

Mansion House Art Gallery

Home of the Valley Art Association

The Mansion House
Built by John Heyser in 1846



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General Membership Meeting featuring Janet Salter

October 22 - 7:00PM

We here at the Valley Art Association are happy to have Janet Siegmann Salter as our guest speaker for the October 22, 2008 membership meeting.

Janet Siegmann Salter, an artist and educator, lives and works in Hagerstown, Maryland. She is an instructor of Art History at Hagerstown Community College, as well as a mentor to many artists by teaching privately in her home studio. For the past five years she has also taught studio art courses, including painting, drawing and portraiture, for Common Ground on the Hill at McDaniel College. She is an honors graduate of The Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) and has shown extensively in the Baltimore-Washington area. She was once an active member of The Artists' Gallery in Frederick and Tari's Wild Women of Berkeley Springs. Salter says, "The self-portrait has been a means for artists to promote themselves since the 15th Century and in the process gain psychological insights into their own lives". Please come and join us for an interesting evening with your fellow artists and feel free to bring along guests!!!
Marjorie Tressler, President of VAA

WCMFA Recruiting Docents and Offering Book Clubs

Amy Hunt, of the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, is currently recruiting new docents to lead guided tours. If you love art, are passionate about learning, and enjoy working with people of all ages, you would make a great museum docent. Sign up now for their Docent Training Weekend scheduled for October 25 & 26 from 10AM - 2PM by calling 301-739-5727 or register online at www.wcmfa.org

The Museum is also now offering Museum Book Clubs focusing on artists, works of art, and museums in fiction. The adult clubs will be reading "Girl in Hyacinth Blue" by Susan Vreeland in October, "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks in November and "The Careful Use of Compliments" by Alexander McCall Smith in December. For dates, times and to register (a \$5 per month fee applies) please call 301-739-5727 or register online at www.wcmfa.org. A children's club is also available.

Museum Hours: Tuesday through Friday 9 AM - 5 PM, Saturday 9 AM - 4 PM, Sunday 1-5 PM. Closed Mondays and Major Holidays.

Preparation for the Open House

The Holiday Open House will be November 14-16th and we will need artists and volunteers for this event. Please call Marie McCaffery 240-313-9440 or Janie Moltrup 301-824-3186 to organize participation. A sign up sheet will be at the meetings and on the information board in the Mansion House.

Annual Fall Arts Festival Wrap-up

The City's second annual Fall Arts Festival was held on September 13 and 14. Although there was a short sprinkle of rain Saturday afternoon, the weather held out for the event. Over the two days there were a number of members present. The VAA had several artists painting on the porch including Keely Neubauer, Sue Parker, and Marjorie Tressler, and had Denny Bingaman, Carolyn Tuttle, Carol Trevinger and Lucy Ecker displaying their art. On Sunday, Terry Shotton (with help from Lucy Ecker and Roy Tressler) helped children express their artistic sides with paint. The delightful result of the children's work including one called "It's Raining Meat balls" will be on display at the Mansion House the next two weeks. The photos that Janie took for the festival can be viewed on the website at: <http://valleyartassoc.com/news.aspx>.

Shows and Awards

NORTH GALLERY SHOWS

- **The Wednesday Portrait Group -** **OCTOBER 3-26.** The Wednesday Portrait Group is having an art exhibit of portraits and figurative works entitled “Body Language II” at the Mansion House Art Gallery during the month of October. The opening reception is Sunday October 5 from 2-4PM. This is free and open to the public. The Wednesday Portrait Group has been active since 1962 and meets for two semesters each year at the Hagerstown YMCA, for both painting from live models as well as professional workshops. The Mansion House Gallery is located in City Park at 501 Highland Way, Hagerstown MD and is open Fridays & Saturdays 11AM to 4PM and Sundays 1-5PM.
- **Spectrum 7 -** **OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 31.** This show entitled “MÉLange” demonstrates the talents of these seven local artists and features a variety of their work. The opening reception held Sunday, November 2nd from 2-4PM.



(From left to right) Donna Bingaman, Eliane Ambrose, Marjorie Tressler, Becky Dietrich, Elisabet Stacy-Hurley, Marguerite Cyr, and Donna Mason.

ADDITIONAL AREA SHOWS

Art in the Hallways at the Washington County Hospital

- **OCTOBER** Artist of the Month is **Robert Wantz.**
- **NOVEMBER** Artist of the Month is **Lucy Ecker.**

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

Waynesboro Hospital Art Works

- **OCTOBER** Artist of the Month is **Clyde Roberts.**

- **NOVEMBER** Artist of the Month is **Virginia Hair.**

Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month

- **OCTOBER** Artist of the Month is **Glen Sabetto.**
- **NOVEMBER** Artist of the Month is **Evie Cook.**

Spectrum 7 at the WCAC

Spectrum Seven is currently having an art show at the Washington County Arts Council from Sept 18th to Oct 14th. The name of the show is “Attitude and Art”. The artists participating are all members of the VAA and include Eliane Ambrose, Marguerite Cyr, Becky Dietrich, Donna Bingaman, Donna Mason, Liz Hurley and Marjorie Tressler.

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 Assoc. 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.com.

Congratulations to Marjorie Tressler who has had the prestigious honor of being selected as a member of the Oil Painters of America.

Congratulations also to Anna Hogbin who has been awarded recognition as a ‘Juried’ member of the West Virginia Watercolor Society. This level is achieved by submitting artwork for critical jurying by the membership status committee. Anna plans to apply for ‘Signature’ status at next year’s jurying.

Announcement from the Gallery Director

There will be a **Gallery Members Meeting** held on

Thursday, November 13 at 10:00AM
to decorate the Mansion House

Classes and Workshops

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.

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

- Fall sessions started 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.
This class is currently full; however, Anna will be offering a similar class in the spring. Keep it in mind.

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.

General Member News

2008 Holiday Party - Please join us for the Annual VAA Holiday Party to be held Saturday Dec. 6 from 6-9 PM. Light fare and entertainment will be in store for all who attend. Sign up sheets will be available at the meeting and on the hall information board.

Annual City Illumination Festivities - This event will be held the day before our Holiday Party Friday Dec. 5 from 7-9 PM. We need your help for this event!!! Please contact Marjorie Tressler or Sue Parker. Again, a sign up sheet will be available at the meeting and on the hall information board.

New Members - We would like to welcome the following new members to our ranks:

Robert Hasle, Ethel Schreiker and Mary Ellis

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 this upcoming October meeting to remain in good standing. Dues 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

Call For Assistance - Fellow artists, Ron Lytle would like to announce an opportunity to volunteer your services to a non-profit, after-school art program. This program is for students K through Grade 12 depending on which ages you are trying to reach or willing to teach. Class would last one hour with a maximum of 12 students. He would like to offer the classes once a week for a month (or longer if possible). Please help pave the way to developing young new artist by donating your time at the Contemporary School Arts & Gallery, Inc. in Hagerstown. Call 301-791-6191 or email Ron Lytle at ronlytle3@netzero.net. Thanks for your support.

Resealable, Clear Bags for Sale - I have four sizes of resealable, clear print bags for sale. (I had to buy increments of 100). Anyone interested in buying a small quantity please call Keely Neubauer at 301-766-4795. The sizes and pricing is as follows:

12 1/4" x 16 1/8"	- \$0.25 each or 10 for \$2.00
16 1/8" x 20 1/2"	- \$0.30 each or 10 for \$2.50
24 1/2" x 36 1/4"	- \$0.68 each or 10 for \$6.50
30 1/2" x 40 1/4"	- \$1.25 each or 10 for \$11.00

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

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

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 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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