

Mansion House Art Gallery

Home of the Valley Art Association

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

General Membership Meeting with Lynn Ferris

May 27 - 7:00PM

Dear members we are so fortunate to have Ms. Lynn Ferris as our featured demo artist for the May VAA members meeting. Lynn's work is exceptional, showing a strong command and passion for her medium while rendering work with beautiful color, strong composition, and the ability to involve the viewer with her subjects. Her porch scenes are very inviting as well as her command of the creatures she inserts into her compositions, I am very pleased to have her here as our guest.

Lynn Ferris is a signature member of the Baltimore Watercolor Society and the Potomac Valley Watercolorists. Originally from New Jersey, she attended Moore College of Art in Philadelphia. She has worked as both a Commercial and architectural illustrator. She is also a watercolor instructor, teaching both classes and workshops. Her limited edition prints are featured nationally by the French Creek Sheep and Wool Company and her watercolor entitled "the Group" appeared as cover art on the "Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association." Lynn has participated in many one person and juried shows, where her work has received numerous awards. She was the subject of a feature article in "Watercolor" magazine, published by American Artist. Her work is included in the permanent collection of the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Daytona Beach, Florida.

In 2007, Lynn received the highest honor, the "Susan Lattner Lloyd Gold Award" in the 36th Annual Florida Watercolor Society exhibit. Most recently she received

the "Societies Award" in the 2008 competition. Please come and welcome our special guest and remember this is the last meeting we will be having until Sept. Our June meeting is our annual members picnic to be held here at the Mansion House. Thank you and hope to see you at the meeting.

Marjorie Tressler, President VA

Come to the Tea

We hope to see everyone Saturday May 2, 2009, during the annual Museum Ramble for the VAA Victorian Tea and a Plein Air session held in the park and around the Mansion House. We have invited artists from area Art Clubs to participate in this exciting event, so it would be nice for our own members to be there to greet them. Please help your club with this tea by donating cookies, little sandwiches, or scones. Thanks for your help. Please contact Marjorie with any last minute questions.

Valley Art WCMFA Show 2010

REMINDER: Don't forget to pick up your painting from this year's Valley Art show at the Museum on Tuesday, May 19th after 10:00 AM.

ADVANCED NOTICE: The 2010 VAA Show at the Museum is scheduled for January 16 through February 28, 2010 in the Smith Gallery. Because of the earlier dates in 2010, we will try to schedule the jurying in early to mid-November in order to have it done before the rush of the Christmas holidays. If you think you would like to participate, please let Sue Parker or the new Vice President / President Elect know by the September meeting so that we can determine the number of entries per person.

Shows

NORTH GALLERY SHOWS

- **Trudy Coody Exhibit - "Travel & Still Life"**
MAY 1-MAY 31. Description????? Reception?????
- **All Member "Miniature Show" and the All Member "Summer Show"-** JUNE 5-JUNE 26.

ADDITIONAL AREA SHOWS

Art in the Hallways at the Washington County Hospital

- **MAY** Artist of the Month - **Audrey Mentzer.**

- **JUNE** Artist of the Month - **Linda Pedersen.**

- **JULY** Artist of the Month - **Dennis Clarke.**

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

- **MAY** Artist of the Month - **Marg Ford.**

- **JUNE** Artist of the Month - **Dorothy Yoh.**

- **JULY** Artist of the Month - **Cindy Haden.**

Classes and Workshops

WCMFA Offers Art Classes - The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts is offering a variety of art classes. Registration is required for all classes:

- **Acrylic Landscape Painting:
with Kent Roberts**
Tuesday 2:30 - 5:00 PM
June 2 - June 16
- **Watercolor in the Park & Garden
with Bob Wantz**
Tuesday-Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
June 9 - June 12
- **Working from Photographs
with Ski Holm**
Tuesday-Friday 6:30 - 8:30 PM
June 9 - June 12
- **Sketching in the Garden & Galleries
with Mike Gouker**
Tuesday-Friday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
June 23 - June 26

The following children's classes will be offered:

- **Art for Toddlers: Birds, Flowers
& Gardens (2-3) with Liz Hackney**
Tuesday-Friday 10:00 - 11:00 AM
June 2 - June 5
- **Young at Art: Cool Collage (4-6)**

with Anthony Messano

Tuesday-Friday 9:30 - 10:30 AM

June 16 - June 19

- **Art Adventures: Primitive Cave
Paintings (6-8) with Anthony Messano**

Tuesday-Friday 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

June 16 - June 19

- **Museum Arts Academy: Painting (8-12)
with Audrey Hammond & Amy Sullivan**

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

June 22 - June 26

- **Museum Arts Academy: Sculpture & 3-D
(8-12) Audrey Hammond & Amy Sullivan**

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

June 29 - July 3

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.

PRIVATE OIL PAINTING LESSONS with Marjorie Tressler

Marjorie Tressler is offering private oil painting lessons at the Mansion House or at her home whichever is convenient to both. Call Marjorie for more information at 171-762-6791 or marjorietressler@comcast.net.

Classes Continued

ART 110-X01 - PORTRAITURE AT HCC with Janet Salter

• Starts Monday May 11th and ends Thursday July 2nd as a 7.5 week course: M-TH from 1-4:35pm. Through a series of exercises emphasis will be placed on understanding the major masses of the facial features, effects of light, expressions, gesture, and hands in portraiture. We'll use PowerPoint presentations, studio exercises working from models, critiques and weekly home assignments. For more information call Janet Salter 15 301-766-7165 or email at janetsalter@myactv.net.

General Member News

Library Closed - Beginning March 26 the VAA Library will be close so that reorganization efforts can be completed. If you have any materials out please return them at your earliest opportunity so they may be included in the library. Please search your house and cars to make sure all items you may have are returned. We anticipate having the library fully opened after the next meeting. Thank everyone for your assistance in successfully completing this endeavor.

MANSION HOUSE "WALL CHANGE"

All participating members using space are asked to attend the change session. The rent is \$120 for a large space, \$90 for medium, and \$70 for small.

Tuesday, June 23rd at 10:00 AM
Annual Dues are also due at this time.

"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. 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 annual \$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 - The Valley Art Assoc. will be participating in the 2009 American Red Cross Treasure Hunt "Antique and Appraisal" fundraiser on Saturday, June 27, 2009 from 7 AM to 1 PM. (The early hour is to accommodate people coming for the antique and flea market portion of the event.) Artists can opt to set up on Friday, June 26th. There is space

available both indoors and outdoors. There will be a live auction at 11 AM, and a silent auction going on all morning. Unlike the previous event, there is no requirement to donate a painting, and there are no commissions on sales but please consider donating a piece to the auction in support of the Red Cross. There is no cost to VAA members for space, and the Red Cross is willing to use its credit card capability to handle purchases of artworks. The artist will receive the full amount, less the transaction fee charged to the Red Cross. (There will be a simple form artists will need to complete on each sale to allow the Red Cross to identify the transactions on behalf of VAA members.) Craft sellers are also welcome. Anyone who has items to donate to the auctions, please contact the Red Cross directly at 301-739-0717, ext 30. If you are interested in selling your crafts and/or artwork at this event, please contact Sue Parker at 304-258-4046 or at scp460@earthlink.net, to let her know, and provide the amount of floor space that you require for your display.

Don't Forget the Annual Blues Fest - Sunday May 31st, starting at 10:00 am (come earlier to set-up). This event is very well attended and it is a great opportunity for you to get your work out to the public, have some fun and enjoy the music!!! Call Marjorie (717-762-6791) if you are interested.

77th Annual Cumberland Valley Exhibition - The deadline for entries for 77th Annual Cumberland Valley Exhibition at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts is May 5th. This year entries may be submitted on slides or digitally on CD. The exhibition dates are June 6th through August 16th. For additional information, obtain an entry from from the museum or call them at 301-739-5727.

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

MAY

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

Fri 8 Jean Strike
 Sat 9 Terry Shotten
 Sun 10 **NEED SOMEONE!**

Fri 15 **NEED SOMEONE!**
 Sat 16 June Savannah
 Sun 17 Gretchen Starliper

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

Fri 29 **NEED SOMEONE!**
 Sat 30 Chris Shingler
 Sun 31 **NEED SOMEONE!**

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 Sue Parker

Fri 26 Linda Pedersen
 Sat 27 Sue Parker
 Sun 28 Sue Bell

JULY

Fri 3 Lucy Ecker
 Sat 4 Lucy Ecker
 Sun 5 **NEED SOMEONE!**

Fri 10 Jean Strike
 Sat 11 Trudy Coody
 Sun 12 **NEED SOMEONE!**

Fri 17 Tamara Hoffman
 Sat 18 Lucy Ecker
 Sun 19 Lucy Ecker

Fri 24 Lin Pedersen
 Sat 25 Tamara Hoffman
 Sun 26 Lucy Ecker

Fri 31 June Savannah

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