

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 little Madness in the Spring
Is wholesome even for the King."**

(Emily Dickinson)

Well, we are at the cusp of another hard-earned spring. Time for cleaning the brushes, the closets, and the cobwebs out of our dusty upper stories. Another round of activities begins for the Valley Art Association. Here are the major ones coming up.

April 16-17 – Valley Mall exhibit by the Association of Museums and Historic Sites. A free table for VAA members to exhibit small paintings being made available by the Mall. Contact Lucy Ecker or sign up at the Mansion House.

April 30-May 1 – Museum Ramble at all participating museums, including the Mansion House. All VAA members are invited to set up on the porch both days to paint and sell their art.

May 25 – Election of Officers at the May VAA meeting.

June 5, 10-5 The City's Bluesfest in the Park; sign up to set up on the porch; always a busy event at the Mansion House!

June 22 – Annual VAA picnic (and drop off date for paintings to be juried for the VAA museum show in September.)

July 12 – Annual wall change at the Mansion House.

Sept. 9, 5-7 pm Reception for "Look Who's Turning Twenty," celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Mansion House, in conjunction with an all-member show.

Sept. 17-18 Hagerstown's Fall Festival, sign up to set up on the porch and, on Sunday, help with children's art activities.

Sept. 24, 2011-Jan. 21, 2012 – VAA show at the WCMFA.

Oct. 1 – Red Cross / YMCA Treasure Hunt at the "Y." Set up to sell, and donate artwork to auction at this fundraiser for the Red Cross.

Dec. 2, 6-9 – Hagerstown's Tree Illumination in the Park

Dec. 4, 1-3 – VAA Christmas Tea

And don't forget:

The logo contest, \$50 prize, entries due to the Mansion House by June 1, announcement of the winner at the June meeting.

Plein air painting at Civil War sites. Locations and dates to be announced.

Sue Parker, President VAA

April Membership Meeting with Dr. Elizabeth Johns Curating and Exhibits

Wednesday, April 27th at 7:00 PM

Elizabeth Johns, professor emerita of art history, University of Pennsylvania, earned her Ph.D. from Emory University in 1974 and has taught art history and American studies since 1968. In her capacity as a professor she taught courses on all eras of American art; on the Civil War that focused on the Civil War Heritage area of Antietam, Manassas, and Gettysburg, including the literature, visual images, and monuments from the period, as well as the National Park Service's interpretation of the sites; and on the history of photography. Her book about Winslow Homer (University of California Press, 2002), analyzes Homer's images of the Civil War in the context of his other work and his own northern commitments.

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Shows

Mansion House North Gallery

"Carol's Impressions"

April 1st through April 24th

Carol Wilks exhibit.

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

"Water Earth and Sky"

May 6th through May 29th

Lin Pedersen exhibit.

Reception Sunday May 1st from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

All Member Shows

June 3rd through June 26th

Miniature and "Summer Sunrise" exhibits.

Blues Festival Exhibit

June 5th

All member art and craft sale on the porch.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

Lions and Dragons and Snakes! Oh My!

Now through August 21st

Keepsakes of the Beloved

Now through April 17th

Bruce Etchison Memorial Exhibition

Now through April 24th

Nineteenth Century American Art

Now through February 12th 2012

American Watercolor Society

Now through May 8th

Public School Art Exhibition

April 30th through May 15th

Reception Sunday May 1st from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Area Hospitals

Artist of the Month

| | Chambersburg | Meritus | Waynesboro |
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| April: | Charles Brown | Laura Shindle | Ruth Durbin |
| May: | Marty Yeager | Margaret Fuller | Mary Alice Baumgardner |
| June: | Philip Buttermore | Andrew Will | Cora Shifflett |

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 - 2446.

General Member News

Next Gallery Meeting: July 12th 2011 at 3:00 PM

Dr. Elizabeth Johns

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Most recently, at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, she curated the exhibition "Circuit of the Summer Hills: Mourning the Losses of the Civil War" (January 2010 to February 2011), which includes paintings and prints by both Union and Confederate veterans, including Abraham Volck and Daniel Ridgway Knight, whose "The Burning of Chambersburg", 1867, is a favorite in the WCMFA collection. Also in the exhibition are wood engravings of the war's effect on families by Winslow Homer from Harper's Weekly, quotations from Walt Whitman, a "Head of Abraham Lincoln" by Gutzon Borglum, folk art celebrating the Union by William Schimmel, mourning jewelry, broadsides announcing the assassination of President Lincoln, and period photographs of the Antietam National Cemetery in Sharpsburg, including the exhibition of "Old Simon" in 1876 at the Philadelphia Centennial.

Dr. Johns, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, has served as a guest curator for the museum for several years. Before her arrival in Hagerstown after her retirement, she curated and co-curated many exhibitions, including Western genre paintings for the exhibition "The West as America" for the Smithsonian Museum of American Art, American and French Impressionist landscapists for the Worcester Museum of Art, and the drawings of George Caleb Bingham for the Smithsonian Museum of American Art. She has written more than one hundred articles and book reviews; her books include *Thomas Eakins: The Heroism of Modern Life* (Princeton, 1982), *American Genre Painting: the Politics of Everyday Life* (Yale, 1991), and *Winslow Homer: The Nature of Observation* (California, 2002). She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, held a Guggenheim Fellowship and a fellowship at the Woodrow Wilson Center and won both the Mitchell prize and the Eldredge prize for her scholarship.

Welcome New Members

T. Jeff Driscoll

A professional educator, history buff, and active supporter and volunteer involved with the National Parks and Civil War sites, Jeff minored in Fine Arts in college. He has "dabbled" in art for many years, has sold numerous drawings, and has had his work used in outdoor exhibits at Harper's ferry National Historical Park. He works primarily in watercolors.

Roy Tressler

Roy has been interested in art via his wife Marjorie's journey with her art. He enjoys meeting all the members of VAA. His interest is in the field of photography. He has been a past member and vice president of the Chambersburg Art Association .

Carol Miller

Annual Wall Change

The annual gallery wall change at the Mansion House will take place on Tuesday, July 12, at 3:00 P.M. (Note the change in time). This is being done to accommodate the schedule of the bank representative who will be there to provide a refresher on how to handle credit card sales. We will not proceed with the wall change until everyone has had the benefit of this tutorial.

General Member News

Painting Critiques

If you would like a critique of your painting for the VAA museum show in advance of the formal judging, bring the painting to one of the following VAA board meetings: April 20th at 10:00 AM, May 18th at 10:00 AM, or June 15th at 1:00 PM.

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!

Glen Jeffrey

Beth Beckner-Mills informs us of the death of former VAA member, Glen Jeffrey. She recalls that she met him through Bob Wantz's watercolor class in 1999, and that he was always happy to sit at the Mansion House when no one else was available, even though he wasn't exhibiting there. He and his wife, Jeanne, were also very active at the Washington County Museum of Fine Art. The local arts community will miss him.

Thank you Trudy Coody for donating art books to the VAA library!

Daytime Meetings

VAA experimented with two daytime general membership meetings this year (November and March). The board will debate the merits of this experiment at the April meeting. If you have thoughts about this, please mention them to a board member.

Artist Registry

The Washington County Arts Council offers an Artist Registry on its web site. This easy-to-use site allows artists to place information about themselves and upload images of their work. It offers "browse by artist" and "browse by category" features, and includes a link to the Maryland State Arts Council "Find an Artist" page. Thanks to Mary Anne Burke for letting us know about this interesting new addition to their site. For further information, visit the website: www.washingtoncountyarts.com, or contact Mary Anne at 301-791-3132.

Congratulations! Trish Suder

Congratulations, and thanks to Trish Suder for her magnificent show in the North Gallery, and for donating some additional picture hanging hardware to the Mansion House.

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

April

- 1 Marie McCafferty
- 2 Charles Gelsleichter
- 3 Zelma Lushbaugh
- 8 Donna Mason
- 9 June Savanaha
- 10 Donna Mason
- 15 Lin Pedersen
- 16 Trudy Coody
- 17 Lin Pedersen
- 22 Maggie Bearse
- 23 Terry Shotton
- 24 **Closed**
- 29 Marie McCafferty
- 30 Donna Bingaman

May

- 1 Zelma Lushbaugh
- 6 Marie McCafferty
- 7 Trudy Coody
- 8 Donna Bingaman
- 13 Tamara Hoffman
- 14 June Savanaha
- 15 Zelma Lushbaugh
- 20 Anna Hogbin
- 21 Donna Bingaman
- 22 Chris Shingler
- 27 Charles Gelsleichter
- 28 Donna Bingaman
- 29 Chris Shingler

June

- 3 Marjorie Tressler
- 4 Charles Gelsleichter
- 5 Zelma Lushbaugh
- 10 Sue Parker
- 11 Trudy Coody
- 12 Sue Parker
- 17 Marie McCafferty
- 18 June Savanaha
- 19 Donna Bingaman
- 24 Marie McCafferty
- 25 **Need Someone**
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2010 - 2011 VAA Board of Directors

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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 Dr. Elizabeth Johns speaking about Curating and Exhibits.

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 3:00 PM Wall Change