

Mansion House Art Gallery

Home of the Valley Art Association

The Mansion House
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General Membership Meeting with Margery Benson

February 25 - 7:00PM

I am pleased to announce that a very dear friend of mine, Margery Benson, has agreed to be a guest speaker for this membership meeting. Ms. Benson is an international and local art consultant, as well as a collector from waynesboro, PA. She received her liberal arts education from the Corcoran School of Art (Studio), George Washington University, Wheaton College, the American Institute in Jerusalem, and the University of Maryland.

Her professional background includes: a Cultural Officer for the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs with the Department of State; as well as, temporary assignments at US embassies overseas including Asmara, Eritrea in East Africa. Beyond her government work, she has ties with the National Museum of American Art, the DAR Museum of American Decorative Art, and the Meridian International Center Galleries. She has contributed to marketing and communication work for the Fairfax County Council for the Arts' International Childrens Festival, and for Wolf Trap. Margery is a member of Christians in the Visual Arts, the Washington Arts Group and is a new member of the Valley Art Association!!!

While in Eritrea, she discovered the strength of the artistic spirit that prevails even within a dictatorship. She will talk about the cultural world in Asmara, its art deco built environment, and its current art community that refuses to be quiet!!! She also will have many visuals to share with us. We are lucky to

have this talented and knowledgeable woman as our guest speaker. Please join us for a very interesting and enlightening evening.

Marjorie Tressler, President VAA

Information for this Spring's Valley Art WCMFA Show

The 2009 Valley Art Association show at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts is scheduled for March 28 through May 17, 2009. To date thus far, thirty-four artists have expressed interest in submitting works for the Valley Art Association's annual exhibit. Since the Museum can exhibit up to 40 paintings, this means each artist has the option to submit up to 2 paintings each, and 40 will be selected from the total. Pat Barnes, who also juried the entries for the Museum exhibit for the Valley Art Association last year, will jury the works at 10:00 on February 26th at the Mansion House. Therefore, PLEASE HAVE PAINTINGS TO BE JURIED AT THE MANSION HOUSE BY THE FEBRUARY 25, 2009 GENERAL MEETING. In advance of the jurying, members of the Board will be available at 5:00 PM on January 28, 2009 (before the general membership meeting), and again at 6:00PM on February 12, 2009 to offer a critique to those who would like to discuss the painting(s) they plan to submit. Please note that the February date is earlier than that mentioned previously. Instead of having the second critique immediately before the regular February VAA meeting on the 25th, the critique has been moved two weeks earlier to allow the artists time before the jurying to incorporate feedback from the second critique. (See more info about the show on pages 2 & 3.)

Shows

NORTH GALLERY SHOWS

- **All-Member Show - "WINTER EXHIBIT"**
JANUARY 16-MARCH 1, 2009.
- **Susan Parker Exhibit - "TOWN & COUNTR"**
MARCH 6-MARCH 29. Having always loved painting, Sue has been painting seriously since 1997 and works in pastels, watercolor and oil. She is drawn to offbeat subjects, interesting shapes, and unusual aspects of more ordinary subjects. She is particularly intrigued by the challenges of perspective.
- **Valley Arts Member Show in the BOWMAN GALLERY at the WCMFA - MARCH 28-MAY 17.**
This show features work by Valley Art Members who submit their work for jury selection. The reception date will be announced later by the museum.

- **Terry Shotten Exhibit - "EXPRESSIVE WORKS ON CANVAS"** APRIL 3-APRIL 26. Terry's show will be of vibrant, colorful expressionist and abstract oil paintings.

ADDITIONAL AREA SHOWS

Art in the Hallways at the Washington County Hospital

- FEBRUARY Artist of the Month - **Anna Hogbin.**
- MARCH Artist of the Month - **Diane Wollard.**

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

Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month

- FEBRUARY Artist of the Month - **Charles Brown.**
- MARCH Artist of the Month -
Bettie Rae Gallagher.

Member Recognitions

Tina Stonestreet recently was given a great critique and wonderful article by Journalist John Hayes of the Howard County Times in regard to her abstract-art and recent show at Ranazul La Galeria in Maple Lawn, MD. Mr Hayes (also an acclaimed artist) said that he enjoyed her show and to quote one thing said "Tina's need to explore and create gives breathe and meaning to her work" this show ended Jan.3 2009 and she sold

one of her beautiful paintings. Congratulations, Tina you deserve it!!!

Dr. N. Nasreen Khan, D.O., Ophthalmologist, has purchased 5 paintings of **Charles H. Gelslechter.** They are Oil and Acrylic, Abstracts and Landscapes for her new office's waiting room at 69 St. Paul Drive, Suite A, Chambersburg, PA. Of the five paintings, three were commissions. Congratulations, Charles!

Registration for the WCMFA Show Jurying

Name - _____ Phone Number - _____

1. Painting Title - _____ Size/Medium - _____

2. Painting Title - _____ Size/Medium - _____

If you plan to participate, send this form to Sue Parker at: 460 Mason Road, Hedgesville, WV 25427.

VAA Jurying Principles for the WCMFA Show

- In accordance with the Bylaws, and to ensure maximum participation, the number of paintings an individual artist can submit (2 in total) for the WCMFA-VAA show has been determined by considering the number of people who wished to submit paintings in relation to the number the museum can accept (maximum of 40).
- A qualifying minimum score for inclusion will be established by the VAA Board. Any painting included in the museum show must have at least this minimum score. The minimum score for 2009 is at least one point (out of 5) in each jurying category. (These categories are general presentation, values, composition, color, design, control of the medium, and uniqueness or special quality)
- The juror will complete a rating sheet furnished by the VAA. The score for each sheet will be totaled and the scores then ranked in order from highest to lowest.
- Except as noted below, the highest scoring paintings up to the maximum number accepted by the museum will be included in the exhibit.
- In order to ensure maximum representation, no qualifying artist, that is, one who has more than the minimum score on his/her painting(s), can have a second painting included until all of the artists who have qualified have at least one painting included.
- If there are tied scores at the point of choosing the last painting for inclusion in the show, those needed to complete the list will be drawn at random from the group of tied scores after everyone in this group who has already had a painting included in the show has been excluded.
- Each artist will receive a copy of his/her individual score sheets.

Show Specifications from the WCMFA

- Total number of works should not exceed 35–40 with the minimum number of works being 25. (Special Sculpture restrictions: No more than 3 sculptures can be accepted. Three-dimensional pieces should be no larger than 18” Round and no taller than 36” Height. They should be able to be displayed on a pedestal. Pedestals will be supplied by the Museum.)
- Two-Dimensional Works should be no larger than 24” x 36” including frame (inches are continuous, i.e. a 24” x 36” work is the same as 120 continuous inches around the perimeter of the painting)
- Works must be properly framed and have screw eyes on both sides of the back of the frame.
- The following information should be on the back of each piece: Artist’s name, Address, Phone number, Title of Work, and Medium
- The Valley Art Association will provide the Museum with a complete list of pieces in the exhibition including the following information: Title of Work, Artist’s Name, Artist’s Home City & State, Any photos or digital images of works in the exhibition are also helpful to the Museum when sending out publicity.
- Artists should submit business cards with their works. These will be placed in the exhibition space.
- The Valley Art Association and the Museum will work out a suitable time for all works to be brought to the Museum and a time for pieces to be picked up at the end of the exhibition.

Classes and Workshops

Creative Watercolor with Anna Hogbin - \$80 for seven classes

- 8 Sessions run Thursdays, March 5 - April 30 from 6 PM to 8:30 PM at the Mansion House.

There will be no class April 9. Class is limited to 10 students.

This class is about opening up new avenues in the creative experience! Students will explore using different techniques and materials with watercolor pigments to create interesting textures and effects. Some of the products used will include, but are not limited to: Saran Wrap, inks, string, contact paper, bubble wrap, a variety of salt products, paper doilies, Oriental papers, Gesso, found items, and tissues. Techniques will include using different masking products, the layering process, ways to lift out, pouring and dropping paint, spraying pigment, using white gouche and watercolor, creating textured surfaces, and negative painting for finding designs. Theme paintings and design will be a key element in class discussion. For questions and enrollment, call Anna Hogbin at 304-263-1094 or email ahogbin@earthlink.net.

WCMFA Offers Art Classes - The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts is offering a variety of art classes during the months of January through May. Registration is required for all classes and the following classes for adults and teenagers:

- **Painting With Oils: Ski Holm**
Wednesday 5:30 - 8 :30 PM
January 21 - March 11
- **Basic Drawing: Mike Gouker**
Thursday 6:30 - 8:30 PM
January 22 - February 26
- **Intermediate Watercolor: Bob Wantz**
Tuesday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
January 27 - March 3
- **Beginner's Watercolor: Bob Wantz**
Wednes. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
January 28 - March 4
- **Ceramics-Hand Building: Denise Joyal**
Friday 12:00 - 2:00 PM
February 6 - March 20
- **Blackletter Calligraphy: Christine Tischer**
Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 PM
March 5 - April 9
- **Landscapes in Watercolor: Kent Roberts**
Tuesday 6:30 - 9:00 PM
March 10 - April 14
- **Painting with Oil: Ski Holm**
Wednesday 5:30 - 9:30 PM
April 8-May 27

- **Drawing with Pen & Ink: Mike Gouker**
Thursday 6:30 - 8:30 PM
April 16 - May 21
- **Intermediate Watercolor: Bob Wantz**
Tuesday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
April 21-May 26
- **Beginner's Watercolor: Bob Wantz**
Wednesday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
April 22-May 27

The following children's classes will be offered:

- **Young at Art (4-6): TBA**
Thursday 9:30 - 10:30 AM
January 22-February 26
- **Art Around the World (7-10):
with Kathryn Lant**
Thursday 4:00 - 5:00 PM
January 22 - February 26
- **Art for Toddlers (2-3): TBA**
Friday 9:30 - 10:30 AM
January 23-February 27
- **Little Illustrators I (3-4): Melissa Gibson**
Saturday 1:00 - 2:00 PM
January 24 - February 28
- **Little Illustrators II (5-6): Melissa Gibson**
Saturday 2:30 - 3:30 PM
January 24 - February 28

Classes Continued

- **Drawing & Painting Animals (7-12):**
with Nicole Ferree
Tuesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM
January 27 - March 3
- **Young at Art (4-6): TBA**
Thursday 9:30 - 10:30 AM
March 26 - April 30
- **Art for Toddlers (2-3): TBA**
Friday 9:30 - 10:30 AM
March 27 - May 1
- **Art Around the World (7-10):**
with Kathryn Lant
Thursday 4:00 - 5:00 PM
April 2 - May 7
- **Drawing & Painting Animals (7-12):**
with Nicole Ferree

Tuesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM
April 21 - May 26

- **Little Illustrators I (3-4): Melissa Gibson**
Saturday 1:00 - 2:00 PM
April 25 - May 30
- **Little Illustrators II (5-6): Melissa Gibson**
Saturday 2:30 - 3:30 PM
April 25 - May 30

For more information on fees, dates and times, call the Museum at 301-739-5727. For the hearing impaired, call our TDD at 301-739-5764. Registration can be made via our secure web site at www.wcmfa.org. Museum hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM., Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 PM, closed Monday.

General Member News

Thank You to Our Generous Members - Marjorie Tressler would like to personally thank the members of this club who donated the art materials for the Vets in Martinsburg. Two very large boxes, with many new items, including brushes, paint, watercolor paper, pallets, pastels, canvasses, pads of drawing paper, were sent to the Veterans Center with lots of love! Thank you for your kindness and generosity. You are to be commended for your love and concern for our brave soldiers.

GALLERY MEETING

All gallery members are asked to attend the Gallery Meeting the evening of Thursday, February 12th at 6:30PM. Remember, if schools are closed due to inclement weather there will be NO meeting.

"ART IN THE HALLWAY" at Washington County Hospital Auxiliary and Valley Art Association has been and is a great opportunity for our organization. It

provides another venue for displaying member work. Our art sales, less the donated 25% to the Auxiliary, has come to a total of \$2,190.00 since the beginning of May 2004. All VAA members may sign up on the bulletin board for a monthly show, or may contact Lucy Ecker for more information.

Discount Ordering - For those of you who order art supplies online, please consider ordering your supplies from Dick Blick through the Dick Blick logo on the Valley Art Association web site. Their prices are generally competitive with Cheap Joes, ASW, Jerry's etc. Just click on the Dick Blick logo, and you will go straight to Dick Blick. Ten percent of the value of any orders placed this way will be paid as a rebate to the Valley Art Association. It is a great fundraiser that allows the club to earn money from what members would ordinarily do anyway.

Elections Are Coming Up - This is just a reminder to our members that two officer elections for Vice Pres and Assistant Gallery Director are coming up in April. Please keep in mind anyone you would like to have serve or possibly consider running yourselves.

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Sun 1 Lucy Ecker	Sun 1 Clyde Roberts	Fri 3 Marie McCafferty
Fri 6 Donna Mason	Fri 6 Marie McCafferty	Sat 4 Trudy Coody
Sat 7 Terry Shotten	Sat 7 Charles Gelsleichter	Sun 5 Zelma Lushbaugh
Sun 8 Ruth Peyton	Sun 8 Ruth Peyton	Fri 10 Charles Gelsleichter
Fri 13 Donna Mason	Fri 13 Donna Mason	Sat 11 Terry Shotten
Sat 14 Linda Pedersen	Sat 14 Trudy Coody	Sun 12 CLOSED
Sun 15 Sue Parker	Sun 15 Donna Bingaman	Fri 17 Donna Mason
Fri 20 Donna Mason	Fri 20 Marjorie Tressler	Sat 18 June Savannah
Sat 21 Ruth Peyton	Sat 21 Lucy Ecker	Sun 19 Sue Bell
Sun 22 Anna Hogbin	Sun 22 Sue Bell	Fri 24 Linda Pedersen
Fri 27 Lucy Ecker	Fri 27 Gretchen Starliper	Sat 25 Donna Bingaman
Sat 28 Trudy Coody	Sat 28 Terry Shotten	Sun 26 Clyde Roberts
	Sun 29 Anna Hogbin	

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
Asst Gallery Director:	Janie Moltrup

Future Events to Keep in Mind: Members please keep the first Saturday May 2nd in mind for a Victorian Tea and Plein Air Painting in the park during the Museum Ramble. Look for more details in the upcoming newsletters or call Marjorie Tressler for more information. Invites will be going out to other clubs in the area.

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