

# Mansion House Art Gallery

Home of the Valley Art Association



THE MANSION HOUSE  
Built by John Heyser in 1846.

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## VAA OFFICERS FOR - 2008

President - Marjorie Tressler  
Past President - Donna Mason  
President-Elect - Susan Parker  
Treasurer - Donna Smith  
Corresponding Secretary - Joseph Shugars  
Recording Secretary - Linda Pedersen  
Gallery Director - Marie McCafferty  
Apprentice Gallery Director - Sue Bell

### Notices from the Gallery Director: Attention Gallery Members; Important Meeting of Gallery Committee

The Annual Changing of wall space is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24 at 10 am. If you have wall space then you must do the following:

1. You must be present or have a representative there to act on your behalf.
2. Each artist must be prepared to sign the calendar for 7 sitting times for the upcoming year.
3. Sign new contract and pay for wall space, shrink wrap, or miniature space.
4. Pay dues also at this time

### Other Notes and News:

**Museum Ramble Scheduled for May 3 and 4:** VAA will participate as in past years. Artist can set up and Demo and sell art work on the porch. Volunteers are needed to help with food for a reception on May 4. Artists are asked to please donate an item for a prize basket to given away.

**Blues Fest:** Hagerstown will participate in the annual Blues Fest on June 1. Artists can set up and paint and/or sell their work on the porch of the Mansion House at that time.

#### Fall Festival

The Annual Fall Festival is scheduled for September 13 and 14 from 10 am until 5pm each day. VAA membership will participate. Details are to follow in future newsletter.

## General Membership Meeting May 28 7:00pm

### May Program:

Our May meeting will have three parts. The first will be the Annual Election of Officers to fill vacancies on the Board. Candidates for the five vacancies are as follows: Gallery Director, Maria McCafferty; Treasurer, Donna Smith; Recording Secretary; Linda Pedersen, Corresponding Secretary, NEED SOMEONE; Assistant Gallery Director, NEED SOMEONE. If you know someone or are interested yourself please contact Lucille Dietrich or Carolyn Tuttle.

The second event is a white elephant sale of art-related items as a fundraiser for the VAA. If you have items to donate please bring them in prior to the meeting. Some large items donated will be sold at a silent auction. Any items not sold will be donated to the Veterans Administration Hospital.

And third, members are asked to bring in a painting for show and tell to the group.

**Refreshments donated by Margaret Fuller and Joan Scobel**

**June Meeting:** On June 25, our usual meeting night, we will have our Annual Membership Picnic on the Porch. The VAA will provide chicken and beverage. Each person attending please bring a covered dish. Members are free but each guest is \$5.00 to cover cost of meat and drink. More details in the June newsletter.

### Plein Air Painting Group:

New member Wayne Kell has volunteered to coordinate a **Plein air Painting Group**. This group is in the forming stage and Wayne is looking for anyone interested in participating. If you are interested please contact Wayne at [wkell@myactv.net](mailto:wkell@myactv.net)

**RULES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ALL-MEMBER MINIATURE SHOW**

**Recognition will be given for Best of Show, First, Second, Third Place  
and Honorable Mentions**

Rules and Guidelines for Participation:

1. Each member may exhibit/enter up to 5 paintings.
2. All work must be original and completed within the past two (2) years.
3. The following guidelines will be applied to all works submitted:
  - a. **The 1/6<sup>th</sup> rule:** (images should be approximately 1/6 of object size or smaller: small objects, not lending themselves to portrayal in 1/6<sup>th</sup> scale may, at the end discretion of the Judges, be accepted or rejected.
  - b. **The area size of the painting (image) must be no greater than 4" x 6", not to exceed 24 square inches; the outside of framed pieces must not exceed 48 square inches (6" x 8"). All entries will be measured!**
4. Drawing techniques will be accepted as long as 50% or more of the surface is painted. All fine art media are acceptable: no crafts, jewelry, photography, laser prints or computer-generated artwork. **Sculpture is welcomed but will be judged separately from paintings.** Pastel is fine as long as it is a painterly and not a linear manner.
5. Each entry must be sealed with a dust cover no nails are to be showing (except oils and acrylics painted like oils).
6. Entries will be rejected if the mats are "sawed or chewed" (instead of clean cuts), if the mats are dirty, or if frames are broken, scratched or marred. Take pride in your work!
7. No potentially offensive paintings will be exhibited this includes pornography, morally, politically, or sexually questionable pieces.
8. **It is illegal and immoral to copy someone else's artwork or published photographs for sell as your own creation!** Questionable works shall be removed from the exhibit. In other words, do not submit work that is not your own, original creations only.
9. **All artwork must be ready to hang!** We will accept only artwork with eye-hooks and braided picture wire. No strings, threads, coat hangers, saw teeth, stand-up picture frames, band aids, etc., will be accepted.

**ATTACH the following to the BACK OF EACH PAINTING:**

**Artists name; Address; Phone number; E-mail (if you have one); Name of Painting; Medium; Price.**

**North Gallery Shows:**

**May Solo Show by Lucy Ecker:** A reception for this show is planned for May 4 from 2 to 4 pm. This reception will also serve as a part of the Museum Ramble

**June All-member Show:** An All- Members' show of photography, lithographs, etchings, block prints, silk screens, hand-pulled prints, one of a kind originals, etc. is scheduled to run from May 30 through June 29

**All Member Juried Miniature Show:** An all member juried Miniature show is planned for May 30 through July 27. Entries will be wired to portable screens for security. The screens will be between the East and West Galleries except for the Blues Fest when they will put on the porch. (See below for rules for miniature show)

**NOTE: Please bring all entries for these shows to the Mansion House by the May 28 meeting**

**July Solo Show by Sue Bell:** July 4 through July 27. An Artist's reception is planned for July 13; 2:00 to 4:00 pm, the second week of the show

**August Solo Show by Donna Mitchell**

More information regarding these shows will be published in future newsletters

**Social Committee Has Been Formed:**

**Gail Cox** the chairperson of the Social Committee. She will be ably assisted by **Audrey Mentzer, Carolyn Tuttle** and other volunteers. We need to extend a big **THANK YOU** these and to all others for taking on this most important task. From time to time our Social Committee needs willing volunteers to prepare for our events and assist with shows and other tasks that provide the times we all enjoy. Please take time to help with this valuable part of our organization.

**Spring Clean Up:**

Several members recently devoted much time and labor to cleaning up the Mansion House for spring events. Extend many thanks and a huge **atta boy** to these members for their hard work. The Mansion House looks much better for it.

**Hostess Volunteers:**

The following have graciously volunteered to provide refreshments at our general membership meetings. If possible please contact the individual person and offer your help with this effort.

**The Schedule follows: April-- Ruth Peyton, June Savannah and Jackie Palmer; May-- Margaret Fuller and Joan Scobel.**

**VAA Show at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts**

The 2008 Valley Art Association Museum Show was well received by those viewers. Many who saw the show were impressed by the level of talent and artistic ability of exhibitors. A great job worthy of praise therefore contributors and show organizers deserve a hearty **WELL DONE**.

Those members with paintings in this show are asked to pick up their work on May 20 between 9:00am and 2:30pm. If you cannot make this requirement please arrange for someone to pick up your work for you.

**ADDITIONAL SHOWS IN THE AREA:****Art in the Hallways at Washington County Hospital**

In May, artist **Marilyn Tracy** will display her work. Artist of the month of June is **Marie McCafferty**. Anyone having questions about Art in the Hallways should contact **Lucy Ecker** by mail at [a1nanaecker@aol.com](mailto:a1nanaecker@aol.com)

**Waynesboro Hospital Art Works**

**Eliane Ambrose** will show her work from April 28 through May 28 at the Waynesboro Hospital.

**Waynesboro Studio Art Club**

A demonstration of oil painting by **Steve Wetzel** scheduled for May 20.

**Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month**

**Jonathan Booker** will display a selection of his photos and acrylic paintings in May.

**Franklin County Art Alliance Announces 2008 Workshop**

Artist/instructor **Jeff Barnhart** will host a workshop **Oct. 6 through 10, 2008** at the Greenwood Conference Center, Fayetteville, PA; 9:30-3:30 each day. Instructional offerings include oil, watercolor and pastel. A live model will be featured on one day of the workshop. Cost of the workshop is \$150; class size is limited to 15 participants. To sign up:contact **Glen Sabetto** by mail [gsabetto@hotmail.com](mailto:gsabetto@hotmail.com)

**OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE ART SKILLS:****Decorative Painting Class with Marie McCafferty**

Starts May 7, \$65 for six classes

Class meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Fall session will start Sept. 3

Call Marie to register or for more information

**Nancy Carver Thompson, will present a workshop at the Mansion House.** Nancy was the guest speaker at March 26th VAA meeting. The class will concentrate on revitalizing your watercolor style and taking it to the next level. Concentration will be on technique, with emphasis on color mixing, value, theory and composition.

Class info:

Dates: May 12, 13, & 14, 9:30am to 3:30pm (bring bag lunch)  
 Cost: \$165.00, \$50.00 deposit, refundable up to 5 days prior to class  
 Class size: Max 10, Min 5, reserve your space early  
 Contact: Sue Bell,  
 Email [nanthom@mac.com](mailto:nanthom@mac.com)  
 Supplies: List provided upon registration

**Spring into Painting** with Marti Yeager

Put some spring into your artwork with an exciting weekend of "plein air" painting. Together we'll explore the many possibilities of using what you see outdoors not only as subject matter, but as a basis for an "inspired" composition. We'll be painting what nature has to offer in my yard & gardens this year. (If weather doesn't cooperate, we'll bring the outside in via potted plants, view from a window, etc.)

Workshop will include instruction and demonstrations in various media. And as class size is limited to 10, each participant will receive plenty of individual attention.

TIME: **Saturday**, May 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and **Sunday**, May 18, 12-5 p.m.

PLACE: 306 Terrace Drive, Fayetteville, PA

PRICE: \$70

BRING with you: art supplies (a list of suggested materials will be sent to all registered participants) and lunch. We'll eat together on the deck and "talk art." Lemonade & iced tea will be provided.

QUESTIONS? Email [martieager@pa.net](mailto:martieager@pa.net).

**Register By May 10: To register send your Name; Address; Phone Number; email with a deposit of least \$35 to Marti Yeager, 306 Terrace Dr., Fayetteville, PA 17222.** (Please call before sending registration to see if space is available)

**Watercolor Painting with Artist Anna Hogbin**

7 weeks of Instruction: Thursday evenings from 6 PM to 8:30 PM at the Mansion House.

Dates: September 11 through October 30, 2008

Tuition: \$80: Class size is limited to 12. A minimum of 8 students is needed.

About the course:

The major topics will be wet-in-wet techniques, design, watercolor characteristics, and creative techniques. Students will learn and apply the planning process for developing a painting. Students will work from photos but will explore the use of creative techniques. Together, the instructor and students will determine the subject matter. Subjects can be landscapes, waterscapes, still life and/or life set-ups, florals, buildings, abstracts, etc. Students will have the opportunity to paint the instructional demo or make his/her own creation.

Students are expected to use professional quality materials. A list of materials will be sent to the student upon completion of registration.

**Watercolor classes with Lynn Ferris**

Thursdays, June 12 - July 24 (no class July 3) \$15 per class

You do not need to sign up for all 6 classes

Lynn won Top Award at the Florida Watercolor Society Show

Call Lynn to register for more information

## SITTERS FOR MAY, JUNE & EARLY JULY

<b>May</b>	2	Ted Murray	<b>June</b>	1	Zelma Lushbaugh
	3	June Savannah		6	Marie McCafferty
	4	Zelma Lushbaugh		7	Clyde Roberts
	9	Donna Mason and Marjorie Tressler		8	Chris Shinglar
	10	Jean Strike		13	Clyde Roberts
	11	Trudy Coody		14	NEED SOMEONE
	16	Charles Gelsleichter		15	Trudy Coody
	17	Anna Hogbin		20	Donna Mason and Marjorie Tressler
	18	Chris Shinglar		21	Sue Bell
	23	Betty Heck		22	June Savannah
	24	Clyde Roberts		27	Betty Heck
	25	Lucille Murray		28	Clyde Roberts
	30	Sue Bell		29	Chris Shinglar
	31	Clyde Roberts			
				<b>July</b>	5
		6	NEED SOMEONE		
		11	Lucy Ecker		

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