

# Mansion House Art Gallery

Home of the Valley Art Association

The Mansion House  
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## General Membership Meeting featuring Ben Jones

September 24 - 7:00PM

We are proud to have Mr Ben Jones as our speaker for the first meeting of our new art year on September 24th.

Mr. Jones has been a resident of Hagerstown, Maryland since 1966 and started out as a Presbyterian Pastor. While being a pastor, his interests turned to art. He started studying art at the Maryland Institute in Baltimore and went on to teach at Hagerstown Community College for 25 years in the Humanities. While at HCC he became very well known and admired for his Art Appreciation Classes.

Mr. Jones has been working as a professional artist since 1979 and his art work rendered in acrylic is exceptional, very well received, and resides in many collections throughout the US. He has shown in our tri-state area, New York, and many other venues. I am sure this will be a very interesting evening and I personally am looking forward to hearing his talk and seeing his art work.

I am also looking forward to seeing you at our membership meeting ,this is a good way to start the new art year with many exciting demos, shows and social events.

Marjorie Tressler, President of VAA

## Get Prepared for Fall Festival

The 2nd Annual Fall Festival will be held on Sept 13th and 14th from 10AM to 5PM each day. We need people to help with the Children's activities on Sunday the 14th. They will be doing watercolor paintings like last year, so all of you watercolorists please step forward and give us a hand. We will also need you to participate with paintings for sale and demos. Please sign up with Marjorie Tressler, Sue Parker, or any other board member. This was a very popular and successful event last year, so come on out.

## By-Law Changes to Address

Please take time to read the Proposed By-Law changes on page 2. We will be voting on the changes at the upcoming membership meeting. A board member will briefly clarify what the changes mean for the members prior to the vote.

## Website Is Up and Accessible!

The website is finally here and evolving to promote our organization, support our members, and quickly communicate events. If you haven't already logged-on, please visit the site at the following link:

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

Please take time to thank Carolyn and Hunter Tuttle who developed the site and walked the board members through the process. It is probably safe to say it wouldn't have developed so quickly and professionally without their dedication.

Also, be advised that a version of the newsletter, which eliminates all personal contact numbers, is now available from the website. Just go to the site and click on the "Newsletters" link in the left column of the home page. [The monthly newsletter, in a PDF file format, will now be available on the 1st of every month from the website.](#)

## Newsletter Selection Enclosed

The newsletter is currently the Associations most expensive monthly cost. Paper, ink, printing, and postage costs have all increased. In lieu of raising the cost of dues, we are trying to control this expense for all members by moving towards digital distribution. We will accommodate everyone's needs, but would greatly appreciate anyone who is able to choose a digital option to do so. Please fill out the form stapled in this issue if you haven't already done so. Mail it to the address below or hand it to any VAA Board Member at the next meeting.

# Proposed By-Laws Amendments

## WCMFA Entry Selection Issues

### General Jurying Issues

#### Current wording in the By-laws:

##### Rules Governing

##### **The Valley Art Association, Inc.'s Annual Show at the Washington County Museum of Fine Art**

Each eligible member of the Valley Art Association, Inc. may enter one (1) work in any medium for entry into the Museum Show. (The Exhibiting Committee will decide which entries can be accepted. The Exhibiting Committee will also determine how many entries can be accepted, as dictated by the Museum. Guidelines can be developed by the Exhibiting Committee.)

In order to be eligible to exhibit in the Museum Show, an artist must have been a member of The Valley Art Assc., Inc. for at least six (6) months in the past fiscal year and must have attended two (2) membership meetings during the past fiscal year.

#### Proposed By-laws changes:

Article VI – The Annual Valley Art Association Show at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Show

1. In order to be eligible to exhibit in the Museum Show, an artist must have been a member of The Valley Art Association, Inc. for at least six (6) months and must have attended at least two (2) meetings as a member.
2. Entries submitted for the WCMFA Show shall meet the criteria established by the Museum and shall be juried for inclusion in the exhibit by a suitably qualified individual or individuals from outside the Valley Art Association, as determined and selected by the Valley Art Association Board.
3. The maximum number of entries by any individual shall be determined each year by the Board based on the number of individuals interested in participating in the WCMFA Show.

#### Article VII – Internal Valley Art Association Shows - Jurying

1. Since the Valley Art Association is an artists' club representing all interests, styles, and skill levels, to maintain good will within the organization, entries for in-house all-member shows shall not be juried or placed in competition with each other by any other means (e.g. popular vote).

## Shows and Awards

### NORTH GALLERY SHOWS

- **Solo Show by Linda Pedersen -** **SEPTEMBER 5-28.** “Maryland’s Chesapeake Bay” Reception held Sunday, September 7th from 2-4PM.
- **The Wednesday Portrait Group -** **OCTOBER 3-26.** “Body Language II” Reception held Sunday, October 5th from 2-4PM.

### ADDITIONAL AREA SHOWS

#### **Art in the Hallways at the Washington County Hospital**

- **SEPTEMBER** Artist of the Month is **Tamara Hoffman.**

Questions about Art in the Hallways should be directed to Lucy Ecker at: 301-797-6813 or a1nanaecker@aol.com

#### **Waynesboro Hospital Art Works**

- **SEPTEMBER** Artist of the Month is **Lu Mattern.**

- **OCTOBER** Artist of the Month is **Clyde Roberts.**
- #### **Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month**
- **SEPTEMBER** Artist of the Month is **Zelma Lushbaugh.**
  - **OCTOBER** Artist of the Month is **Glen Sabetto.**

#### **2008 Nancy Rodig Regional Exhibit**

The Arts Centre in Martinsburg is hosting this exhibit made possible by a donation from the Evan’s Run Art Assc. The exhibit runs **SEPTEMBER 12 through OCTOBER 25** with an opening reception held on September 12th. For information, hours and directions please call 304-263-0224 or email shelley@theartcentre.

#### **Congratulations to the following members showing in the Cumberland Valley Show:**

Charles Brown, Dennis Clarke, Marie McCafferty, Sue Parker, Lin Pedersen, Paul Rhymer, Clyde Roberts, Janet Salter, and Carolyn Thome

## Classes and Workshops

### Decorative Painting Class with Marie McCafferty - \$65 for six classes

- Fall sessions start September 3. Class meets at 6:30 PM the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Mansion House.

For more info leave mssg. for Marie at 301-797-6813.

### Watercolor Painting with Anna Hogbin - \$80 for seven classes

- Sessions run Thursdays, September 11 - October 30 from 6 PM to 8:30 PM at the Mansion House. A minimum of 8 students are needed.

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 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.

### Franklin County Art Alliance 2008 Workshop with Artist/instructor Jeff Barnhart - \$150 for five classes

- Workshop runs every day October 6-10 from 9:30 AM-3:30 PM and is held at the Greenwood Conference Center, Fayetteville, PA. Limited to 15 participants.

Instructional offerings include oil, watercolor and pastel. A live model will be featured on one day of the workshop. To sign up: leave mssg. for Glen Sabetto at 301-797-6813 or email Glen Sabetto at gsabetto@hotmail.com.

### Spontaneous Painting Workshop with Beckie Mirsch Lauglin - \$35 session

- Workshop held on September 13 at the Washington County Arts Council. Enrollment is limited.

Using the medium of tempera paints and paper, workshop participants will strengthen their intuition, learn how to identify and work through creative blocks, and create unique paintings. For more information and registration contact Lindsay Weaver of the Washington County Arts Council at 301-791-3132 or at lindsayw@washingtoncountyarts.com. Beckie's work is currently on display at the WCAC.

## General Member News

**2008 Holiday Party** - Please mark your calendar for Saturday December 6th from 6-9PM and celebrate the season with your friends and fellow artists.

**Dues Are Now Past Due** - The VAA's annual dues of \$25 were expected by July 1 and are now very late.

Dues *must* be paid by the October meeting to remain in good standing and may be paid by mailing or handing a check to Donna Smith. **Checks need to be made out to "Valley Art Association"**. For questions, her email account is: [DSmith7119@aol.com](mailto:DSmith7119@aol.com)

The mailing address is: **Donna Smith, Treasurer  
501 Highland Way  
Hagerstown, MD 21742**

**Newsletter Information** - Keely Neubauer is the new corresponding secretary and will be putting together the newsletter for the membership. Members

need to supply Keely with any information that needs to be included in the newsletter in writing by the 15th of each month for the following month's newsletter. Unfortunately, verbal requests will likely get missed.

Her email account is: [corsec@valleyartassoc.com](mailto:corsec@valleyartassoc.com)

The mailing address is: **Keely Neubauer  
501 Highland Way  
Hagerstown, MD 21742**

### Announcement from the Gallery Director

**There will be a Gallery Members Meeting  
held on  
Tuesday, September 16 at 10:00AM**

## Mansion House Sitters Schedule

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER	
Fri 5	Janie Moltrup	Fri 3	<Needed>	Sat 1	Sue Parker
Sat 6	Marie McCafferty	Sat 4	Linda Pedersen	Sun 2	Clyde Roberts
Sun 7	Charles Gelsleichter	Sun 5	Zelma Lushbaugh		
				Fri 7	Lucy Ecker
Fri 12	Donna Mason	Fri 10	Lucy Ecker	Sat 8	Anna Hogbin
Sat 13	Denny Bingaman- FALL FESTIVAL	Sat 11	Jean Strike	Sun 9	Donna Bingaman
Sun 14	Zelma Lushbaugh- FALL FESTIVAL	Sun 12	Tamara Hoffman		
		Fri 17	Marjorie Tressler	Fri 14	Tamara Hoffman-
Fri 19	Marjorie Tressler	Sat 18	Trudy Coody	Sat 15	Trudy Coody
Sat 20	Jean Strike	Sun 19	Anna Hogbin	Sun 16	Donna Bingaman- OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND
Sun 21	Anna Hogbin	Fri 24	Tamara Hoffman		
		Sat 25	Linda Pedersen	Fri 21	Marjorie Tressler
Fri 26	Clyde Roberts	Sun 26	June Savannah	Sat 22	Terry Shotten
Sat 27	Sue Parker			Sun 23	Donna Bingaman
Sun 28	June Savannah	Fri 31	Ruth Peyton		
				Fri 28	Marjorie Tressler
				Sat 29	Charles Gelsleichter
				Sun 30	<Needed>

## Valley Art Assoc 2008 Officers

President:	Marjorie Tressler
Past President:	Donna Mason
President-Elect:	Susan Parker
Treasurer:	Donna Smith
Corresponding Secretary:	Keely Neubauer
Recording Secretary:	Linda Pedersen
Gallery Director:	Marie McCafferty
Assistant Gallery Director:	Janie Moltrup

**Future Events to Keep in Mind:** The annual **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE** is November 14-16. Information to come in the October newsletter. Also, the Annual City sponsored **ILLUMINATION FESTIVITIES** are going to be held Friday Dec. 5 from 7-9PM and **WE NEED YOUR HELP** for this event!!!! Please contact Sue Parker, Marjorie Tressler, Marie McCafferty or Janie Molthrop. We will also have a sign up sheet on the hall info board.

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