

The Valley Art Association News & Mansion House Art Gallery

The Mansion House

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



President's Message

"The falling leaves drift by my window, ..."

Unfortunately, out here, west of civilization, it is because the drought has killed them—and, I suspect, many of the trees from which they fell. I never thought I would so look forward to ---mud. But, here we are, on the brink of fall, and I have news about next fall. I have been in touch with Museum staff about the upcoming Valley Art Association show there. The dates will be September 24, 2011 to January 21, 2012 in the Bowman Gallery. The show has been scheduled in conjunction with the Museum's 80th anniversary, which will be celebrated in September 2011. Museum staff suggested that our 2011 show "encompass some historical aspects of the organization (VAA) and its relationship with the museum." In order to do this, the Board would like to begin by collecting from VAA members your thoughts, recollections, anecdotes, historical tidbits, and memories of Valley Art, particularly as they relate to our relationship with the museum. We will write up all of this information and circulate it to members as source material for your paintings on the history and relationship between VAA and the Museum. Although no decisions have been made about the particulars, it is possible one of the criteria for jurying the paintings will be how well they execute this theme. Please contact me (call, email, write, catch me at a meeting) to share your thoughts and recollections about VAA and the museum. I would like to have this information by November 1, so I can consolidate it and circulate it.

This spring we will be electing a new Vice President-President Elect, as Maggie Bearse moves into the Presidency in May.

So, it isn't too early to begin thinking about whether you would like to become more involved. We need such commitment to keep this wonderful organization alive. The work is not difficult, and the other volunteers on the board lighten the load. Please consider it, and let a board member know if you are interested.

Elsewhere in the newsletter is a schedule of events for the year, including meeting speakers or demo artists and special events. Please plan to put Valley Art activities in your calendar this year!

Sue Parker, President VAA

General Membership Meeting with Janie Moltrup on Watercolor Wednesday, October 27th at 7:00 PM

Although Janie enjoys painting with oils and acrylics, her primary media are water color and photography. Janie is self-taught painter, developing her unique style over the years. She teaches watercolor and photography workshops in her studio located in Washington County, Maryland and in Lake Lure, North Carolina. Artwork by Janie can be found in galleries, shops and private collections through out Maryland, DC and the surrounding areas. Janie also works with a local publisher to design covers and illustrations for books and marketing materials.

Janie began her photography career 30 years ago, shooting political and social events in the Washington area, and worked as a US Senate Photographer until she retired in 2004. Janie continues to work as a free lance photographer with her husband out of her home studio in Maryland. She has served on the VAA Board and remains an active member.

Shows

Mansion House North Gallery

"Ruth's Past Time Favorites"

and

"Bobby Savannah's Wild Life"

Oct. 1st - Oct. 31st

Both Ruth Peyton and Bobby Savannah love to paint, with Ruth painting most Wednesdays with a group that gathers to enjoy friendship and learn new techniques together in the beautiful Mansion House Art Galleries. Reception Sunday, October 3rd from 2 pm - 4 pm.

"New Inspirations"

Nov. 5th - Nov. 28th

Russian born Alla Zotova relocated to the United States in 1997. In 2003, Alla moved to Hagerstown, Maryland and now considers it her hometown. Alla earned a master's degree in electrical engineering, but as an adult discovered a hidden passion for painting. Her children, family and friends are the inspiration for her work.

All Member Craft Show

Nov. 5th - Jan. 2nd

Crafts, Prints, Shrink Wrap Paintings, and Cards For Sale to kick start your Holiday shopping.

Washington County Hospital

"Art in the Hallways"

Artist of the Month

Oct: Lori Bell

Nov: Marguerite Cyr

Dec: N/A

Questions? Call Lucy Ecker at: (301) 733-5320
or E-mail: alnanaecker@aol.com.

Chambersburg Hospital

Artist of the Month

Oct: Noelle Miller

Nov: Ruth Durbin

Dec: Laura Shindle

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

"Lions and Dragons and Snakes! Oh My!"

Sept. 11th - Jan. 14th 2011

Using penknives, wood and paint, Hagerstown native, Frank Mish, Jr. (1900-1982) created wood carvings ranging from bird decoys to whimsical creatures. His pieces reflect the tradition of wood carving in the Cumberland Valley as embodied in the work of the 19th century itinerant carver, Wilhelm Schimmel, who Mish admired.

Maryland Pastel Society

Sept. 18th - Nov. 10th

The Maryland Pastel Society is devoted to the promotion and development of professional, original works of art created using soft pastels. Displaying both the technical and artistic qualities of pastels, this exhibition features Signature Members of the Society.

"Architectural & Industrial Realism"

Oct. 2nd - Jan. 9th 2011

The contemporary realist artists, Rick Dula, Roland Kulla and Stephen Magsig, view their paintings as visual records of structures and places. Dula paints old industrial sites illustrating a vanishing American way of life, while Kulla's paintings reflect his fascination with bridges and what they tell about the people who built them. Magsig paints portraits of buildings and streets in order to create a visual record. A wine and cheese reception will be held Saturday, October 2, 2010, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The three artists will be available to answer questions and discuss their works. Tickets for the reception are \$20 for non-members and \$15 for members.

Howard's Art Supplies & Frames

"Art for the Animals Challenge"

Oct. 9th - Oct. 16th

People's Choice Voting will begin on October 9th and will continue through the 16th. The opening reception for the event will be held at Howard's Art Supplies & Frames at 1256 Dual Highway in Hagerstown, MD on October 16th from 6:30 pm until closing. People's Choice Voting will end that evening.

Classes

Watercolor with Lynn Ferris, NWS

Dates: Sept. 9th - Oct. 28th **Day:** Thursday **Time:** 1 pm - 4 pm **Location:** Mansion House **Tuition:** \$15 per class

Lynn is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society and the Florida Watercolor Society. To register or for more information call Lynn at (304) 258-1651 or E-mail: ferrislynn@yahoo.com.

Pastel Painting with Lin Pedersen

Dates: Oct. 5th - Nov. 9th **Day:** Tuesday **Time:** 9-11:30 am & 7-8:30 pm **Location:** Linleigh Studio **Tuition:** \$60

Lin Pedersen will be giving six lessons in her studio on working with pastels and demonstrating the medium's versatility. For more information call Lin at (717) 762-0656 or E-mail: linleight@earthlink.net

General Member News

It's Craft Time Again

For those of you who, in addition to painting, sculpting or otherwise making art, also do crafts, remember that in November and December we include your crafts as part of the Mansion House Gallery display. We want the Mansion House to be a great Christmas shopping destination! If you would like to be part of Christmas at the Gallery, please let the Gallery Director, Carolyn Trovinger know as soon as possible so we can plan space accordingly.

City of Hagerstown's Artwalk

The City of Hagerstown is sponsoring an Artwalk on Saturday, October 16th in the city center and in the Park. They will be matching artists with business locations to attract people to the downtown area. We will also need artists at the Mansion House demonstrating and selling their work. If we have any artists to spare, John Bryan, the City's Historic Sites Facilitator Coordinator, would like to have artists at the Hager House and the Railroad Museum. Anyone interested? Please contact Sue Parker or Maggie Bearse.

20th Anniversary

The Mansion House Gallery will have its 20th anniversary in 2011. If you have ideas on how to celebrate this significant milestone, please pass them along to a board member. We'd love to hear your thoughts.

Autumn Arts Festival

The City's Autumn Arts Festival was a big success, and the Mansion House saw 213 visitors on Saturday and 318 on Sunday. (The Sunday count was actually much higher, probably closer to 400, because most of the parents and children who came to paint went directly to the painting tables and did not go inside the gallery.) Special thanks to Leia Wood and Donna Mason, who handled the children's painting area with grace and an enthusiasm matched only by the children. The Valley Art Association would also like to thank the following artists who set up on the porch and painted or displayed their work, giving a wonderful "face" to The Valley Art Association: Denny and Donna Bingaman, Shirley Snyder, Lucy Ecker, Marjorie Tressler and Janie Moltrup. Carolyn Trovinger and the two gallery sitters, Terry Shotton and June Savannah, were also a tremendous help on these two very busy days. VAA would also like to acknowledge Mia Hoover for her wonderful cello concert on Sunday afternoon.

Volunteer Art Teacher Needed

The Martinsburg VA Center is looking for a volunteer to teach art to the patients on Sunday afternoons or evenings. If you have time and are interested, please contact marydunlap819@comcast.net or Daphne.John@med.va.gov.

General Member News Continued

Artwork for Meritus

A delegation from Washington County Hospital visited the Mansion House on September 21st and selected some local artwork to purchase for the new replacement hospital Meritus Medical Center. Congratulations to Marjorie Tressler, Charles Gelslechter, Donna Bingaman, Tamara Hoffman, and Lin Pedersen who will have paintings or prints in the new facility. And thanks to Carolyn Tuttle for suggesting that the Hospital consider Mansion House artists.

Reminders

Next Gallery Meeting

The next meeting is **November 4th at 10:00 am**. We will have a representative from the credit card company there to give us a refresher course on how to handle credit card sales. Most of us don't do them often enough to become proficient, so this will be a good opportunity to go over the process.

Gallery Sitters

Please remember to call the person scheduled to sit the next day! (We all need a little help now and then...)

Dues are now PAST DUE

Please send a check for \$25 payable to the Valley Art Association to Donna Smith, Treas., 501 Highland Way, Hagerstown MD 21740. Questions? Call Donna Smith at (301) 797-8761, or E-mail: DSmith7119@aol.com. Bylaws require that members pay by the October meeting to remain active.

Notes from the Museum

Master Classes

It has been suggested that there might be interest among local artists in having "master classes" taught at the museum by renowned artists. This would allow local artists to obtain training from prominent professionals without traveling to do so. If you are interested in such master classes, please let Sue Parker know, along with any suggestions about what artists you might like to study with and how much you would be willing to pay. If there is sufficient interest, the museum may pursue this.

Welcome New Members

Susie Miner

Susie, a Hagerstown resident, has been involved in floral design, and crafts (textiles, and knitting.)

Carolyn (Carol) Smith

Carol is also largely self-taught, though she has studied oil painting with David Buckley Good from the Schuler School of Art in Baltimore. She has been painting, in oils and acrylics, for over 30 years, and is a member of the Waynesboro Studio Art Club. She has won several ribbons at their shows. She has painted murals at the Washington County Health Department, from which she is retired. She has done other commissions, and many paintings of the Smithsburg area. A print of one of these was accepted by Laura Bush and hangs at Camp David.

Christopher G. Tilley

Chris is a photographer from Waynesboro.

Andrew Will

Andrew has been painting for 50 years, primarily in casein paints, English-style watercolor, carbon pencil and pastels. He has won competitions and attended the Maryland Institute of Art at 13.

Timothy Yopp

Tim is a self-taught artist who uses primarily pencil and colored pencils, but also spray paint and markers, sometimes combining these media. His style is mainly abstract.

Need Painting Storage?

An Idea! It has been suggested that we make some of the area upstairs at the Mansion House available to VAA members who are short on storage space at home and need a place to keep their paintings. The proposed cost is \$35 per year for approximately 12 square feet, with storage containers (and appropriate insurance coverage) to be provided by the renter. If you are interested, please let Carolyn Trovinger, the Gallery Director, know.

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

October	November	December
1 Marie McCafferty	5 Marie McCafferty	3 Terry Shotton
2 Terry Shotton	6 Trudy Coody	4 Trudy Coody
3 Zelma Lushbaug	7 Lucy Ecker	5 Terry Shotton
8 Tamara Hoffman	12 Tamara Hoffman	10 Marie McCafferty
9 Charles Gelsleichter	13 Margaret Bearse	11 Margaret Bearse
10 Lucy Ecker	14 Terry Shotton	12 Donna Bingaman
15 Margaret Bearse	19 Marjorie Tressler	17 Terry Shotton
16 Margaret Bearse	20 Lin Pedersen	18 Sue Parker
17 June Savannah	21 Lucy Ecker	19 Anna Hogbin
22 Tamara Hoffman	26 Marjorie Tressler	24 Closed
23 Jean Strike	27 Charles Gelsleichter	25 Closed
24 Anna Hogbin	28 Lucy Ecker	26 Sue Parker
29 Marjorie Tressler		31 Closed
30 Lin Pedersen		
31 Sue Parker		

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Board members can be contacted via E-mail at www.valleyartassoc.com/board.aspx.

2010 - 2011 VAA Event Calendar

October 2010

- 20 10:00 AM Board Meeting
- 27 7:00 PM General Membership Meeting with Watercolor demonstration by Janie Moltrup

November 2010

All Month Crafts For Sale at the Mansion House

- 17 10:00 AM Board Meeting
- 23 3:00 PM General Membership Meeting with Rebecca Massey Lane at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts (**Note earlier time, day and location**)

December 2010

All Month Crafts For Sale at the Mansion House

- 3 6:00 PM Open House and City Christmas Tree Illumination in the Park (Need lots of help for this one!)
- 5 1:00 PM General Membership Meeting and Christmas Tea (Bring art supplies for the VA)
- 15 10:00 AM Board Meeting

January 2011

- 6 10:00 AM First Semi-Annual Mansion House cleaning
- 19 10:00 AM Board Meeting
- 26 7:00 PM General Membership Meeting with Muralist William Cochran

February 2011

- 16 10:00 AM Board Meeting
- 23 7:00 PM General Membership Meeting with Sherry Kemp on Eglomisé

March 2011

- 16 10:00 AM Board Meeting
- 23 3:00 PM General Membership Meeting with Anne Gibson Snyder on plein air painting in oil and acrylic (**Note earlier time**)

April 2011

- 20 10:00 AM Board Meeting
- 27 7:00 PM General Membership Meeting with Beth Johns

May 2011

- 18 10:00 AM Board Meeting
- 25 7:00 PM General Membership Meeting with Watercolor demonstration by Lynn Ferris

June 2011

- 15 1:00 PM Board Meeting (**Note later time**)
- 22 6:00 PM General Membership Meeting and Annual Picnic

July 2011

- 12 10:00 AM Second Semi-Annual Mansion House cleaning