

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

In Memoriam

Clyde Roberts - January 24, 2011

On January 24, 2011, long-time Valley Art Association member and Mansion House founder Clyde Roberts died suddenly while returning from a cruise. Clyde's association with the Valley Art Association began in the 1950's and continued until his death. This gracious man and talented artist touched many lives in the Hagerstown area.

Clyde, a native of Ohio, obtained degrees from Case Western Reserve University, the Cleveland Institute of Art, and Columbia University. He came to Hagerstown in 1949 to teach art in the public schools. Many local students remember him as the "art teacher on TV" and he probably provided the first real exposure that many children had to the world of art. Clyde also taught art classes at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, Hagerstown Community College, Howard's Art Supplies and the Mansion House Art Center. He was instrumental in creating the Mansion House Art Center, working with city officials to obtain access to and rehabilitate the lovely Heyser Mansion, which is now the home of the Valley Art Association.

Clyde was a member of the Washington County Arts Council, the Maryland Art Association, the Baltimore Watercolor Society, the Washington Watercolor Club, and was a lifetime fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in London.

Clyde's accomplishments were many. He exhibited at the Peale Museum in Philadelphia, the Baltimore Watercolor Society, and was often part of the annual juried Cumberland Valley Exhibit at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. In 1962, as an art advisor for the

Agency for International Development, he presented a painting to the governor of Nigeria. A series of 24 watercolor paintings of historic landmarks and contemporary scenes of Martinsburg, WV is part the permanent collection of Farmer's and Merchant's Bank in Martinsburg. Paintings of Harper's Ferry and the Cumberland Valley were published in *Ford Times* magazine. He was also a featured artist in the magazines *Palette Talk* and *North Light*.

Apart from his many professional achievements, Clyde will be remembered by those who knew him or studied with him, as a skilled and supportive teacher, and a diligent advocate for the arts. He was always willing to help and offer encouragement. This wonderful man will be so missed by the friends and artists who had the pleasure to know and be influenced by him.

Sue Parker, President VAA

February Membership Meeting with Demo Artist Carol Wilks Wednesday, February 23rd at 7:00 PM

Carol has been painting for 40 years, most of her adult life, except occasional sabbaticals from painting over the years in order to work and raise a family. Originally from Gaithersburg, MD, Carol and her husband moved to Boonsboro in 2006 after she retired. She does commission work mostly portraits of adults, children and animals and has received awards for her work. Recently, she did a portrait, of seven members of the same family! She has also donated artworks to the Humane Society in Hagerstown. She is mostly self-taught, but has taken art classes wherever possible, including from Valley Art member, Marie McCafferty.

Shows

Mansion House North Gallery

"Something for Everyone"

February 4th through February 27th
North Gallery all membership show

"Disappearing America"

March 4th through March 27th
Trish Suder exhibit

"Carol's Impressions"

April 1st through April 24th
Carol Wilks exhibit.

Reception Sunday April 3rd from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Chambersburg Hospital

Artist of the Month

Feb: Virginia Hair

Mar: Cindy Smith

Apr: Charles Brown

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

Circuit of the Summer Hills

Now through February 6th

Lions and Dragons and Snakes! Oh My!

Now through February 13th

Keepsakes of the Beloved

Now through April 17th

Bruce Etchison Memorial Exhibition

Now through April 24th

Cumberland Valley Photographic Salon

Now through March 6th

Nineteenth Century American Art

February 12th through February 12th 2012

Classes and Workshops

Watercolor - Collage Workshop with Pat Dews AWS, NWS

Dates: Apr 6th - 10th **Day:** Wed - Sun **Time:** 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Tuition:** \$200 MAA members
\$250 Non-members

Location: Morgantown Art Association Gallery - Mountaineer Mall 5000 Green Bag Road, Morgantown, WV

Dews creates experimental works in watermedia on paper and canvas. She paints the abstract essence of nature. The shapes and textures of flowers, rocks, water and crumbled walls are translated into richly layered paint surfaces. Collage is often integrated. Dews skillfully juggles organic and geometric forms, transparent and opaque paint - all held together by a basic abstract underlying shape. It is this intricate dance, rendered in strong color and value, which produces her award-winning paintings. When Pat paints, it is a lively, fascinating performance as she shows that, with the simplest tools, less can become more, much more.

Limited registration, \$100 deposit holds your spot. Remainder needed by March 10th.

For more information e-mail: Lynn.morgantown@gmail.com

Painting Class with Trish Suder

Dates: Feb 15th - Mar 22nd **Day:** Tuesday **Time:** 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. **Location:** Mansion House **Tuition:** \$75

This is a six week course. Students are asked to bring two of their own painting's to the first class. No other supplies are needed on this first day of class. Paintings will be done primarily on canvas.

General Member News

Next Gallery Meeting: March 8th 2011 at 10:00 AM

The Valley Art Association Show at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

The next VAA show at the Museum of Fine Arts will run from September 24, 2011 through January 21, 2012. This show will open at the museum while it is celebrating its 80th anniversary, which will also be the 20th anniversary of the Mansion House Art Center. Paintings celebrating this shared history would be a welcome addition to the display. The preliminary time line for the show is as follows. More information will be provided as it is received.

- April 20th and May 18th 2011 at 10:00 AM - VAA Board meetings at which artists on the board will offer critique to members wishing to submit their paintings for discussion prior to jurying.
- June 22, 2011 General Meeting (Picnic) – Paintings submitted for Museum show due to the Mansion House for jurying.
- First two weeks of July (date TBD) – Jurying of works submitted for the VAA Museum show.
- September, 2011 (date TBD) – Paintings for the show to be delivered to the Museum.
- January, 2012 (date TBD) – Paintings to be picked up from the Museum.

Congratulations! Lin Pedersen

Lin has just been juried into the Pastel Society of America. Anyone who has seen her work can vouch for the validity of this decision. We are fortunate to have her as part of the Valley Art Association and the Mansion House Art Center!

VA Hospital Donations

Thanks to everyone who contributed art supplies to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Martinsburg this year. VAA collected two large boxes for their artists!

Fine Crafts in the Mansion House

After specific inquiries by several members, and some general interest, the board has considered and now offers a proposal for the incorporation of fine crafts into the Mansion House Art Center. **This proposal, outlined below, will be on the agenda for a vote at the May general meeting.** This represents something of a departure, but the gallery has had sculpture on an ongoing basis, and already allows members to offer their crafts at special events. This change could make the Mansion House a more appealing destination by widening the variety of art for exhibit and sale there. Many museums and galleries offer such a variety, so the change is not unprecedented. Opening this avenue may also attract new artists in a variety of mediums to membership in the Valley Art Association. Please review the proposal, give the board your feedback, and come to vote on it at the May meeting.

- On a space available basis, members of The Valley Art Association may display and sell their own good quality, original, hand-made crafts suitable for exhibit in the Mansion House Art Center.
- No items purchased for resale are permitted.
- Before acceptance, Board members or their designees must approve representative examples of the member's work, and the type of crafts subsequently exhibited must be similar to those juried into the gallery.
- The Valley Art Association may revoke acceptance if the nature or quality of the crafts significantly deviate from what was initially accepted.
- Available display space will be offered on a first come first served basis, at a fee established by the Board.
- Members are responsible for maintaining their own inventory of items exhibited at the Gallery.

Note: Members may continue to exhibit and sell their non-juried craft items at the Mansion House at other times and events designated by the Board.

General Member News

A Short History of Three Quarters of a Century of Cumberland Valley Art

This is shaping up to be an interesting year. It is the 20th anniversary of the Mansion House Gallery, and, coincidentally, the 80th anniversary of the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. In conjunction with these milestones, I have reviewed the history of the Valley Art Association, and summarized it from minutes and records of the organization. Formed in 1938 as the Society of Hagerstown Artists, it has operated continuously until the present. From the original 11 members, it has grown to over 100, and remains a vibrant and exciting group. The history will become part of the Valley Art Association web site. - *Sue Parker*

The Valley Art Association had its beginnings in 1938 when 11 Hagerstown artists met to discuss plans for the celebration of National American Art Week, November 1-7, 1938. Minutes from that first meeting, on October 6, 1938 reflect that "An exhibition of the works of Washington Co. artists will be held at the local museum during Art week. After further discussion, the idea of a permanent organization of local artists was presented by Alonzo Rutter. This met with the approval of all present and plans for a Society of Hagerstown Artists were discussed. As a result, Mr. Rutter was appointed Chairman Pro Tem, and a committee was appointed to draft and report by laws for the proposed society." Thus was born this venerable artists' group. Those first members were Mrs. Gertrude Rudy, Mr. Alonzo Rutter, Mrs. Florence V. Ankeney, Miss Josephine Baker, Mrs. Marcella Cox, Miss Kathryn Entler, Dr. Maud Hayman, Dr. Gifford Luke, Mrs. Ellen G. Northern, Mr. Charles Witmer, and Mr. Edwin Slick. In June of 1939, Mr. William H. Singer was elected and accepted the role of Honorary President of the Society, and R. Bruce Carson was elected an honorary member.

In September of 1939, the Society reported on its exhibit at the B&O train station, an event attended by 1,000 people. A second, equally well-attended event was held there in June of 1940.

On June 6, 1941, Dr. John Richard Craft, Director of the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts spoke to the society on the topic of cooperation between the Museum and the Society.

Read more at www.valleyartassoc.com/history.aspx

Logo Contest

The Board has been creating a small poster and updating brochures for the Valley Art Association. In conjunction with this work, it would be fitting to develop a logo to represent VAA on its publications. This logo, a symbol for the association, would appear on the web site, and literature from VAA. To stimulate interest in creating the design for a logo, the Association is offering a \$50 prize to the artist who develops the winning entry. Entrants do not need to be members of the Valley Art Association. Entries must be submitted by June 1, 2011, by mail to 501 Highland Way, Hagerstown, MD 21740, dropped off at the Mansion House Art Center, by email to the Valley Art web site at valleyartassoc.com, or by hard copy to a board member. The decision will be made by the VAA board (whose members are not eligible to participate), and will be announced at the June general meeting (the picnic). The design should be simple, elegant, and adequately communicate the spirit of the Valley Art Association. Ladies and gentlemen, please start your creative engines!

Thank You Carol Wilks

Carol graciously agreed to fill in for as our guest speaker and demonstration artist for our February meeting. This change was occasioned by the serious illness of our previously scheduled speaker who is recovering from surgery.

Carol uses a variety of media, including pastels, charcoal, acrylics, oils, watercolors and inks. She also does murals from time to time. She and her husband travel extensively and these trips provide photo references for her paintings. She recently returned from Paris, where she visited the artists' community at Montmartre.

Carol will have a solo show in the North Gallery during the month of April, 2011.

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

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

March

4 Marjorie Tressler
 5 Terry Shotton
 6 Zelma Lushbaugh

 11 Donna Mason
 12 Charles Gelsleichter
 13 Chris Shingler

 18 Lin Pedersen
 19 Trudy Coody
 20 Chris Shingler

 25 Lin Pedersen
 26 Anna Hogbin
 27 Terry Shotton

April

1 Marie McCafferty
 2 Charles Gelsleichter
 3 Sue Parker

 8 Donna Mason
 9 June Savanaha
 10 Zelma Lushbaugh

 15 Lin Pedersen
 16 Trudy Coody
 17 Chris Shingler

 22 Donna Mason
 23 Terry Shotton
 24 Chris Shingler

 29 Marie McCafferty
 30 Donna Bingaman

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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 Carol Wilks demonstration on using Golden Open Acrylics

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 speaking about art restoration

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**)
- 21 10:00 AM Second Semi-Annual Mansion House cleaning
- 22 6:00 PM General Membership Meeting and Annual Picnic

July 2011

- 12 10:00 AM Wall Change