

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

"The job of the artist is to deepen the mystery."

(Sir Francis Bacon)

Art is...reflective, interpretive, introspective, demonstrative, and expressive. It has no boundaries. As artists, we help our audience understand and appreciate the world around us. To do that, we must dig deep into ourselves to nurture the skills and insight to make this happen. So, my message this month is to get busy, you have much to do!

As you have no doubt heard, 2011 begins the observation of the Civil War sesquicentennial. As artists, one way we can recognize this event is by painting important local sites and scenes that were part of that conflict, and showing works that represent these places and ideas. If you have other thoughts about how we can participate in memorializing this part of our nation's history, please let me know.

We were fortunate to be able to obtain from the old Washington County Hospital facility 40 padded folding chairs to augment and replace our aging stock of chairs. We purchased them for a bid of \$2.00 each, an excellent price for these sturdy and comfortable additions to the Mansion House. Some are in the gallery (for meetings, etc.), with the balance in the storage room with the outside entrance. Special thanks to Carolyn Tuttle, who advised us of the availability of the chairs and facilitated our bid.

And thanks to all of you who do so much to keep this wonderful organization interesting and vital and an important part of the community.

Sue Parker, President VAA

March Membership Meeting with Demo Artist Anne Gibson Snyder Plein Air Painter

Wednesday, March 23rd at 3:00 PM

(Note earlier time)

After teaching art at Frederick High School in Frederick, Maryland for two years, Anne opened the Catepetl Art Gallery, the first of its kind in the area. She received an Athena award from the Chamber of Commerce as business woman (owner) of the year. In 2000, Anne was given a one-person show at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. Her work was featured on the cover of the Outer Banks phone directory the same year. Anne received the Meredith Springer Award given by The Delaplaine Visual Arts and Education Center in June of 2005. The award recognizes accomplishments in the field of art as well as leadership in the Frederick Arts Community. Nine Artists: 25 Years included Anne's work along with eight other artists in November of 2006. The exhibition illustrated the emergence of art in Frederick County, Maryland from the early 1970's. This month long show held at The Delaplaine Visual Arts and Education Center featured a donor-supported, full color catalog. In September 2008 and 2010, Anne was one of 30 artists selected for the prestigious "Paint Annapolis" plein air painting event. Anne paints from life, often outdoors, necessitating inventive arrangements of bungee cords, old wooden ironing boards and other measures to accommodate wind and weather. Anne Gibson Snyder continues to operate Catepetl Art Studio, providing professional art services to clients and corporations.

Shows

Mansion House North Gallery

"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.

Meritus Medical Center

Artist of the Month

Mar: Bob Wantz

Chambersburg Hospital

Artist of the Month

Mar: Cindy Smith

Apr: Charles Brown

May: Marty Yeager

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

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

Now through February 12th 2012

Waynesboro Hospital

Artist of the Month

Mar: Nicole Troup

Apr: Ruth Durbin

May: Mary Alice Baumgardner

Classes and Workshops

"Acrylics on Canvas" Class with Trish Suder

Dates: Apr 5th - May 10th **Day:** Tuesday **Time:** 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. **Location:** Mansion House **Tuition:** \$75

This is a six week course. A \$15 deposit is required.
For more information contact Trish at (301) 797 - 2445.

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

Limited registration, \$100 deposit holds your spot. Remainder needed by March 10th.
For more information e-mail: Lynn.morgantown@gmail.com

Composition and Perspective Workshop with Fritz Briggs

Date: Sat Apr 2nd **Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Location:** Waynesboro Evangelical Lutheran Church **Tuition:** \$20

This is a one day course. Tuition due by March 20th.
To register, or for further information, contact Virginia Hair at (717) 762 - 3677.

General Member News

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

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!

Museum Ramble Exhibit

During the Museum Ramble, (April 16-17), the Valley Mall will be offering free display space to Valley Art, the Museum, the Railroad Museum, and the Hager House. Items can be displayed on tables in an area beside the Old Navy store. The area will be locked during non-business hours. During the open period, sitters will be needed to "mind the store" in blocks of about 3 hours. If you are interested in displaying or helping with the sitting duties, please contact Lucy Ecker or another board member.

Mansion House Twentieth Anniversary Update

The board has selected September 9, 2011 from 5-7 as the time for the reception celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Mansion House Art Center. Please put that date on your calendar and plan to attend what is shaping up to be a delightful event. More on this later. An all member show of our very best work, "Look Who's Turning Twenty" is slated for the North Gallery in August and September, 2011.

North Gallery Advertising

In the future, North Gallery exhibitors will be responsible for their own advertising. Contact the Gallery Director for information about sources of free advertising. Generally, four months lead time is preferable to ensure adequate public notice.

Elections

The elections for Vice President/President Elect and Assistant Gallery Director are coming up in May, but as yet, we do not have candidates willing to assume these essential offices. Please consider stepping up to accept these essential offices. They are not terribly time consuming, and there is an excellent and hard working board to support the offices. If interested please contact a board member.

Fall Festival

This year the Fall Festival will be held on September 17-18. It will be oriented toward children's activities, and the Mansion House will again be hosting children's art activities, including painting, and, this year, sculpting in clay, on Sunday, 9/17. We are looking for artists to set up on the porch on Saturday and Sunday to paint and sell their work, as well as people to help with the children's activities. Please sign up at the Mansion House, or let a board member know if you can help.

Art in the Hallway

The Art in the Hallway program will resume this month at the new Meritus Medical Center in the corridor between the Medical Center Lobby and the Same Day Services Welcome Center. Instructions for the program are posted on the Mansion House bulletin board.

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

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 Zelma Lushbaugh

 8 Donna Mason
 9 June Savanaha
 10 **Need Someone**

 15 Lin Pedersen
 16 Trudy Coody
 17 Chris Shingler

 22 Donna Mason
 23 Terry Shotton
 24 Chris Shingler

 29 Marie McCafferty
 30 Donna Bingaman

May

1 Zelma Lushbaugh

 6 Marie McCafferty
 7 Trudy Coody
 8 Donna Bingaman

 13 Tamara Hoffman
 14 Jean Strike
 15 Zelma Lushbaugh

 20 Anna Hogbin
 21 Donna Bingaman
 22 Chris Shingler

 27 Charles Gelsleichter
 28 Donna Bingaman
 29 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 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