**

**Art in the Window, Arts Council of the Blue Ridge Offices**

**One Woman Show at La Bastide in Charlottesville**

**Bravos and Brushstrokes Gala at the Taubman Museum of Art**

**Artfeast Votive Painting at Center in the Square**

**Denim and Diamonds Gala for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation**

**Roanoke Memorial Art Alley**

**Winter Jewelry Show at La Bastide to benefit the Charlottesville Junior League**

Julie Hamilton Art GIFT CERTIFICATES are available and can be used towards purchase of artwork, class fees, jewelry, catering and private lessons!

## Food For Thought

In 2009 I began to share my love of cooking through **Julie Hamilton Art Catering** events for family, friends and new clients! It was a huge success and am excited to see where this new venture may lead.

If you are hosting a baby shower, engagement party, a girl's night, a surprise birthday or a bridal luncheon and would like to have a personalized menu catered to meet your needs, give me a call! Leave the food shopping and preparation to me! I will

provide a free quote for your event which includes food cost, preparation, serving trays, delivery and complete set up for the event.

I have catered parties for 15 to 115 guests! I am happy to provide references upon request.

If you have a friend who has just had a new baby or who is in need of a home cooked meal for any reason, I offer a complete menu of dinner choices that can be prepared and or frozen and delivered

to their home.

### Some of my most requested items include:

*Cranberry Chutney Cheddar Cheese balls with crackers*

*Shrimp and Cheddar Cheese Grits*

*Hot Artichoke Dip with Herbs*

*Oatmeal Lace Cookies*

*Lemonade Cupcakes*

*Chicken Picatta*

*Cheese Slaw and Fritos*



Homemade Lemonade Cupcakes with Lemon Curd filling and Lemon Cream Cheese Icing

## Handmade Jewelry Shows



"Mod" Ebony, ceramic, and metal necklace with thin black ribbon tie 22" long 2009

VISIT

<http://www.juliehamiltonart.com/jewelry.html> for current SALE!!

I am currently working on a new collection for summer of 2010 of handmade beaded jewelry with semi-precious stones, silver and gold chain, and handmade earrings.

If you would be interested in hosting a Julie Hamilton Art jewelry party at your home, please contact me for more details! I offer a package that includes credits towards free jewelry based on hosting and sales. I will also provide appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks (you can provide any-

thing more your group would prefer) and you provide the friends!

I am setting my schedule now for late summer and the fall for parties! Call me!

I also offer a Beginner's Jewelry Making Class to anyone who can gather 5 or more participants. The class can be held at a home or downtown at Beads Indeed on the Market. Email me at [info@juliehamiltonart.com](mailto:info@juliehamiltonart.com) today for a quote!

## Private Lessons and Retreats

I teach **Private Art Lessons** in painting and drawing for adults. My favorite students are complete beginners or those who have always wanted to learn but didn't have the time or confidence! Lessons are \$40 an hour and available in 4, 6 and 8 week sessions. Class locations decided with client and can include client's home, coffee shops, even outdoors when weather permits! Gift Certifi-

cates available for private lessons!

I also run a **Women's Creativity Retreat—A Day Spa for Your Creative Spirit**. I offer this retreat and workshop for any women's group that can gather 5 or more participants and if you organize the group, I will give you 50% off the registration fee! I can provide the meeting space, or I am also willing to

come hold the retreat in a home or meeting space of your own. The retreat is a day devoted to nurturing your spirit, creativity, and body designed for artists and non artists alike! It is a chance to listen to your inner muse through creating, yoga, writing and meditation. Includes catered lunch and snacks. Contact me for more information!

## Artist Statement

"In my current work I am creating paintings that index the elements of water, fire, earth and air as abstract expressionist images.

I am interested in creating highly subjective works that evade a single interpretation.

These inner landscapes are born from a desire to understand myself and my world through the language of color and gesture.

The paintings embody movement, energy, celebration, spirituality and inspiration."

-Julie Hamilton, 2010

### WEBSITES I RECOMMEND:

[www.comfortqueen.com](http://www.comfortqueen.com)

[www.designingprosperity.com](http://www.designingprosperity.com)

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**"Sophisticated compositional brushwork and color concepts breathe deeply in Julie Hamilton's...paintings. These canvases are remarkable for their energy and movement, and they assert themselves with authority in our postmodern world. More importantly they are innovative in their sense of abstraction and carry the viewer into a realm of beauty, moving us away from the canvas and into personal reflection"**

*- Helen Frederick, from her Juror's Statement for the 29th Annual Roanoke City Art Show, 2008*

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I have been painting and creating art for over 25 years. I hold a BFA in Fine Arts from James Madison University and a MALS degree concentrating in Visual Arts from Hollins University. I taught International Baccalaureate Art at Salem High School for eight years and now run *The Creativity Retreat for Women – a Day Spa for the Soul*. I also teach for the City of Salem Parks and Rec and substitute teach at Salem High School. I work out of my home studio with my six year old in tow and another daughter due in April 2010! I look forward to a new year of creating, teaching, cooking and painting! May you also find a way to live each day creatively!