

# 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 John Cook

**Wednesday, March 24 - 7:00PM**

John Cook is a retired Senior Project Manager for Grove Worldwide Engineering Department with a career that spans over thirty years. John, along with his wife Evie, are the owners of A+HOMETOWN FRAMES in Waynesboro, PA. His framing studio is located in their home.

Upon retirement in 1999, he started the framing business with the guidance of Artists Virginia Hair and Becky Dietrich. With a strong mathematical and design background, the framing business has been a perfect fit. The business was started mainly to give purpose and focus in a retirement life. The business has survived to this day with only "word of mouth" advertising to sustain the operation. The educational background for the business consists mainly of the study of materials obtained from PPFA (Professional Picture Framers Association), DECOR framing manuals, the Framer's answer Book, supplier provided training information and good old everyday framing problem encounters. Please come out for a very interesting and informative evening with John.

## President's Message

More snow, anyone? This has been a month to paint winter scenes, but, somehow, it was hard to spend a day shoveling snow and then face a snow-covered canvas. The winter scene on my easel, begun before the "big dig," has languished and probably won't be finished until the ground clears. I'm thinking of starting a brightly colored tropical scene to distract me from the whiteness outside my window.

I hope everyone has fared reasonably well during what we all hope has been a once in a lifetime winter. Artistic endeavors have no doubt taken a back seat to more survival-oriented activities like treks to the grocery store and (in our case) pulling snow off the roof. As I write this, I am looking out over a window-tall pile of snow at Rick chipping the last of the snow out of the driveway. (This made possible by a neighbor with an enormous 4-wheel drive tractor who plowed us out twice, leaving behind 8 and 10-foot piles of snow that will no-doubt be here until June. Our tractors were no match for this one.)

But enough about that. We have a new desk chair at the Mansion House. Hope you sitters find it as comfortable as I did. At the very least, we should be able to avoid lurching backward when the wheels fall off, as they have been doing on the old one.

And thanks to Marjorie Tressler for keeping an eye on the Mansion House during recent days. She has been coming in from Waynesboro when she can to check on it. So far, so good. Thanks, also, to the membership present at the January meeting for voting to allow an "election" of two paintings on exhibit at the Mansion House to be included in the upcoming VAA show at the Museum. This allowed us to be included in the Museum's annual "Art in Bloom" display, in which members of local garden clubs interpret paintings in flowers. Our jurying is not scheduled until early March, so without this action we would have had to pass up this opportunity. The members selected Gretchen Starliper's quirky watercolor on Yupo, "Maude," and Marjorie Tressler's elegant oil "Flowers, Lace, and My Dolly."

Let's hope by this time next month, we will be painting daffodils en plein air.

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Sue Parker, President VAA

# Shows

## NORTH GALLERY SHOWS

- **Artworks by Mansion House Students - MARCH 5 - MARCH 28.** Reception: March 7 from 2 - 4 PM. This show will feature the work of students who have taken classes from Marie McCafferty and Anna Hogbin. On display will be oil painting and watercolor paintings that have been done in classes at the Mansion House or were developed using lessons learned at the Mansion House.
- **Wednesday Morning Group Show - APRIL 2 - APRIL 25.**
- **Spectrum Seven - "Paintings, Poetry & Prose" - APRIL 30 - MAY 30.** Reception: May 2nd 2 - 4 PM. Spectrum Seven artists; Eliane Ambrose, Donna Bingaman, Marguerite Cyr, Becky Dietrich, Donna Mason, Elisabet Stacy-Hurley and Marjorie Tressler are exhibiting their original works at the Mansion House Art Gallery during the month of May.

## ADDITIONAL AREA SHOWS

### Valley Art Association Exhibition at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

Members of the Valley Art Association will display works of art in the Bowman Gallery. Artists' works

were selected by a jury to be in the exhibition and reflect the diverse styles, techniques and media used by members of the Association. An opening reception will be held **Sunday, March 21, 2010, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.**

**The Schuler School of Fine Art is holding a juried exhibition of animal art, "Fur and Feathers" - APRIL 17-25.** March 15th is the deadline for entries. Please see their web site: [schulerschool.com](http://schulerschool.com) for details.

### Washington County Hospital - Art In The Hallways

- **MAR** Artist of the Month - **Eileen Pollock**
- **APR** Artist of the Month - **Trudy Coody**

Questions on Art in the Hallways? Contact Lucy Ecker at: 301-733-5320 or [a1nanaecker@aol.com](mailto:a1nanaecker@aol.com).

### Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month

- **MAR** Artist of the Month - **Donna Bingaman (Oils)**
- **APR** Artist of the Month - **Scott Nimmon (Photography)**

# Classes and Workshops

## David Buckley Good Workshop

**When: The Week of May 25th Monday through Friday 9am to 3PM. Tuition: \$165 for the week.**

David Buckley Good of the Schuler School of Fine Art will be offering his oil painting workshop on landscape techniques in Waynesboro PA courtesy of the Waynesboro Studio Club during the week of May 25th. Please contact Virginia Hair (717-762-3677) to enroll.

## Developing Effective Color in Watercolor Painting

## Class with Anna Hogbin

**When: 6 PM to 8:30 PM at the Mansion House, March 4 through April 29 (no class April 1)**

**Tuition: \$85 for 8 sessions. Tuition payment must be received by February 20, 2010.**

For questions, please contact Anna at 304-263-1094, by email at: [ahogbin@earthlink.net](mailto:ahogbin@earthlink.net).

## Old Masters Flemish Technique in Oils - \$190

## Workshop with Patt Legg

**Starts April 26 to 29th. For info, contact Margaret Bearse at: [maggibearse2003@yahoo.com](mailto:maggibearse2003@yahoo.com)**

## General Member News

**Purchase Certificate** - The Board has decided to create a document allowing discount purchases of artwork by Mansion House Gallery members who are willing to participate. Artists who agree will be listed on a "Purchase Certificate" that will entitle the holder to a 20% discount on artworks hanging at the Mansion House. This certificate will be included in gift baskets for the Museum Ramble and Fall Festival, and similar distributions. The certificate will be another tangible item that VAA can offer to programs in which we participate. It should also encourage visitors and gallery sales.

**Packaging** - Painting Packaging for the Mansion House Valley Art is planning to keep on hand cardboard, tape and packaging (e.g. bubble wrap) to protect paintings purchased at the Mansion House. If a buyer would like to have a painting wrapped, we will routinely try to leave the available materials in the area behind the doors outside the restrooms. If you have any of these items you can donate for this purpose, please let a board member know so we can arrange for it.

**Next Schedule Cleaning for Mansion House** - Those of us who hang our artwork at the Mansion House know that part of our annual obligation is to help with the thorough cleaning of the Mansion House. We had a cleaning Thursday, 1/7/10 and the next one is scheduled for Tuesday, 7/13/10. You need sign up for the July date if you missed the January clean-up.

**Still Seeking Officers** - Valley Art is still seeking members willing to serve as Recording and Corre-

sponding Secretaries. Candidates for the other offices have been secured. The Recording Secretary takes minutes at the monthly Board and General meetings. The Corresponding Secretary assembles the newsletter and only needs to assemble a document in Word, primarily from material furnished by members, and forward it to our webmaster for posting on the website and printing and mailing. Please consider adding these important tasks to your already busy schedule.

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**NEXT GALLERY MEETING**  
All gallery members are asked to attend  
the next Gallery Meeting.  
**Wednesday, March 17th at 1:00PM.**

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**Member Pages on the Website** - Those who attended the February general membership meeting saw Carolyn Tuttle demonstrate an example of the member pages that will soon be available on the Valley Art Association's website. A basic package of three pages—an information page, 10 images, and a contact page--will be available for a one-time charge of \$20. (Other, more complex packages offering more content can also be constructed.) The webmaster, Hunter Tuttle, will update the images as necessary. For further information and to sign up for member web pages, email Carolyn Tuttle at [Carolyn@ctjewelrydesign.com](mailto:Carolyn@ctjewelrydesign.com)

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## Member Recognitions

**New Members** - The Valley Art Association would like to welcome two new members: Leia Wood and Jane Horst. Leia has been a professional artist for 4 years, with the support of her husband, Sam, and inspiration of her daughter, Abby. She paints for her own pleasure and creates custom signs, murals, and portraits for clients. She works in a variety of mediums, and enjoys experiment-

ing with a variety of styles. She has been an art teacher and art storeowner and a foster parent. Jane has been painting in watercolors for 3 years, experimenting with different styles. She participated in the "Palette Project" in Martinsburg, where she lives, and she is interested in meeting other artists and learning more about her medium. Welcome to Valley Art Leia and Jane!

## Mansion House Sitters Schedule

### MARCH

5 Donna Mason  
 6 Charles Gelsleichter  
 7 Chris Shingler  
  
 12 Marjorie Tressler  
 13 Jean Strike  
 14 Zelma Lushbaugh

19 Donna Mason  
 20 Trudy Coody  
 21 Sue Parker

26 Lin Pederson  
 27 Terry Shotten  
 28 Anna Hogbin

### APRIL

2 Charles Gelsleichter  
 3 Margaret Bearse  
 4 CLOSED  
  
 9 Donna Bingaman  
 10 June Savannah  
 11 Terry Shotten

16 Tamara Hoffman  
 17 Trudy Coody  
 18 Terry Shotten

23 Jean Strike  
 24 Donna Bingaman  
 25 Sue Parker

30 Marie McCafferty

### MAY

1 Margaret Bearse  
 2 Terry Shotten  
  
 7 Marjorie Tressler  
 8 Margaret Bearse  
 9 Zelma Lushbaugh

14 Charles Gelsleichter  
 15 June Savannah  
 16 NEED SOMEONE

21 Lin Pederson  
 22 Trudy Coody  
 23 NEED SOMEONE

28 Marie McCafferty  
 29 Donna Mason  
 30 NEED SOMEONE

## Valley Art Assoc 2009 Officers

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**Future Events to Keep in Mind:** We need Sitters for May.

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