

**Valencia Foundation**  
**Report to the Board of Trustees**  
**September 2017**

**Join us for an extraordinary evening with Highwayman R.L. Lewis**

Please invite an advocate for education to join us **Oct. 24, 6 p.m.**, at a Valencia Foundation art salon hosted in Deb and Paul Mears' home. R.L. Lewis will produce an original painting, while his son narrates and they answer questions from attendees.

Lewis is one of the quietly creative and versatile figures of the Florida landscape art tradition known as The Highwaymen. He is one of the 26 original Highwaymen. A sports injury in high school forced him to be assigned to art class at historically black Monroe High School. An art teacher helped R.L. to expose his artistic talents. He attended Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Syracuse University in New York and Florida A&M University in Tallahassee before graduating in 1966 with a B. degree in art education. He taught art in Brevard County for 32 years.

R.L.'s paintings have appeared in many museums, including "A Florida Original: R.L. Lewis and the Highwaymen," as part of a Smithsonian Institute Exhibition. He was inducted into the Florida Artist Hall of Fame. RSVP to pdorn@valenciacollege.edu or 407.582.3259.

**Help the foundation board of directors build Valencia's philanthropic future**

Please consider attending foundation business, finance, planning and social gatherings during the 2017-18 academic year. All key meetings are listed below, including our board retreat on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 22 and 23. Foundation board members appreciate the opportunity to learn from the trustees. Please make note of our upcoming dates:

- Tuesday, Oct. 24, 6 p.m., **Fall Highwayman Live Painting and Discussion featuring R.L. Lewis**, Paul and Deb Mears' home.
- Wednesday, Nov. 8, **Finance Meeting**, 8 a.m. networking/breakfast, 8:30 a.m. meeting, Citrus Club.
- Thursday, Dec. 7, **Full Board Meeting**, 11:35 a.m. networking/lunch, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. meeting, East Campus, building 5, room 111/112.
- Thursday and Friday, Feb. 22 and Feb. 23, **Overnight Foundation Board Retreat**.
- Wednesday, Feb. 14, **Finance Meeting**, 8 a.m. networking/breakfast, 8:30 a.m. meeting, Citrus Club.
- Thursday, March 29, **Full Board Meeting**, 11:35 a.m. networking/lunch, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. meeting, Foundation Office, fifth floor.
- Wednesday, May 9, **Finance Meeting**, 8 a.m. networking/breakfast, 8:30 a.m. meeting, Citrus Club.
- Thursday, May 10, **Full Board Meeting** 11:35 a.m. networking/lunch, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. meeting, West Campus, Special Events Center, building 8, room 111.