

Mansion House Art Gallery

Home of the Valley Art Association

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

General Membership Meeting with Patt Legg

Wednesday, April 28 - 7:00PM

Patt Legg is a classical style painter who is interested in the Dutch style of painting. She will be our April presentation artist, and will also be teaching a workshop at the Mansion House during the week of April 26th.

Patt Legg has been painting for more than two decades and her growth in technique has a range from direct method painting to her present technique in the Classical method of those such as Rembrandt, Vermeer and Caravaggio. Patt's work is shown at The Art Station and Railwalk Gallery in NC. Also works at the Sunset Gallery, White House Gallery and Carnegie Hall in WV. She is a member of the Portrait Society of America, Oil Painters of America and Professional Art Group. Patt has artwork in many areas of the US and in Europe. Her clients include attorneys, doctors and a few State Senators. She apprenticed with David Weaver and Robert Anderson with other classes under New York artist Marvin Mattleson. She teaches workshops yearly and offers private class in her Salisbury, NC based studio. She has many awards in art competitions and displayed her work in various juried shows. Patt also offers commissioned portraiture and giclee reproductions of some of her work. See her work at www.PattLegg.com

President's Message

Congratulations on a beautiful show at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts! And that's not just my opinion. In an unsolicited comment, a museum staff member said this was the best VAA show in years. We had almost 50% of the VAA members submit paintings, and thus a wonderful array of paintings for Bill Davis to jury.

The result was a fine display of our work. The Museum has asked us to extend the show by a week to correspond with an activity at the museum involving local artists. Please note that the new pick up date for the paintings at the museum is Tuesday, May 18th, between 10:00 and 4:00. Also, the museum has reinstated its policy of allowing sales of artwork on display, and members can submit a museum agreement and a W-9 tax form to participate. And don't forget the reception for "Art in Bloom" on April 17th. We understand that although there is a charge to attend the evening reception, the afternoon is free. Marjorie Tressler's painting "Flowers, Lace and My Dolly," and Gretchen Starliper's painting "Maude" will be among those interpreted in flowers by local garden clubs. Please try to see our outstanding show.

In other museum-related news, the VAA Board voted to donate \$100 to the museum to support its current construction project to enclose the center court. And, the VAA regular November general membership meeting will be held in the Bowman Gallery at the museum at 3:00 on 11/23/10. (This is the first of our daytime meetings.) Rebecca Massey Lane will talk to us about the museum's collection. I hope you can put this on your calendar.

The Mansion House Gallery will be 20 years old in August, 2011. We would like to celebrate the year with events focusing on this anniversary. (We celebrated our founders at our 2009 Christmas tea.) If you have ideas on how we might mark this anniversary, please share them with Carolyn Trovinger or Marjorie Tressler.

Lastly, if you have suggestions for demo artists and presenters for next year, please share your ideas with a Board member. We will be meeting in June to plan next year's calendar, so let us know!

Sue Parker, President VAA

Shows

NORTH GALLERY SHOWS

- **The Wednesday Morning Art Group Show - APRIL 2 - APRIL 25.** Watercolors by members of the long-standing group that paints at the Mansion House on Wednesdays.
- **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

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.

The Schuler School of Fine Art is holding a juried exhibition of animal art, "Fur and Feathers" - [APRIL 17-25](#). Please see their web site: schulerschool.com for details.

Washington County Hospital - Art In The Hallways

- [APR](#) Artist of the Month - **Trudy Coody**
 - [MAY](#) Artist of the Month - **June Savannah**
- Questions on Art in the Hallways? Contact Lucy Ecker at: 301-733-5320 or a1nanaecker@aol.com.

Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month

- [APR](#) Artist of the Month - **Scott Nimmon (Photography)**
- [MAY](#) Artist of the Month - **Wanda McNamara (Pastels, Landscape)**

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.

Member Recognitions

During **Donna Mitchell's** recent demo, she shared with us her one of her newest pastel paintings. This painting is on a very large piece (28x39) of "Art Spectrum Colourfix paper" in a Soft Umber color. It is called "*The Grand Canal, Venice, Italy*". Donna stated, "Venice is truly a romantic city if you have plenty of time to relax and enjoy!". Donna has recently been accepted into the Pastel Society of America. Congratulations Donna and thank you for sharing your work during the demo!!!



General Member News

Gallery Issue Resolved - At the Gallery meeting on March 17th, members revisited the policy governing what can be displayed on the walls. After a thorough discussion, the gallery members voted not to change the current policy, which is outlined elsewhere in the newsletter.

Card Card Machine Training - A training on use of the credit card machine will be scheduled for an upcoming Gallery meeting. Most of us use it only occasionally, and it can be intimidating. The bank representatives are most willing to come and give us a refresher on handling a charge, so we will be taking advantage of their offer. Please try to attend. We would all like these business transactions to go smoothly and it is always awkward when we have to resolve a credit card complaint from a buyer.

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.

New Display - You may have noticed the wood display case in the North Gallery. One of Marie McCafferty's students, Joey Bowser, donated it to the Mansion House, and in so doing resolved a discussion we were having about buying one. Thank you Joey.

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. 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.

NEXT GALLERY MEETING

The date for the annual Gallery Wall Change is below. You must be present or have a representative there to pay for your annual dues and your wall space, and sign up for your sitting dates before you can draw for your new space.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22nd at 10:00AM

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 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.

New Members Serving - Thanks to Lucy Ecker and Audrey Mentzer's work as the nominating committee, it appears we have nearly completed our slate of officers for the 2010-2011 year. These people have agreed to serve: Donna Smith, Treasurer; Marjorie Tressler, Assistant Gallery Director; and Charlotte Loveless, Recording Secretary. Another member is considering serving as Corresponding Secretary and we hope that she will confirm her interest in this position. These names will be formally announced at the April meeting and the vote will occur at the May meeting. We are grateful to Donna, Marjorie, and Charlotte for their willingness to serve. It is the efforts of members like these that allow Valley Art to exist.

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

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**

JUNE

4 Terry Shotten
 5 Trudy Coody
 6 Zelma Lushbaugh

 11 Marie McCafferty
 12 Charles Gelsleichter
 13 Terry Shotten

 18 Donna Mason
 19 June Savannah
 20 Donna Bingamon

 25 Margaret Bearse
 26 Margaret Bearse
 27 **NEED SOMEONE**

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Future Events to Keep in Mind: You have done a great job covering the Mansion House, but we still need sitters for some dates above. Please sign up!

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