

The Valley Art Association News & Mansion House Art Gallery

The Mansion House

Built by John Heyser in 1846

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



President's Message

A Valley Art Christmas

December, 2010

'Twas the month before Christmas, when all through the House,

The artists were stirring like they'd seen a mouse!

The paintings were hung on the walls bright and cheery,

To make the place festive for visitors merry.

The crafts are all nestled in boughs and on cloth;

And the Gallery just bubbles with seasonal froth!

Members bake cookies, and meatballs, and strive

To prepare for the Tea on December 5.

It follows the tree lighting, on December 3rd,

When Mansion House visitors move as if spurred

Through cookies and punch and musical notes

To get in the spirit--while bundled in coats.

Santa will be there, coming in from the dark,

To help us make Christmas in City Park.

You're all invited to come here and dally

At the best little art club in Cumberland Valley!

December Membership Meeting and Christmas Tea

Sunday, December 5th at 1:00 PM

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 meeting or to Mansion House before December 15th. They are particularly in need of hand-held hair dryers.

January Membership Meeting with William Cochran

Wednesday, January 26th at 7:00 PM

William Cochran is a muralist, sculptor and designer. He and his partner, Teresa, work with government, private, and non-profit organizations to implement large-scale projects of many kinds. William recently completed permanent murals in Rockville, Maryland, and, Hershey, Pennsylvania, as well as a large-scale sculpture for Druid Hill Park in Baltimore in late 2010. In Rochester, New York, he is the design team artist with Bergmann Associates, helping facilitate the public process and design for an urban art trail that connects museums and engages the local citizens. The project was the highest rated in the state for TEP funds and won a major NEA grant. His well-known Community Bridge mural project draws thousands of visitors annually. He teaches painting in weeklong workshops several times a year, and often speaks at universities and conferences.



Shows

Mansion House North Gallery

Note: The North Gallery is available in March 2011.
If anyone is interested please contact Carrolyn Trovinger

All Member Craft Show

Now through Jan. 2nd 2011

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

All Member Winter Exhibit

Now through Jan. 2nd 2011

VAA Members will be exhibiting their "best" piece.

"Margery Benson Exhibit"

Jan. 7th - Jan. 30th

"Something for Everyone"

Feb. 4th - Feb. 27th

North Gallery all membership show

Chambersburg Hospital

Artist of the Month

Dec: Laura Shindle

Jan: Evie Cook

Feb: Virginia Hair

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

Members' Choice

Now through Jan. 9th 2011

Architectural & Industrial Realism

Now through Jan. 9th 2011

Maryland Society of Portrait Painters

Now through Jan. 16th 2011

Circuit of the Summer Hills

Now through Feb. 6th 2011

Lions and Dragons and Snakes! Oh My!

Now through Feb. 13th 2011

Contemporary School of Arts & Gallery

Mt.Aetna Adventist Elementary School

December 5, 2010

Twenty pieces of our students' best work from Grades Pre-K – 8 will be on display at this special public exhibit! Reception will be held with light refreshments and music from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Classes

Figure Drawing with Janet Siegmann Salter

Dates: Starts January 12th **Day:** Wednesday **Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 4:35 p.m. **Location:** HCC **Tuition:** Call

We will explore the human form starting with the skeletal structure. Working from models and lecture we will study body proportions, movement and pressure points that bring it to life. Class meets on Wednesday from 1:00p.m. to 4:35p.m. and runs for 15 weeks. To register call: (301) 790-2800 ext. 238 or E-mail: admissions@hagerstowncc.edu.

General Member News

Board Considering Year-Round Juried Crafts in the Mansion House

As part of an effort to broaden the appeal of the Mansion House Gallery, the board is considering a formal proposal to display members' crafts in the Gallery all year round. (Ideally, this would require the purchase of one or two display cases that crafters would pay a yearly fee to use, just as we do with wall space.) An exhibit of a variety of artistic, original, hand-made objects, juried by VAA artists, could draw more people into our lovely gallery. All members could still exhibit their hand made crafts on a non-juried basis at special events like the Bluesfest and similar occasions where members set up on the porch. Please share your thoughts on this concept with a board member so we can include your input in our ongoing discussions.

Civil War Sesquicentennial

(150th Anniversary)

The City of Hagerstown is encouraging local organizations to commemorate the four years of the Civil War (1861-1865). The City is launching a web site, www.CivilWarHagerstown.org, to help promote these activities. The Valley Art Association is considering ideas to celebrate this period, and welcomes your thoughts. Two that have been suggested are offering Civil War paintings for display at other locations, and to have an exhibit of paintings of Civil War sites in the North Gallery. If you have thoughts about other ways the VAA can participate, please share them with a board member.



Congratulations! Marjorie Tressler

Marjorie Tressler was recently honored with a commission to paint a portrait of Dr. Elizabeth Morgan, superintendent of Washington County Schools and 2 of her portraits were selected for the Maryland Society of Portrait Painters show, at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, the show opened Sunday Nov. 21 and will continue through Jan. 16th 2011. Marjorie has been a certified/ juried member of this organization since 1998.



Welcome New Members

The Valley Art Association is currently 105 members strong. Here are two of our newest members:

Nancy Manente

Nancy is associated with the Highland View Academy of the Washington County Public Schools.

Marcus Ruiz

Marcus is a graduate of South Hagerstown High School, and received the State of Maryland Governor's Citation (March, 2004) for his art exhibit. His art was shown in the State Senate of Maryland. He is currently a student at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh on line, working toward a BA specializing in game art design.

Habitat for Humanity Fund Raiser

Habitat for Humanity of Washington Co. is holding its yearly auction on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at HCC ARC. All monies raised go towards building homes for deserving families in our community. They are looking for unique items for their silent auction. If you would like to donate a piece of art work to this auction please contact:

Cheryl Saylor,
Habitat Auction Committee at chersay@myactv.net.

Mansion House Storage

Donna Mason is the first member to take advantage of storage space on the second floor of the Mansion House. An area of twelve square feet is available for \$35 per year. Contact the Gallery Director if you are interested.

Reminder

Catoctin Forest Artist-In-Residence Project

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. To apply, send 4 examples of your work on disc along with the application. Send hard copy to "Artist-in-Residence Project", Catoctin Forest Alliance, 14039 Catoctin Hollow Road, Thurmont, MD 21788 or submit application online at: www.catoctinair.org.

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

December

3 Terry Shotton
4 Trudy Coody
5 Terry Shotton

10 Marie McCafferty
11 Margaret Bearse
12 Donna Bingaman

17 Terry Shotton
18 Sue Parker
19 Anna Hogbin

24 Closed
25 Closed
26 Sue Parker
31 Closed

January

1 Closed
2 Terry Shotton

7 Marjorie Tressler
8 Lin Pedersen
9 Anna Hogbin

14 Marjorie Tressler
15 Lucy Ecker
16 Lucy Ecker

21 Marjorie Tressler
22 Lin Pedersen
23 Lucy Ecker

28 Donna Mason
29 Trudy Coody
30 Chris Shingler

February

4 Donna Mason
5 Margaret Bearse
6 Margaret Bearse

11 Donna Mason
12 Trudy Coody
13 Terry Shotton

18 Donna Mason
19 Lin Pedersen
20 Terry Shotton

25 Donna Mason
26 Lin Pedersen
27 Terry Shotton

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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