

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 With Elisabet Stacy-Hurley

November 19 - 7:00PM

We here at the Valley Art Association are happy to have Elisabet Stacy-Hurley as our demonstration artist for our November meeting.

Originally from Iceland, Elisabeth (Liz) Hurley has lived most of her life here in Maryland. Her art studies started with a scholarship at the Columbus College of Art and Design and continued with classes/workshops with some very well respected artists. She had worked as a commercial illustrator and photographer before turning her attention to both sculpture and oil painting. Liz is a member of the Oil Painters of America, the Salmagundi Club, Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club, and Spectrum Seven. She is listed in The Artists Bluebook and the National Museum of Women in the Arts. Her work has been seen in many group and one-person shows and has work in many private and corporate collections. Her style is tonal impressionism and is best known for her many Icelandic and Maryland landscapes. Quote: "I strive to paint with a balance of intellect and emotion and hope to touch others minds and hearts." Most important she is a wonderful friend and a member of the Valley Art Assoc.

This should prove to be a very interesting talk and demonstration on composition. I am looking forward to having her as our guest speaker. Please note that the meeting date for the membership meeting is to be held on the 19th due to Thanksgiving. I am looking forward to seeing all of you for a wonderful evening of art.

Marjorie Tressler, President VAA

Preparations for the Open House

The Holiday Open House will be November 14-16th during regular Mansion House hours. All members are welcome to bring art, crafts, and cards for sale. Tables will be set up for display and all items for sale must be at the Mansion House before November 11th. Works by local artists make personal, beautiful holiday gifts for the home, so please encourage friends and neighbors to visit. We would like to give door prizes during the Open House, so if you would like to donate something, please have it to the Mansion House by November 9th. It need to be clearly marked with your name and labeled "Door Prize Donation". If you are scheduled to help with this event and have questions or concerns, please contact Marie McCafferty 240-313-9440 or Janie Moltrup 301-824-3186.

Thank you Mr. Jones

Not a single member who attended the last membership meeting left without feeling inspired! I'm sure most wished they had the opportunity to take Mr. Jones' classes when he was teaching and lamented the fact that he is now retired. We were very thankful to have had the chance to hear his thoughts on all forms of art and how the arts truly shape all of our lives and the human spirit. For more information about Ben's upcoming family show please show page two.

Membership Update

All dues are past due and unpaid members will now be dropped from the list. Membership cards will be issued upon request only. If you have questions about your status please conatct Donna Smith at 301-797-8761.

Shows

NORTH GALLERY SHOWS

- **Spectrum 7** - OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 30.

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, Marguerite Cyr, Elisabet Stacy-Hurley, and Donna Mason.

- **All-Member Show - "BEST OF THE BEST"**

DECEMBER 5-JANUARY 11. Members will be exhibiting their "best" piece. The tree lighting on Friday, December 5 will serve as the reception for this show. Artwork needs to be at the Mansion House by November 30th.

- **All-Member Show - "WINTER EXHIBIT"**

JANUARY 16-MARCH 1.

ADDITIONAL AREA SHOWS

Art in the Hallways at the Washington County Hospital

- **NOVEMBER** Artist of the Month is **Lucy Ecker**.
- **DECEMBER** Artists of the Month are **Ted & Lucille Murray**.

Questions on Art in the Hallways should be directed to Lucy Ecker at: 301-733-5320 or alnanaecker@aol.com.

Waynesboro Hospital Art Works

- **NOVEMBER** Artist of the Month is **Virginia Hair**.
- **DECEMBER** Artist of the Month is **Evie Cook**.

Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month

- **NOVEMBER** Artist of the Month is **Evie Cook**.
- **DECEMBER** Artist of the Month is **Virginia Hair**.

Jones Family Art Show and Sale

NOVEMBER 21 and 22. An art show and sale of paintings by Ben Jones, his son, David, and his brother, Henry, will be held in the Kepler Theater at Hagerstown Community College. Raffle tickets for a chance to win an original R. Benjamin Jones painting will be sold, along with note cards featuring paintings by the artist. **Times:** Friday 5-9 PM; Saturday 11 AM-3 PM. For information call Lieba Cohen at 301-790-2800 x213 or email cohenl@hagerstowncc.edu.

The One Hundred Stories Exhibition at the WCMFA

This fall the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts will celebrate two exciting events. First is the long awaited publication of the book, "One Hundred Stories: Highlights from the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts". Second is the exhibition by the same name showcasing all one hundred artworks featured in the book. The exhibition will be on view from **OCTOBER 4, 2008 - JANUARY 4, 2009**. "One Hundred Stories: Highlights from the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts", edited by Dr. Elizabeth Johns, Professor Emerita, University of Pennsylvania, showcases one hundred of the Museum's most outstanding works from the more than six thousand objects in the permanent collection, from Old Master paintings to decorative arts. Each work is illustrated in full color and accompanied by a short essay of analysis and interpretation. The book is currently on sale in the Museum Shop. If you didn't have a chance to make it to the opening you might want to consider a visit through the end of the year.



Jasper F. Cropsey, American (1823-1900)
"Autumn Landscape with View of River,"
1870

Oil on Canvas, 17-1/2 x 36"
Collection of the Washington County
Museum of Fine Arts

Awards

Congratulations to Janet Salter for Her Honorable Mention- The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown had the opportunity to vote for the Popular Prize Award in the [2008 CUMBERLAND VALLEY ARTISTS EXHIBITION](#). Many ballots were cast, with Phillip Colgan of Etters, PA receiving the most votes for his oil painting, "Daybreak". Honorable Mention goes to **Janet Siegmann Salter** of Hagerstown, Maryland for her oil painting "Miss Virginia", and to Donna Fink of Pasadena, Maryland for her watercolor "Kimono", both of which received numerous votes. Please be sure to congratulate Janet when you see her.

General Member News

Artist's Ornaments Needed - Members are encouraged to paint a small glass or wooden ornament for the tree at the Mansion House. Please have your ornament to the Mansion House before November 9th. Most blank glass and wooden ornaments can be purchased at AC Moore or Michael's. If you missed the opportunity last year, this is your chance to contribute to a wonderful tree representing all our member artists.

GALLERY MEETING

All gallery members are asked to attend the Gallery Meeting and to help decorate the Mansion House on Thursday, November 13th at 10:00AM. This will set the mood and tone for the upcoming holiday events. We would like for it to look beautiful, so please make an effort to contribute.

Annual City Illumination Festivities - The Mansion House Gallery will be open in conjunction with the Hagerstown's City Park Illumination and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 5 from 7-9 PM. It will be held the day before our Holiday Party which is scheduled for that Saturday. This is an evening of fun, refreshments, and entertainment. It also serves as the reception for the all-members "Best of the Best" show. We expect at least 100 people to visit during the ceremonies. Therefore, 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.

2008 Holiday Party - Please join us for the Annual VAA Holiday Party to be held here at the Mansion House on Saturday Dec. 6 from 6-9 PM. Light fare provided by members and entertainment will be in store for all who attend. Sign up sheets will be avail-

able at the meeting and on the hall information board. Food can be dropped off at the Mansion House during the day (11AM - 4PM) or brought with you (prior to 7PM) the evening of the party. In addition, we are asking all attendees to bring a donation of art supplies for the veterans center (see request below.)

Donation Needed for Veterans - As announced at the meeting in September we are asking for donations of art materials, brushes, paint (all types), clay, canvases, and water type paper for the military veterans at the Martinsburg Veterans Center. These supplies will be collected at the November membership meeting, as well as at the Holiday Party in December. Instead of gifts for exchange with our members at the Holiday Party, we are asking that you bring art supplies to place in a box that will be sent to the patients who are taking art classes as part of their therapy. We all have something in our studios we can part with or you can simply buy an extra tube of paint or brush when you shop for your own supplies!!

Proposed By-Laws Changes Approved - The changes proposed to the by-laws that were published in the September newsletter and voted on the at the September meeting were passed.

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

NOVEMBER

Sat 1 Sue Parker
 Sun 2 Clyde Roberts

 Fri 7 Lucy Ecker
 Sat 8 Anna Hogbin
 Sun 9 Donna Bingaman

 Fri 14 Tamara Hoffman
 Sat 15 Trudy Coody
 Sun 16 Donna Bingaman
 OPEN HOUSE
 WEEKEND

 Fri 21 Marjorie Tressler
 Sat 22 Terry Shotten
 Sun 23 Donna Bingaman

 Fri 28 CLOSED
 Sat 29 Charles Gelsleichter
 Sun 30 Chris Shingler

DECEMBER

Fri 5 Marie McCafferty
 ILLUMINATION
 CEREMONY
 Sat 6 Charles Gelsleichter
 Sun 7 Anna Hogbin

 Fri 12 Linda Pedersen
 Sat 13 Trudy Coody
 Sun 14 Clyde Roberts

 Fri 19 Marjorie Tressler
 Sat 20 Ruth Peyton
 Sun 21 Terry Shotten

 Fri 26 CLOSED
 Sat 27 Sue Parker
 Sun 28 Chris Shingler

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 Sun 4 Donna Bingaman

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 Sun 11 Donna Bingaman

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 Sat 17 Ruth Peyton
 Sun 18 Donna Bingaman

 Fri 23 Donna Mason
 Sat 24 Sue Parker
 Sun 25 Anna Hogbin

 Fri 30 Marie McCafferty
 Sat 31 Lucy Ecker

Valley Art Assoc 2008 Officers

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 Corresponding Secretary: Keely Neubauer
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 Gallery Director: Marie McCafferty
 Asst 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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*Valley Art Association
 501 Highland Way
 Hagerstown, MD 21740*

“Best of the Best” Member Show Registration

Name - _____ Phone Number - _____

Painting Title - _____ Size - _____ Price - _____

If you plan to participate, send this form to Marie McCafferty at: 11029 Eastwood Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742 with this form **OR** bring it to the November meeting. ALL ARTWORK NEEDS TO BE AT THE MANSION HOUSE BEFORE NOVEMBER 30TH!

VAA Annual Holiday Party Registration

Name - _____ Number of Guests - _____
(\$5.00 per Guest)

Email - _____

Phone Number - _____ Amount Enclosed - _____
(if applicable)

What food would you like to bring - _____

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