

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 Bob Wantz

September 23 - 7:00PM

Artist Bob Wantz, a signature member of the Baltimore Watercolor Society for more than 25 years, has both an A.B. and a B.S. from Shepherd University as well as a Masters in ED from McDaniel College. He is primarily a painter of landscapes, who has studied with notable watercolorists such as Ray Loos AWS, Cape Ann, Maine; Tom Nicholas AWS in Rockport, Mass; Zolton Szabo AWS in Warm Springs VA; Murry Wentworth AWS in Port Clyde, Maine; and the Edgar Whitney School in Kennebunkport, Maine. Wantz's award-winning watercolors have been exhibited throughout the tri-state region, including the Cumberland Valley Exhibition. A highlight of his painting career was a one-man retrospective at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Nov. 2002 to Jan. 2003. The show featured 30 paintings illustrating his thirty years of painting. Wantz has been a watercolor instructor for more than 23 years at the Washington County Museum and the Hagerstown Community College. Some of his awards have included Best in Show, 1992 Chambersburg Art Alliance, for "On the Rocks"; Best in Show, Evans Run, 1982, for "Old Stone"; Best in Show, Hilltop House, 1973, entitled "Storm". With too many others to name, we can all see that Bob has worked very hard and his work and talents are admired by his peers and his students. His work is on permanent display in many banks and businesses through-out the tri-state area. For this reason we are so lucky here at Valley Art to have Bob as our first speaker and demo artist for the fall. What a nice way to start our new art year!!!

President's Message

The mantle of the Presidency has now fallen on my shoulders following the two energetic years of Marjorie Tressler's tenure. She will be a difficult act to follow, with her wonderful combination of compassion, love of the Valley Art Association, and ability to generate excitement. There is a daunting precedent of commitment by past presidents, which I will try to uphold.

The Board has worked out a schedule of events and presenters for the coming year that we hope will be of interest. We have tried to develop a mix of topics that will have broad appeal. Please let a board member know if you have a suggestion for a future presenter, and we will look at that for next year.

Thanks to everyone who participated in Bluesfest, and the Red Cross fundraiser. Such activities add to VAA's 'presence' and stature in the community. I hope you will put the City's Fall Festival (9/12-13/09) on your schedule and come paint on the porch, help with the visitors' painting activities or just be present as part of VAA.

Sue Parker, President VAA

Valley Art WCMFA Museum Show Dates Change

The WCMFA has rescheduled the 2010 VAA show because of upcoming construction at the museum. The new dates for the show are March 20 to May 9, 2010. The specifications for entries will remain the same as for this year's show. The specifications and a schedule for show preparation will be published in a later newsletter.

Shows

NORTH GALLERY SHOWS

- **Carolyn Thome "Along the Way. From Point of Rocks to Nambia"** - SEPT 11-SEPT 27. "I love to travel, but I also love beauty in daily life. I always carry a camera because you never know what the day will bring." Large oil paintings and small plein air acrylics will be featured.
- **Group Show "Paintings from the Park"**- OCT 2-NOV 1. Marjorie has donated her North Gallery show to the members this month. This show will include paintings from the plein air session this spring, any paintings or photos OF the park, as well as any pieces painted IN the Hagerstown City Park. If you have artworks on this theme that you would like to have in this show, please let Janie Moltrop know by 9/15/09 so she can plan the exhibit.
- **Denny Bingaman** - NOV 6-NOV 29. Featuring wildlife and nature photography.

ADDITIONAL AREA SHOWS

Garnet Jex Exhibition at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

The Museum's Smith Gallery will house close to 20 works by the Washington, D.C. artist, Garnet Jex (1895-1979) from September 5, 2009 through

January 17, 2010. This important exhibition of Jex's art is made possible through the generous loan of paintings from the town of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia and private collectors, Mr. and Mrs. Lee and Pat Stine. The town of Harpers Ferry, where Jex visited and painted for more than 30 years, received 17 paintings from the artist in the 1960s, all of which will be on display in this exhibition. A special Opening Reception will be on Sunday, September 6, 2009 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Admission to the Museum is free.

Art in the Hallways at the Washington County Hospital

- SEPT Artist of the Month - **Elisabet Stacy-Hurley**
- OCT Artist of the Month - **Terry Shotton**
- NOV Artist of the Month - **Donna Mitchell**

Questions on Art in the Hallways should be directed to Lucy Ecker at: 301-733-5320 or l1nanaecker@aol.com.

Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month

- SEPT Artist of the Month - **Ruth Ann Smith**
- OCT Artist of the Month - **Donna Bingaman**
- NOV Artist of the Month - **Jean Strike**

Classes and Workshops

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.

Classes Continued

PRIVATE OIL PAINTING LESSONS with Marjorie Tressler

Marjorie Tressler is offering oil painting instruction at her home or at the Mansion House. She will be covering composition, design, color, and value application according to the Old Masters. She will also critique your current works of art giving advice from her experience as an artist for over 30 years. She studied at the Schuler School of art for over 8 years with Ann Schuler and David Buckley Good, as well as at the Deleplaine in Frederick for portrait study with Mary Pfister. She has over 20 years of study with many nationally known artists and is now willing to share this experience with any serious student. Classes will begin as soon as she can schedule an appropriate time for those interested. Please call her at 717- 762- 6791 or email at: marjorietressler@comcast.net

WATERCOLOR CLASS: CREATING TEXTURES IN PAINTINGS Thursdays at the Mansion House with Anna Hogbin

Dates: September 24 – November 5, Time: 6:00 – 8:30 PM, Cost: \$80

Fee is due by September 17 (Should the class be cancelled, all tuition will be returned.)

The purpose of “Creating Textures in Paintings” is to provide students with techniques and processes which can be used to enhance their paintings with texture. Topics will include: a Stone Building and wall, a Brick Building, Glass (two sessions: a glass object and window reflections), Fabric (two sessions on how fabric drapes and how patterns change with the draping), and two session topics to be determined by the class. Students are free to use pen and ink or other materials in their paintings. Required materials are the standard watercolor palette and tools, Winsor Newton paints, Arches watercolor block (12 in. x 16 in.). The instructor will provide materials for most of the applied textures.

For questions, please contact Anna at 304-263-1094, by email at ahogbin@earthlink.net, or by mail at: 55 Fulks Terrace, Martinsburg, WV 25405.

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**

Tuesdays 6:30 – 9:00 PM

September 22 – October 6

- **Watercolor with Bob Wantz**

Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

September 22 – October 27

- **Oil Painting with Ski Holm**

Wednesdays 5:30 – 8:30 PM

September 23 – November 11

- **Landscapes in Watercolor with Kent Roberts**

Tuesdays 6:30 – 9:00 PM

October 20 – November 24

- **Design a Holiday Card: Watercolor Workshop - Bob Wantz**

Friday, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

1 day – November 20

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.

Official Reopening of the VAA Library - After three years of work, Gail Cox and Joe Shugars, with help from Anne Rickards, the librarian, are pleased to announce the reopening of the VAA library. They have put in countless hours cataloging the books and

incorporating volumes donated by Bobby Criswell, in memory of his wife, into the collection. Books may now be checked out at meetings using a card system like other libraries. Our thanks to Gail and Joe for all their work.

General Member News

Autumn Arts Festival in City Park - The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts announces the 3rd Annual Autumn Arts Festival in City Park to be held on September 12 and 13, 2009. The Festival is held in collaboration with the Jonathan Hager House and Museum, Hagerstown Railroad Museum, the Mansion House Art Center and WCMFA. Exciting events and activities are scheduled for each site and throughout City Park from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

There will be entertainment at the band shell in the park, craft and food vendors, and children's art (Saturday), face painting, balloon sculpture, and artists' demonstrations at the WCMFA. The Valley Art Association will be offering cellist Mia Hoover on Saturday and Sunday from 1 – 2 pm, light refreshments (cider and cookies), and opportunities for children and adults to try their hand at painting on the porch on Sunday. VAA members are encouraged to come set up on the porch to paint and display their work, help with the children and adult painting areas, and just be part of VAA's participation in this event.

Dues Are Now PAST DUE

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

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

Donna Smith, Treasurer

A Busy Bluesfest - Thanks to everyone who chose to be part of the Mansion House celebration of 'Bluesfest' this year. The event, held May 31st, was huge. There were probably 300 people who came through the Mansion House that Sunday. The weather was perfect. At June Savannah's suggestion, Junior Mason—he's the Mansion House's guardian angel; the one who takes care of our maintenance for the City—put up

our "Art Show" signs around the park, and I think that helped get us noticed. Thanks, June! And VAA also appreciates Janie Moltrup who helped set up, Clyde Roberts, Sue Parker, Dottie Gleason, and Carol Wilks who showed their work or painted on the porch, and especially Wayne Kell, who set up on the porch, and 'minded the store.' He was pretty busy. There were sales, commissions, book deals—all in all a great day for art!.

Treasurer's Folder - In the past, there have been several places to put things for the Treasurer, but the result is that some documents (e.g. bank statements) are not getting to her. So, if you have mail, sales tickets, etc. for the Treasurer, please put them only in the Treasurer's folder in the lower left hand drawer of the desk.

New Flag! Thanks to Janie Moltrop for providing a new flag for the Mansion House. The old one, long past its prime, has been retired.

"GALLERY MEETING"

Wednesday, October 2nd at 2:00 PM

All Member Shows This Year:

There are two all member shows scheduled for this year. They will be "themed" shows, so get to work with that paintbrush—or camera!

The first, the winter show, from 12/6/09 to 1/10/10, will be "**Primarily Primaries.**" The artworks should be tonal pictures, using only the primary colors (red, yellow, blue), with 90% of the work being in values of a single color.

The second, the "Best of the Best" show, from 1/15/10-2/28/10, will be "**Faces and Flowers**"—portraits, still lifes with flowers, or variations on this theme. Be creative!

Janie Moltrop

Congratulations to Ted and Lucille Murray

on their recent wonderful and very successful show in the North Gallery called "Retirement Pleasures" (7/31/09-8/30/09)!

Member Profiles

Maggie Bearse, Candidate for Vice President.

Margaret (Maggie) Bearse has agreed to serve as the new VAA Vice President/President Elect and will stand for election at the September meeting. Maggie was born and raised in West Virginia then moved to Florida for 25 years. She returned to WV about 10 years ago and now lives in Martinsburg. After dabbling in arts and crafts all her life, she took up oil painting about 10 years ago. ("They felt right from the beginning.") She prefers landscapes and portraits, especially animal portraits. She is divorced with two grown children: a daughter who is now a doctor in Berkley Springs and a son, retired military, now into computers in Fairfax, VA. There are also four grandchildren, three dogs, and two cats. She is a retired hypnotherapist, but has worked at a variety of careers

from school teacher to house painter ("real houses, not pictures of").

Carolyn Trovinger, Assistant Gallery Director.

Carolyn Ann Trovinger has been a member of VAA for 5 years. She has done plein air painting,, volunteered on special occasions, and set up on the porch for the Fall Festival. She works in oil, watercolor and most recently, has taken classes from Marie McCaferty in acrylics. You may have seen her paintings North Gallery shows. Painting has been a hobby; she has painted for children, grandchildren, family and friends. Her love for art brought her to the V.A.A. where she says " I have greatly enjoyed the wonderful and talented members and very fine artwork that is displayed within..."

Calendar of Events 2009-2010

- 9/12-13/09** Sat-Sun,10-4, **City's Fall Festival** (exhibits and craft sale; at VAA children and adult painting; Mia Hoover, cellist; painting and selling on the porch; light refreshments)
- 9/23/09** Wed, 3:00, Board
- 9/23/09** Wed, 7:00, **General Meeting**, Bob Wantz (watercolor), refreshments by Anna Hogbin
- 10/28/09** Wed, 3:00, Board
- 10/28/09** Wed, 7:00, **General Meeting**, Dennis Clark (watercolor), refreshments by Lin Pedersen
- 11/18/09** Wed, 3:00, Board
- 11/18/09** Wed, 7:00, **General Meeting**, Diana Moltrop - Intellectual Property
- Nov-Dec** Craft sales at the Mansion House
- 12/4/09 (?)** **Open House**, Tree Illumination
- 12/6/09** Sun, 1-3, **General Meeting** - Xmas Tea, Tribute to the Founders of the Mansion House Gallery; food by everyone; collect art supplies for VA Center.
- 1/27/10** Wed, 3:00, Board
- 1/27/10** Wed, 7:00, **General Meeting**, Bill Davis - oil painting (tentative)
- 2/24/10** Wed, 3:00, Board, Appoint nominating committee.
- 2/24/10** Wed, 7:00, **General Meeting**, Rebecca Macy Lane (Director, WCMFA)
- 3/20 -5/9/10** **VAA Show at the WCMFA**
- 3/24/10** Wed, 3:00, Board
- 3/24/10** Wed, 7:00, **General Meeting**, John Cook – Framing, refreshments by Donna Mason
- April** (date to be determined) - Cleaning Mansion House
- 4/28/10** Wed, 3:00, Board
- 4/28/10** Wed, 7:00, **General Meeting**, Patt Legg - Oil painting, Old Master techniques
- 5/26/10** Wed, 3:00, Board
- 5/26/10** Wed, 7:00, **General Meeting**, Election of Officers; Member show and tell; white elephant sale.
- 6/23/10** Wed, 3:00, Board
- 6/23/10** Wed, 6:00, **General Meeting**, Picnic, food by everyone

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

Fri 4 Anna Hogbin	Fri 2 Marjorie Tressler	Sun 1 Sue Parker
Sat 5 Margaret Bearse	Sat 3 June Savannah	Fri 6 Karen Gelsleichter
Sun 6 Lucy Ecker	Sun 4 Zelma Lushbaugh	Sat 7 Tamara Hoffman
Fri 11 Karen Gelsleichter	Fri 9 Marie McCafferty	Sun 8 Zelma Lushbaugh
Sat 12 Jean Strike	Sat 10 Jean Strike	Fri 13 Linda Pedersen
Sun 13 Terry Shotten	Sun 11 Margaret Bearse	Sat 14 Jean Strike
Fri 18 Marjorie Tressler	Fri 16 Tamara Hoffman	Sun 15 Ruth Peyton
Sat 19 Tamara Hoffman	Sat 17 NEED SOMEONE!	Fri 20 Marjorie Tressler
Sun 20 Lucy Ecker	Sun 18 Sue Parker	Sat 21 Trudy Coody
Fri 25 Linda Pedersen	Fri 23 Linda Pedersen	Sun 22 Anna Hogbin
Sat 26 June Savannah	Sat 24 June Savannah	Fri 27 CLOSED
Sun 27 Donna Bingaman	Sun 25 NEED SOMEONE!	Sat 28 Sue Parker
	Fri 30 Anna Hogbin	Sun 29 Denny Bingaman
	Sat 31 Janie Moltrop	

Valley Art Assoc 2008 Officers

President:	Susan Parker	304-258-4046
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Gallery Director:	Janie Moltrop	301-824-3186
Asst Gallery Director:	Carolyn Trovinger	301-797-4837

Members: Come be participate with the Valley Art Association in the City's Fall Festival, September 12-13 from 10-4. There will be activities at the Hager House, the Railroad Museum, and the WCMFA, and the Mansion House will host an exhibit and sale on Saturday and children and adult painting areas on the porch on Sunday.

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