

# 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**

## Outgoing President's Notes

Hello VAA members, well it hard to believe how fast these last two years have flown by. I have learned so much, mostly don't jump into something to quickly!!!! I would like to take this time to thank all who have been so helpful during my time as your president. The current board has been a joy to work with, as well as so many members who are always ready to lend a hand. Lucy Ecker is a gem and so are the many others who come up to the plate when needed. I would like to send a special thank you to Marie McCafferty for staying on an extra year as Gallery Director, she has done a great job and we all need to thank her for this. Also, to Janie Moltrup, you are a trooper, taking the Assistant Director position at the last minute and then agreeing to continue on as the Director is just plain super!!! Of course we cannot forget Keely Neubauer and Lin Perderson, for jumping in to help out as our corresponding and recording secretaries, they have been great and will continue to do so!!! And then there is Donna Smith, we can not do without her ability to keep our finances straight (as well a me!!). Sue Parker, what a great person to have as your President elect. She will be a wonderful president for the VAA--sooooo organized--unlike me!!! So please, when you see these wonderful people thank them for a job well done, most of you don't know the sacrifices these people make to keep this club running. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart, and remember to "paint from the heart with joy!"

*Marjorie Tressler, President VAA*

## Don't Miss the Summer Picnic

Now to remind all of you of our June Picnic. This is in place of our regular meeting on Wednesday, June 24

at 6:00PM. Please remember to call Sue Parker or Janie Moltrup so we can have a count for the drinks and chicken. Also, there's a sign up sheet on the desk at the Mansion House. Bring a covered dish to share and we will have the drinks, chicken, and cups & plates. This is always a fun time for our members to spend time with one another on our great porch!!!

## Donated Gallery Time

During the month of October Marjorie Tressler has given her time and space in the north gallery for a show of paintings from the Victorian Tea, as well as, for paintings created this summer in plein air at the city park. This will be open to all members of the VAA. So, get busy and paint some swans, the museum, the Manison House, kids in the park playing, the models we had at the tea, or tea themed still life. Use your imagination. If you paint this summer, when it is getting cold out side, we can enjoy seeing a little bit of summer this coming October!!! More to come on the dates etc in the Sept. newsletter.

## Valley Art WCMFA Show 2010

ADVANCED NOTICE: The 2010 VAA Show at the Museum is scheduled for January 16-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

- **Annual All Member "Miniature Show" - JUNE 5-JULY 26.** Please see additional information for rules of participation listed under the General Member News section.
- **Annual All Summer Show "Summer Show" - JUNE 5-JUNE 28.** Please bring in paintings on or before June 2.
- **New Member Show - JULY 3-JULY 26.** For those who have been members less than 2 years. Please bring in paintings on or before June 28.

### ADDITIONAL AREA SHOWS

#### 77th Annual Cumberland Valley Artists Exhibition

The 77th Annual Cumberland Valley Artists Exhibition at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts will be on view June 6 through August 16, 2009 in the Museum's Groh Gallery. This popular juried exhibition showcases the talented artists of the region. Jurors for this year's exhibition were Dustin Davis, Professor of Art at Frostburg State University, Frostburg, Maryland and Director of the Stephanie Roper Art Gallery, and

Ann Prentice Wagner, Curatorial Associate at the Smithsonian American Art Museum. A total of 184 works were submitted for consideration. 56 works of art were accepted, consisting of 41 two dimensional pieces and 15 sculptural works. The judges awarded Best of Show to the oil painting Hagerstown Firetruck by Todd Groesbeck of Hagerstown, Maryland. A special exhibition reception, hosted by the Singer Society, will be held Sunday, June 21, 2009 from 2:30 to 4:00 PM.

#### Art in the Hallways at the Washington County Hospital

- **JUNE** Artist of the Month - **Linda Pedersen.**
- **JULY** Artist of the Month - **Dennis Clarke.**
- **AUG** Artist of the Month - **Jean Strike.**

Questions on Art in the Hallways should be directed to Lucy Ecker at: 301-733-5320 or [alanaecker@aol.com](mailto:alanaecker@aol.com).

#### Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month

- **JUNE** Artist of the Month - **Dorothy Yoh.**
- **JULY** Artist of the Month - **Cindy Haden.**
- **AUG.** Artist of the Month - **Charles Gelsleichter.**

## Classes and Workshops

### A FOUR-SESSION CREATIVE WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

**Tuesdays in July at the Mansion House with Anna Hogbin**

**Dates: July 7, 14, 21, 28**

**Time: Noon to 4 PM**

**Cost: \$60**

A different topic will be taught each week:

1. Masa Paper (a Sized, Oriental Rice Paper)
2. The Positive Side of Negative Painting
3. Watercolor with Pen and Ink
4. 'Flipping' Watercolor with a Loaded Brush and Finding Your Design

Each student will need regular watercolor supplies including a 12" x 16" block of 140 pound cold-presses Arches watercolor paper; inks they would like to use (some will be provided); Masa paper if he/she has it. For information or to enroll call Anna at 304-263-1094 or Email Anna at: [ahogbin@earthlink.net](mailto:ahogbin@earthlink.net). (More information will be sent when enrolled.)

## Classes Continued

### **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 [marjoriertressler@comcast.net](mailto:marjoriertressler@comcast.net).

### **PORTRAITURE at Hagerstown Community College with Janet Salter Starts Tuesday, September 1st and runs for 15 weeks**

**Time: 1 PM to 4:35 PM**

**Registration through HCC: 301-790-2800, ext 238**

This course is designed for those with basic drawing and/or painting skills and a desire to gain a solid understanding of portraiture. In a series of exercises, emphasis will be placed on the skull-flesh relationship, major masses of the facial features, effects of light, facial expressions, gesture and hands in portraiture. The course will consist of a combination of PowerPoint presentations of master works, studio exercises working from the model, critiques of class work and weekly home assignments. Charcoal is recommended for the first two weeks, after which students will be free to work in other media including oils, acrylics, pastels, or charcoal.

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**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](#)
- **Working from Pastels with Ski Holm**  
Tuesday - Friday, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
[July 14 - July 17](#)
- **Art Appreciation with Kate Keely**  
Tuesday - Friday, 1:00 - 4:00 PM  
[July 21 - July 24](#)
- **Ceramics with Amy Sullivan**  
Tuesday - Friday, 6:00 - 9:00 PM  
[July 28 - July 31](#)
- **The Portrait from Life with Philip Lindsey**  
Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
[August 4 - August 7](#)
- **Mixed Media with Kate Keely**  
Tuesday - Friday, 1:00 - 5:00 PM  
[August 4 - August 7](#)
- **Intro to Oil with Ski Holm**  
Tuesday - Friday, 5:30 - 8:30 PM  
[August 18 - August 21](#)
- **Photography with Mark Youngblood**  
Tuesday - Friday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
[August 25 - August 28](#)

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](http://www.wcmfa.org).

## General Member News

**Victorian Tea Recap** - I would like to thank all of those who participated in the Victorian tea and plein air painting event this past May 2. This turned out to be a wonderful day with many surprises. We had NINE artists painting in and around the Mansion House and in the park. We also had great models in Victorian dress, including [Ytha and Grace Lyons](#) pictured below, who inspired many great paintings.



Some of our members, such as [Marie McCafferty](#) and [Terry Shotten](#), wore period dress while using the day to paint too! Other members and friends provided



wonderful tasties. A special thanks to my friend, Kim Tartaglia, for the gourmet tea sandwiches, homemade chocolate mini-eclairis and chocolate covered strawberries. What a treat !!! What great fun I had with Janie and Marie decorating the Mansion House the day

before to make it seem like a real tea house. I told you they are great!!! Keely, thanks for the beautiful flyers; you are a gem and so talented. And last but not least, a great big thank you to my husband, Roy, for being a good sport and wearing the antique top hat while serving tea!!! What a guy!!! Thank you all.

*Marjorie Tressler*

*Victorian Tea Committee Chair-person*

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## Dues Have Rolled Around Again

**Annual Membership Dues \$25 are now due.**

Make check payable to the Valley Art Association and mail to: **Donna Smith, Treasurer**

**501 Highland Way, Hagerstown, MD 21740**

Payment can also be made at the June 24 Picnic.

Anyone not paid by October meeting will be dropped. Questions call Donna Smith 301-797-8761 or [DSmith7119@aol.com](mailto:DSmith7119@aol.com). Please note, membership cards will only be made upon request.

*Donna Smith, Treasurer*

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**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

# General Member News Continued

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](mailto:scp460@earthlink.net), to let her know, and provide the amount of floor space that you require for your display.

## “GALLERY WALL CHANGE”

**Tuesday, June 23rd at 10:00 AM**

Gallery members must be present or have a representative there. **At the wall change, you must pay for your wall space, sign up for 7 sitting times, sign a gallery contract, and pay annual dues.** (The rent is \$120 for a large space, \$90 for medium, and \$70 for small.) There is a waiting list for wall space so there cannot be any acceptances

*Marie McCafferty*

**Welcome to our New Members** - Please join in welcoming the following new members to Valley Art: *Suzanne Smith, Melissa Lane, and Dottie Gleason.*

As part of your new president's vision, Sue Parker is hoping to have member profiles in the newsletter. Sue has not met two of the new members above, but is hoping to meet them during an upcoming membership meeting. Her thought is that including member profiles, whether featuring a new member or an existing member, might be a great way for us to learn about each other. With that said, please take a moment to read and learn about our new member Dottie Gleason:

*Dottie recently relocated from Orange County, CA to Greencastle, PA. She updated her childhood interest in art by becoming a mural artist and has done a number of murals as well as canvas commissions. She was recently asked by a former client to illustrate a children's book. She is a member of the Ovation TV artists' network, and has also illustrated a book created by a group of these artists. Dottie is inspired by international music and the work of Tim Burton ("Coraline", "The Nightmare Before Christmas") You can see her work at: <http://www.amateurillustrator.com/> (screen name: misinlaguna), and on Ovation TV's web site (browse the community for screen name 'artsyworld').*

## Rules for the Miniature Show

1. Each member may exhibit/enter up to 5 paintings.
2. All work must be original and completed within the past two (2) years.
3. The following guidelines will be applied to all works submitted:
  - a. **The 1/6<sup>th</sup> rule:** (images should be approximately 1/6 of object size or smaller: small objects, not lending themselves to portrayal in 1/6<sup>th</sup> scale may, at the end discretion of the Judges, be accepted or rejected.
  - b. **The area size of the painting (image) must be no greater than 4" x 6", not to exceed 24 square inches; the outside of framed pieces must not exceed 48 square inches (6" x 8"). All entries will be measured!**
4. Drawing techniques will be accepted as long as 50% or more of the surface is painted. All fine art media are acceptable: no crafts, jewelry, photography, laser prints or computer-generated artwork. **Sculpture is welcomed but will be judged separately from paintings.** Pastel is fine as long as it is a painterly and not a linear manner.
5. Each entry must be sealed with a dust cover no nails are to be showing (except oils and acrylics painted like oils).
6. Entries will be rejected if the mats are "sawed or chewed" (instead of clean cuts), if the mats are dirty, or if frames are broken, scratched or marred. Take pride in your work!
7. No potentially offensive paintings will be exhibited this includes pornography, morally, politically, or sexually questionable pieces.
8. **It is illegal and immoral to copy someone else's artwork or published photographs for sell as your own creation!** Questionable works shall be removed from the exhibit. In other words, do not submit work that is not your own, original creations only.
9. **All artwork must be ready to hang!** We will accept only artwork with eye-hooks and braided picture wire. No strings, threads, coat hangers, saw teeth, stand-up picture frames, band aids, etc., will be accepted.

**ATTACH the following to the BACK OF EACH PAINTING:**

**Artists name; Address; Phone number; E-mail (if you have one); Name of Painting; Medium; Price.**

## Mansion House Sitters Schedule

### 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 **NEED SOMEONE!**  
 Sun 28 Sue Bell

### JULY

Fri 3 Lucy Ecker  
 Sat 4 Lucy Ecker  
 Sun 5 Janie Moltrop

Fri 10 Jean Strike  
 Sat 11 Trudy Coody  
 Sun 12 Janie Moltrop

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

Fri 24 Marie McCafferty  
 Sat 25 Tamara Hoffman  
 Sun 26 Lucy Ecker

Fri 31 June Savannah

### AUGUST

Sat 1 Trudy Coody  
 Sun 2 Lucy Ecker

Fri 7 Marie McCafferty  
 Sat 8 Janie Moltrop  
 Sun 9 Janie Moltrop

Fri 14 Jean Strike  
 Sat 15 Janie Moltrop  
 Sun 16 Janie Moltrop

Fri 21 **NEED SOMEONE!**  
 Sat 22 Tamara Hoffman  
 Sun 23 Donna Bingaman

Fri 28 Anna Hogbin  
 Sat 29 **NEED SOMEONE!**  
 Sun 30 **NEED SOMEONE!**

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**Members:** We are still looking for a [President Elect](#), please consider stepping up to the plate, your club needs you! Call Sue Parker, your new President, if you are interested. Carolyn Trovinger is our new Assistant Gallery Director. Thanks Carolyn...you are a gem!

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