

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

Now as Christmas approaches—I can't believe I am uttering those words already(!) -- it is time for the annual craft sale at the Mansion House. For those of us who include in our artistic activities the creation of other decorative and wearable objects in addition to painting, November and December is our opportunity to offer these gems to the public. Hand made jewelry, tree ornaments, and purses are just some of the treasures that have been included in the past. In addition, there will be a bin for shrink-wrapped paintings (up to 5 per person, on a space available basis), for people who do not rent bin or gallery space during the year. (Although there is no restriction on price, affordably priced things are more popular.) Let Gallery Director Carolyn Trovinger know if you want to participate. Bring your items to the Gallery between 11/ 3 and 11/7 .

Our November meeting will be at 3:00 PM on November 23rd at the Museum of Fine Arts. The Director, Rebecca Massie Lane, will be discussing the museum's collection. The Valley Art Association is so fortunate. Not only do we have the wonderful Mansion House Gallery as a showcase for our artists, but we have as our partner in many activities, and neighbor here in City Park, the magnificent and welcoming museum just down the hill. If you have not been to the museum lately, I encourage you to visit. Check their web site for the exhibits and many arts events occurring regularly there for both adults and children.

Sue Parker, President VAA

General Membership Meeting with Rebecca Massie Lane, Director at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

Tuesday, November 23rd at 3:00 PM

"A Peek into the Vault: A Virtual Tour of the Museum's Collection"

Rebecca Massie Lane, our speaker at last February's meeting, invited Valley Art members to gather at the Museum to learn about the collection. We have accepted her invitation, and that meeting will occur on November 23rd at 3:00 at the Museum. She will describe in more detail the Museum's extensive holdings, and share interesting background information about the artworks and how they were acquired. It promises to be a fascinating meeting!

Rebecca Massie Lane, the director of the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts since August 1, 2008, received her B.A. and M.A. in Art History from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. Before coming to Hagerstown, she was Director of the Sweet Briar College Museums and Galleries, and was an Associate Professor, Program Director and Arts Management at Sweet Briar. While there, she managed the development of the permanent collection of art, and organized 12-14 exhibitions each year. Previously, she was Director of the Knoxville Museum of Art in Tennessee and held curatorial positions at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, Virginia. Mrs. Lane also served as a grant panelist for the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Virginia Commission for the Arts. To her credit are numerous other activities to advance the arts in and around Virginia.

Shows

Mansion House North Gallery

"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. A reception will be held on Sunday November 7th from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm.

All Member Craft Show

Nov. 5th - Jan. 2nd 2011

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

All Member Winter Exhibit

Dec. 3rd - Jan. 2nd 2011

VAA Members will be exhibiting their "best" piece.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

Maryland Society of Portrait Painters

Nov. 20th - Jan. 16th 2011

The Maryland Society of Portrait Painters was founded in 1982 to promote and encourage the development in the art of portraiture. Members are active in creating portraiture in a variety of media and styles and continue to develop as artists through classes, workshops and exhibitions. Portraits on display will represent the scope and artistic range of these talented portrait artists. This exhibition is sponsored in part by Richard Caruso.

Washington County Hospital

"Art in the Hallways"

Artist of the Month: Marguerite Cyr

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

Chambersburg Hospital

Artist of the Month: Ruth Durbin

General Member News

Catoctin Forest Artist-In-Residence Project

Calling VAA Artists to Catoctin Forest "Artist-In-Residence Project" 2011 Vacation. Paint for 1-2 week periods in Spring (May) or Fall (September). Applications accepted December 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011 for May 2011 painting, and June 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011 for September painting. Appointment Confirmation sent out in February and August for each season. For Applications-Send 4 examples of your work on disc along with application. Send for hard copy to "Artist-in-Residence Project", Catoctin Forest Alliance, 14039 Catoctin Hollow Road, Thurmont, MD 21788. Or send online at Catoctinair website at: www.catoctinair.org OR from the AIR link at Catoctin Forest Alliance website: sites.google.com/site/catoctinforestalliance/. Ask for Brochure of project along with Application. Could make for a great vacation and opportunity for many to see your works.

Winter Exhibit

The North Gallery, "Winter Exhibit Show " will start on December 1st. Paintings with a winter theme are preferred, in keeping with the season. Members should drop off their paintings at the Mansion House (leave them in the hallway) November 29th and 30th.

Donations Needed for Veterans

The Valley Art Association will again collect art supplies for the VA Hospital in Martinsburg this Christmas. Please bring new or gently used art supplies to the Mansion House before December 15th. They are particularly in need of hand-held hair dryers, stencils (any type), paper towels, painter's tape, and Styrofoam plates.

General Member News Continued

Gallery Storage Space Approved

The Board approved a contract to allow members to obtain 12 square feet of storage space on the second floor of the Gallery for a donation of \$35 per year. Members must provide their own boxes or bins, and insurance for their stored items. No liquids or flammables. Placement and removal of items will be the member's responsibility. VAA will furnish a key to the Mansion House for access. See the Gallery Director for details.

City Park Holiday Tree Illumination

The City of Hagerstown's annual holiday tree illumination in City Park will be held Friday, December 3rd from 6 to 9. If you have attended in previous years, you know that it is a lively time at the Mansion House, with music, large crowds, and, last year, Santa Claus. It is a great way to obtain a delightful dose of Christmas spirit. As always, we need volunteers to act as hosts and hostesses for the event. Please plan to be part of it!

Christmas Tea

The annual Christmas Tea will be from 1-3 on Sunday, December 5, 2010. Plan to come spread Christmas cheer with your artist friends and share good food and fellowship. This year the event will again be a potluck with light fare contributed by members. (There will be a sign up sheet passed around at the October and November meetings.) This is always a delightful gathering, so try to include Valley Art in your Christmas activities.

Congratulations! Tamara Hoffman

Tamara Hoffman had a print of one of her paintings selected by Hospice of Washington County as the representative artwork for their 30th anniversary year.

Reminders

Gallery Sitters

The credit card sales training will be part of the regular meeting of Gallery members at 10:00 AM on 11/4/10. For the folks who hang work and sit at the desk at the Mansion House, this will be a useful refresher. Please be sure it is on your calendar.

Welcome New Members

Cory Correll

Cory is a freelance illustrator who is an adjunct faculty member at Montgomery College in Rockville, MD and Northern Virginia Community College in Sterling, VA. He teaches perspective and rendering to interior design majors. His main clients are architects and interior designers. Previously, he drew storyboards for film productions.

Daniel (Dan) Murphy

Dan is a stay-at-home dad and artist, with a home-based graphic arts business. He works in pen and ink and watercolor, and his favorite subject is barns. He has been part of Frederick County Landmarks' "Barnstormers." He has won honorable mentions for his artwork in connection with this activity and has his artwork for sale at Inn Boonsboro, Nora Roberts' restored historic bed and breakfast.

Patricia (Trish) Suder

Primarily an oil painter who specializes in nostalgia and rural America, Trish also works in water color and acrylics. She has designed and written 42 craft books, and specialized in new product design. She studied at the Maryland Institute. Her posters have been sold at the Arlington and Gettysburg National gift shops. Born in Kansas, Trish now lives in Sykesville.

A Thank-You from Tamara Hoffman

"To The Valley Art Association, I am very grateful to the members of The Valley Art Assn. Who assisted me with my show in the North Gallery in September. Carolyn Trovinger, Lucy Ecker, Zelma Lushbaugh and Marjorie Tressler were extremely helpful in many ways. I thank all those who were on duty during this time for all they did as well. Extremely good publicity and affordably priced items were key factors for the success of this event and God blessed this show. Thank you again for all the help and encouragement. Tamara Hoffman"

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

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

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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