

Mansion House Art Gallery

Home of the Valley Art Association

The Mansion House
Built by John Heyser in 1846



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GALLERY HOURS: Friday & Saturday - 11am to 4pm / Sunday - 1pm to 5pm

General Membership Meeting with David Buckley Good

April 29 - 7:00PM

It is our great honor to have again this year David Buckley Good, a master artist and teacher from the Schuler School of Fine Arts of Baltimore, MD. After earning his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, David moved to the Washington D.C. area to begin his professional career as a fine artist. He was a resident artist in Arlington Art Center when he was awarded a grant from the Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation, which enabled David to move to New York City to study painting at the Art Student's League. After several years of working and exhibiting in the New York metropolitan area, David relocated to Baltimore Maryland where he enrolled as a student in the Schuler School of Fine Arts and where he is a painting instructor.

As member of the Oil Painters of America, David received the Liquitex Award at the 1999 OPA show in Scottsdale, Arizona. David's works were included in the traveling exhibition "Baltimore Realists" which was displayed in several venues in the Midwest and on the East coast including the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. In October 2001, at the invitation of Les Amis de la Grande Vigne, David lived and worked in the medieval city of Dinan, France, as the town's artist in residence. His time in Dinan was the subject of a feature article in the March, 2003 issue of American Artist Magazine.

I feel so fortunate to have studied with this fine artist & teacher for 8 years at the Shuler School of Fine Arts and came to realize that opportunities like this do not

come along often. We here at the VAA are very lucky to have someone of his ability want to come here again. He loved meeting all of you and asked to come back; of course I was delighted to extend the invitation!!! He will be giving a lecture on composition and presenting a slide show of his work, as well as that of Ann Schluer and Fritz Briggs.

Marjorie Tressler, President VAA

Tea Anyone?!

Don't forget Saturday May 2, 2009, during the Museum Ramble, the VAA will be sponsoring a Victorian Tea and en' Plein Air painting session in and around the Hagerstown City Park and Mansion House. We have invited artists from the area Art Clubs to participate in this event. The tea will be simple but elegant, with tea (hot and iced), nice cookies, maybe some scones, and little sandwiches. We will be asking our members to participate in this by signing up to help with the tea, donating food, and painting in the park or on the porch. We encourage members to dress in Victorian attire (though not required) and will be getting models to do the same. We already have a model or 2 signed up and we have a decorating committee planning the events decorations and door prizes etc. These prizes will include arrangements of flowers in teacups and maybe teapots. We are asking members to donate teacups for use during this tea which will be used later for special occasions such as the Christmas Tea for our members this coming December. For more information and to sign up please call Marjorie Tressler (717-762-6791) Sue Parker (304-258-4046) or Janie Moltrup (301-824-3186). We are hoping this will become an annual event and something the members will enjoy! This is to be an ARTISTIC and fun event!!

Shows

NORTH GALLERY SHOWS

- **Terry Shotten Exhibit - "EXPRESSIVE WORKS ON CANVAS"** [APRIL 3-APRIL 26](#). Terry's show will be of vibrant, colorful expressionist and abstract oil paintings.
- **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.
- We'd like to have a **New Member Show** in the North Gallery, [JULY 3-26](#), if there are enough new members who would like to participate. A new member is someone who has joined Valley Art Association within the past two years (joined July 2007 or after). Please contact Marie McCafferty 240-313-9440 if interested.

WCMFA Features Animals In Art - [MARCH 28](#) - [AUGUST 23](#). From a peaceful scene of sheep foraging under apple blossoms, as in John Appleton Brown's (1844-1902) pastel, Sheep Grazing to the intense stare of a puma as captured in bronze by Dan Ostermiller (b.1956), animals have captured the imaginations of artists throughout art history. The exhibition, Animals in Art, brings together works from the Museum's Permanent Collection. A special Opening Reception will be held, Sunday, March 29, 2009 from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m., hosted by the

ADDITIONAL AREA SHOWS

Art in the Hallways at the Washington County Hospital

- [APRIL](#) Artist of the Month - **Ruth Durbin**.
- [MAY](#) Artist of the Month - **Audrey Mentzer**.
Congratulations to Anna Hogbin on the sale of two paintings during her exhibit at the hospital.

Questions on Art in the Hallways should be directed to Lucy Ecker at: 301-733-5320 or a1nanaecker@aol.com.

Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month

- [APRIL](#) Artist of the Month - **Anne Finucane**.
- [MAY](#) Artist of the Month - **Marg Ford**.
- [JUNE](#) Artist of the Month - **Dorothy Yoh**.

Museum's volunteer organization, The Singer Society. Just as species in the animal kingdom are varied, so too are the styles used by artists to portray these animals. The contemporary artist, Neil Herchenrother, uses photo-realism to capture his subject in his 1974 painting Box Turtle. William Henry Howe (1846-1929) painted his Head of a Cow using an Impressionist style that effectively captures the texture of the cow's hair. Sculptors were influenced by animals, as well. Hilda Eiber's stoneware piece, Alligator Lunch, displays a whimsical view of the animal kingdom.

Classes and Workshops

Oil Painting the Landscape - *Please note date change from last newsletter-*
offered by David Buckley Good from the Schuler School of Art
\$165 for one full week

- Sessions run [Mondays, May 11 - May 15](#) from 9 AM to 3:00 PM everyday that week. This is the correct schedule and is now confirmed.
- Session held at the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waynesboro](#). Class is limited to 20 students. Students will be painting landscapes from slides and must bring their own easel and oil supplies. To sign up, receive more information, or to reserve a spot in the class contact Virginia Hair at 717-762-3677.

Classes and Workshops *Continued*

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.

General Member News

We are sad to report that Eliane Ambrose's husband Harry, passed away March 12, 2009. The VAA would like to offer our condolences to Eliane and her beautiful family. Our hearts and prayers are with you.

A Quick Note From Pat Barnes - "It was an impressive array of paintings that met me at the judging for the Museum Show. As you well know, a judge's opinion is just that - although hopefully it's an informed opinion. The comments made were meant to encourage and provoke thought. Of course, you can accept my suggestions - or not. I once had a teacher who said that if someone questioned something about your painting, (say a crooked building, a certain color) perhaps it was because you had not done it enough to convince them that you really meant to do it! It is also frustrating that the space is limited (it always is, in some way). I would have included all the paintings there, if possible. Good luck in your painting endeavors, and may you be "be-mused". *Pat Barnes*

Wall Change - June 23rd is the scheduled date for the "wall change" at 10:00am. The rent is \$120 for a large space, \$90 for medium, and \$70 for small.

"Art in the Park" in Berkeley Springs - This is an outdoor forum and is held on the first Sunday of each month from May through October (5/3, 6/7, 7/5, 8/2, 9/6, and 10/4). Artists juried in can exhibit and sell their work in the park in the center of Berkeley Springs. The cost is \$35.00 each session, plus an an-

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nual \$10.00 peddler's license for the town of Berkeley Springs. For details, contact Michael or Nancy Nathan at 304-258-6419.

Red Cross Fundraiser - Based on member interest at the February meeting, we have agreed to participate in the upcoming Red Cross fundraiser. It will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2009. We will provide additional details in the next issue. Please contact Sue Parker at 304-258-4046 if you are interested in having space to sell your artwork at the event.

MANSION HOUSE CLEANING DAY

All members are asked to attend the annual cleaning of the Mansion House. Tuesday, April 14th at 10:00AM.

ELECTIONS: Your Club Needs You!!! - April is the time for nominations for our new President Elect and Assistant Gallery Director, with the elections at the May meeting. Please call Marjorie Tressler, Lucy Ecker, or any board members if you or someone you know would like to take one of these positions. It takes many people to run this organization and if you want the club to continue running well, we need these positions filled. This current board has been a joy to work with and those who are to remain on the board will be glad to help you get started. This is a wonderful opportunity for YOU to help promote ART in our community.

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

APRIL

Fri 3 Jean Strike
 Sat 4 Trudy Coody
 Sun 5 Zelma Lushbaugh

Fri 10 Charles Gelsleichter
 Sat 11 Terry Shotten
 Sun 12 CLOSED

Fri 17 Donna Mason
 Sat 18 June Savannah
 Sun 19 Sue Bell

Fri 24 Linda Pedersen
 Sat 25 Donna Bingaman
 Sun 26 Clyde Roberts

MAY

Fri 1 Marie McCafferty
 Sat 2 Trudy Coody
 Sun 3 Zelma Lushbaugh

Fri 8 Donna Mason
 Sat 9 Terry Shotten
 Sun 10 **NEED SOMEONE!**

Fri 15 Marjorie Tressler
 Sat 16 June Savannah
 Sun 17 Gretchen Starliper

Fri 22 Charles Gelsleichter
 Sat 23 Clyde Roberts
 Sun 24 Sue Parker

Fri 29 Gretchen Starliper
 Sat 30 Donna Bingaman
 Sun 31 Wayne Kell

JUNE

Fri 5 Jean Strike
 Sat 6 Donna Bingaman
 Sun 7 Zelma Lushbaugh

Fri 12 June Savannah
 Sat 13 Trudy Coody
 Sun 14 Terry Shotten

Fri 19 Marie McCafferty
 Sat 20 Tina Stonestreet
 Sun 21 **NEED SOMEONE!**

Fri 26 Linda Pedersen
 Sat 27 **NEED SOMEONE!**
 Sun 28 Sue Bell

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