

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

Wednesday, April 26 - 7:00PM

Valley Art Association's May meeting program will be devoted to a member "show and tell." Please bring some of your favorite work to show off, brag about, wow us, or ask for advice about. There will be lots of experienced eyes in the room to channel praise or constructive criticism and problem solving, depending on your needs. Besides, we really enjoy seeing what other members are doing.

May is also the month that we hold our white elephant sale of art supplies and equipment. Since we donate supplies to the VA hospital at Christmas, members may elect to sell materials for themselves at the May meeting. If you are selling and want to keep the proceeds, you will need to staff your own table or area. If the proceeds are going to VAA, a VAA member will handle the sale. Depending on the volume, we will set up in the North Gallery and, if necessary, on the porch.

Election of officers (Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, and Asst. Gallery Director) will also be held at the May meeting. And don't forget the June meeting is our annual picnic!

President's Message

Well, it is the time of year for flowers: plant them, cut them, smell them (lilacs!), and best of all, paint them! What a refreshing development. (Well, there is that allergy thing, but we will ignore that.) They would be a great subject for our all-member show, "Summer Colors," from June 4 through June 27.

Wonderful news! Carolyn Tuttle has offered to become Corresponding Secretary and thus we can con-

tinue production of the newsletter. This is such an important function for maintaining communication in our 100-member organization. We will undoubtedly have to make some changes to make the newsletter production process efficient and less demanding on the volunteers who are involved in it. We will report on this at the May meeting.

By the time the newsletter comes out, we will have welcomed Patt Legg as our April demo artist and instructor for a week-long course in Flemish-style painting. Those of us who are taking the course look forward adding these additional techniques to our "toolbox."

Please remember to pick up your painting from the Museum Show before 4:00PM on Tuesday, May 18th. And speaking of the Museum, in keeping with our decision to have two daytime meetings, the first is scheduled at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts at 1:00 p.m. on November 23rd. Remember to put this different date and time on your calendar.

And don't forget "Bluesfest" on June 6th at the Mansion House. The park will be full of visitors with a penchant for the arts. We always have literally hundreds of visitors that day, and sales have been brisk. Please plan to come set up to sell or paint on the porch. It is always fun, and we have the best seat in the house for the music!

Sue Parker, President VAA

Upcoming Annual Blues Fest

Don't forget the annual Blues Fest June 6, starting at 10:00 am (come earlier to set-up). This event is very well attended and it is a great opportunity for you to get your work out to the public, have some fun and enjoy the music!!!

Shows

NORTH GALLERY SHOWS

- **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.
- **All Member Show - "Summer Colors" - JUNE 4 - JUNE 25**. Works reflecting artists interpretation of summer season will be presented.
- **All Member "Miniature Show" - JUNE 4 - JULY 25**. Miniature paintings showing various subjects will be displayed for two months. This is a highlight event for the summer season and usually coincides with the annual Blue's Fest hosted by the city of Hagerstown.
- **Janie Moltrup - JULY 2 - JULY 25**.
- **Monday Morning Painting Group - JULY 30 - AUGUST 29**. Painters from the Mansion House Monday morning group will share their creations on canvas and paper for the month of July.

ADDITIONAL AREA SHOWS

Washington County Hospital - Art In The Hallways

- **MAY** Artist of the Month - **June Savannah**
 - **JUN** Artist of the Month - **Donna Ashbaugh**
 - **JUL** Artist of the Month - **Noelle Miller**
 - **AUG** Artist of the Month - **Clyde Roberts**
 - **SEP** Artist of the Month - **Donna Bingaman**
- Questions on Art in the Hallways? Contact Lucy Ecker at: 301-733-5320 or a1nanaecker@aol.com.

Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month

- **MAY** Artist of the Month - **Wanda McNamara (Pastels, Landscape)**
- **JUN** Artist of the Month - **Glen Sabetto (Oils)**
- **JUL** Artist of the Month - **Bettie Rae Gallagher (Oils, Pastels)**
- **AUG** Artist of the Month - **Elizabeth Koontz (Oils, Watercolors)**
- **SEP** Artist of the Month - **Zelma Lushbaugh (Watercolors)**

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.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Summer Sessions

WCMFA will be offering a variety of classes during the summer months. Registration is required for all classes. Check for the full listings on their website.

Registration can be made via their web site at www.wcmfa.org or by contacting the Museum at 301-739-5727. For the hearing impaired, call our TDD at 301-739-5764.

General Member News

Planning for 2010-11 program year - The Board will be meeting at 10:00 AM on June 9th at the Mansion House to plan the 2010-2011 program year (meeting programs, North Gallery shows, etc.). If you have suggestions for programs, shows, demo artists, please let a Board member know so we can follow up. Or better yet, try to attend.

WCMFA Looking for Instructors - The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts is currently looking for instructors to teach two of its preschool art courses. If you are an artist with some teaching experience and are comfortable working with children ages 2 – 6 please contact the Museum's Education department as soon as possible to take advantage of this opportunity! The Museum offers a beautiful setting, ample art classroom and plentiful supplies in addition to a competitive salary and other teaching and advertising opportunities. Please call or email Amy L. Hunt, Museum Educator at 301-739-5727 or ahunt@wcmfa.org.

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.

Synergy In The Arts Conference - The biggest arts integration event to hit Western Maryland. This symposium is intended for: Arts teachers, classroom teachers, administrators, artists, community members, and stake holders interested in starting an arts school. Spend 2 days immersed in arts integration programs at the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts where multiple presenters will touch on the ideas of: Arts centered community building, creating an arts school, integrate the arts into core curricular areas k-12, and how to become an effective teaching and practicing

artist. MAY 21st and 22nd. For all registration and Conference information:

http://www.wcps.k12.md.us/depts_programs/fine_arts/synergy.html

Thank You - Thanks to Donna Mason, who opened the Gallery after stopping by on Saturday, 4/24 to discover that we had had to close when we couldn't get emergency coverage for the sitter who was ill. That was fortuitous since Donna handled a sale that day. Thanks also to Audrey Mentzer for providing coverage for the Gallery on 5/16. All of the sitters were committed to other activities on that day, and, since no one was available to cover, we thought we would have to close. Audrey saved the day.

Next Schedule Cleaning for Mansion House - The second day of Mansion House cleaning will be July 13th at 10:00. Gallery members who could not attend the January cleaning are asked to help with this one to fulfill their commitment to maintaining the Mansion House.

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. You MUST 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.

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

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 Terry Shotton

28 Marie McCafferty
29 Marjorie Tressler
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JUNE

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5 Trudy Coody
6 Zelma Lushbaugh

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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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