

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 Dennis Clark

October 28 - 7:00PM

Practically on a daily basis, Denny can be found studying and painting, either Plein Air or in his studio in Martinsburg, West Virginia, or in Naples, Florida. His aim is to continue to improve his understanding of what it takes to make "art."

Although his abilities are diverse, some have called his style "representational impressionism." It is important for him to translate information into a painting, rather than report that information as in a photograph. Seeking an emotional response, Denny conveys a sense of place to the viewers. With hue, form and line, he creates a special mood in his atmospheric watercolors.

The artist is a signature member of the West Virginia Watercolor Society and the Baltimore Watercolor Society, as well as an associate member of local and national watercolor societies, and his colorful and evocative watercolors have consistently garnered awards.

Clarke notes, "Blending the tube colors on the paper, my object is to convey to you, the viewer, a mood, to evoke a sense of being there or having been there." The artist continues by relating, "If, when you look at one of my paintings, you are moved to some emotional response and if, when you view it time after time again, you can discover another piece of information...then I have accomplished what I set out to do."

The Valley Art Association is fortunate to have this accomplished artist as a member and our demonstration artist for the October 28th meeting.

President's Message

First, thanks to everyone who helped with the Fall Festival on September 12th and 13. This City sponsored event, which VAA does in conjunction with the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, the Hager House, the Railroad Museum is now in its third year, with a growing attendance. It is becoming one of the major VAA activities. Next year, I hope more members will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to display their art, paint on the porch and help with the Gallery events. If you have ideas for interesting things you might like to do during next year's Fall Festival, please tell a board member.

Two member health notes. We are grateful that Marjorie Tressler's husband, Roy, is recovering well from heart bypass surgery, and that she is now able to resume painting after taking special care of Roy this summer. And, we are happy to see that Tamara Hoffman is out and about after an auto accident several weeks ago. We must all be grateful for the gift of each day.

The Valley Art Association, 100 artists strong, welcomes new members both amateur and professional. If you know someone you think might be interested in becoming part of this organization, let them know about us: our activities, our Gallery, our interesting people!

Sue Parker, President VAA

Free Income!!

Valley Art received its first check, in the amount of \$104.83, as a result of orders placed for art supplies through the Dick Blick icon on VAA's web site. That's wonderful! Thanks for helping us add to our treasury by doing something you would do anyway.

Shows

NORTH GALLERY SHOWS

- **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.
- **Denny Bingaman** - NOV 6-NOV 29. Featuring wildlife and nature photography.
- **Winter Exhibit All member show-** DEC 6-JAN 1. The theme is "Primarily Primary". There is a reception Sunday, December 6th from 1-3.
- **Member Crafts Sale and Exhibit-** NOV 27-DEC 27. Held throughout the Mansion House.

ADDITIONAL AREA SHOWS

Washington County Hospital

- 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 a1nanaecker@aol.com.

Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month

- OCT Artist of the Month - **Donna Bingaman**
- NOV Artist of the Month - **Jean Strike**

Classes and Workshops

Old Masters Flemish Technique in Oils - Workshop with Patt Legg

Starts April 26 to 29th. For info, contact Maggie Bearse at: maggibearse2003@yahoo.com

Patt Legg, an artist from Salisbury, North Carolina, paints and teaches the Old Master Flemish (before 1801) technique with a bit of the modern twist. She is a professional artist specializing in still life and portrait painting for over 30 years. Patt has taught this technique 14 of those years. You will work in a series of layers from the underpainting using soft hair brushes to the final pure color. This technique produces a depth and a brilliance of the Masters of Vermeer, Caravaggio and Rembrandt. Class will speak about painting procedures, still life organization, soft edges and Starving Artist paintings to how to prepare your panel and to clean your brushes.

General Member Notes

- With the Christmas season fast approaching, remember that the VAA will allow member artists to display and sell their own fine craft items at the Mansion House during the months of November and December on a space-available basis. Contact Janie Moltrop to request space.
- A member has expressed interest in a trip to the Torpedo Factory (art center) in Alexandria. If you are interested, let a board member know so we can determine if there are enough people to pursue it.
- The mini-gallery has been moved from the back of the upstairs door to the display racks in the galleries. (These little paintings might be level for the first time.)
- Many thanks to the husbands of Marjorie Tressler, Carol Wilks and Carol Trovinger. They also contributed to the success of the Fall Festival.

General Member News

Fall Festival - On the 12th and 13th of September, The Mansion House was abuzz with activities and visitors. On Saturday, Carolyn Trovinger opened and closed, and Lin Pederson handled the Gallery, which received 95 visitors. On Sunday, there was a children's painting table that was very well attended, and two adults who also tried their hand. Wayne Kell participated. Lucy Ecker displayed her art both days and one of our new members, Carol Wilks, also set up. She and Lucy helped the children paint all day long on Sunday. Over 350 people came through the Mansion House on Sunday! Terry Shotton, who managed the Gallery that day, was extremely busy, answering questions, refilling refreshments, and stamping visitors' cards for the prize drawing. Marjorie Tressler was there both days, and did a painting demo on Sunday. Mia Hoover played the cello for an hour each afternoon. Carolyn Trovinger looked great in a period dress provided by Maggie Bearse, and she seemed to float (hooped skirt no less!) from room to room refilling the cider and cookie trays. She took a walk down the front walk to have lunch with her husband and it looked like something out of the past as she strolled away from the porch. There were several sales of artwork during the weekend. All in all, it was one of the busiest weekends of the year for Valley Art.

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

Thank You Members! - A great big thank you to the members of the VAA for the beautiful bouquet

of white roses and the very thoughtful gift certificate from Dick Blick. This was so kind and very appreciated by me to be honored for something that was truly my honor. Being your president for the last 2 years was hard but rewarding work. I made some great new friends and met some very interesting and talented artists along the way. The opportunities abound here with the VAA--sooooo--please keep helping your new president Sue Parker. She is a great gal and so are the members of your new board. I will be there to help them all I can and hope that ALL of YOU do the same. Good luck, God bless, and "Paint from the heart with JOY !!! Thanks again.

Marjorie Tressler, Past President

"GALLERY MEETING"

Wednesday, October 7th at 2:00 PM

Janie Moltrop, Gallery Director

Museum Show - We are now taking names of anyone who is interested in hanging a painting in the Museum Show (March 20 to May 9, 2010). We need these names as soon as possible so we can determine how many paintings each artist can submit to the show. Contact Margaret Bearse or Marjorie Tresslor.

Maytag Repair Woman - Thanks to Gail Cox for defrosting the Mansion House refrigerator before it was officially deemed Hagerstown's first glacier.

Donation Needed for Veterans - We are again asking for donations of art materials, brushes, paint (all types), clay, canvases, and water type paper for the military veterans at the Martinsburg Veterans Center. These supplies will be collected now through November, as well as at the Holiday Tea in December. We all have something in our studios we can part with or you can simply buy an extra tube of paint or brush when you shop for your own supplies!!

2009 Holiday Tea - Please join us for the Annual VAA Holiday Tea to be held here at the Mansion House on Sunday Dec. 6 from 1-3 PM. Light fare provided by members.

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

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

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Members: Don't forget to get your paintings and crafts together for the Craft Sales and Exhibit running at the Mansion House from the end of November through December. Members who participate generally have nice sales during that time frame.

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