

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

It's been a quiet month here in City Park. Well, maybe not. There was that surprising crash one evening while some folks were meeting in the Gallery. It seems that a large tree limb fell, just missing the porch. (As usual, Junior and the City's maintenance group dispatched the debris quickly.) And then we learned that long-time VAA and Gallery member, Trudy Coody, is moving to Europe. It seems that, somehow, she finds London a more appealing place to live than Williamsport. Something about having the British Museum and the Tate Gallery at her doorstep and the Louvre a Channel-hop away, we imagine. We wish her well (with a tinge of envy), and we'll miss her.

We hope the paintbrushes are flying in anticipation of the annual VAA show at the Museum. The exhibit begins in September, and entries to be judged are due at the Mansion House by the June (picnic) meeting.

Plans continue apace for the Mansion House Art Center's Twentieth Anniversary celebration, also in September. Don't put those paintbrushes down because there will be an all-member show at the Mansion House in August and September on the theme "Look Who's Turning 20." And don't forget the Anniversary Open House on September 9th from 5 to 7.

In other business, the Board has voted to close the Gallery on the following holidays when they fall on days that the Gallery would be open. This action recognizes that there tend to be few visitors on these dates and that it is difficult to get coverage. The Gallery will henceforth be closed on New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, the Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.

On a related note, the Board decided to continue scheduling occasional daytime meetings when there are suitable special events, but to maintain the evening schedule

for regular meetings.

Well, that's all the news from City Park, where the members of VAA are great, the interest in the arts is inspiring, and the artwork is most definitely above average.

Sue Parker, President VAA

May Membership Meeting with Demo Artist Lynn Ferris

Wednesday, May 25th at 7:00 PM

Lynn Ferris is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society and the Florida Watercolor Society. Originally from New Jersey, she attended Moore College of Art in Philadelphia. She has worked as both a commercial and architectural illustrator. She is also a watercolor instructor, teaching both classes and workshops. Her limited edition prints are featured nationally by the French Creek Sheep and Wool Company and her watercolor entitled "the Group" appeared as cover art on the "Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association." Lynn has participated in many one person and juried shows, where her work has received numerous awards. She was the subject of a feature article in "Watercolor" magazine, published by American Artist. Her work is included in the permanent collection of the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Daytona Beach, Florida.

In 2007, Lynn received the highest honor, the "Susan Lattner Lloyd Gold Award" in the 36th Annual Florida Watercolor Society Exhibit. Most recently she received the "Societies Award" in the 2008 competition. Her painting "Anna", was included in the 2010 NWS traveling exhibition.

Lynn teaches watercolor workshops at the Mansion House and will begin a workshop series here in June.

Shows

Mansion House North Gallery

"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.

Wayne Kell Exhibit

July 1st through July 31st

All Member Shows

August 5th through August 28th

September 2nd through September 25th

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

Lions and Dragons and Snakes! Oh My!

Now through August 21st

Nineteenth Century American Art

Now through February 12th 2012

American Watercolor Society

Now through May 8th

Elementary School Art Exhibition

Now through May 15th

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

Making Pictures: A Retrospective Exhibition

May 14th through September 18th

Middle and High School Art Exhibition

May 21st through May 29th

79th Cumberland Valley Artists Exhibition

June 4th through September 4th

Area Hospitals

Artist of the Month

	Chambersburg	Meritus	Waynesboro
May:	Marty Yeager	Margaret Fuller	Mary Alice Baumgardner
June:	Philip Buttermore	Andrew Will	Cora Shifflett
July:	Charles Gelsleichter	Dennis Bingaman	Laura Shindle

Member Exhibit in Thurmont

Janie Moltrup has arranged an exhibit which includes Valley Art Association artists at the Timeless Trends Boutique at 21 East Main Street in Thurmont, MD. There will be a reception on Friday, May 13th from 6-9 P.M. RSVP to 800-864-8591 or 301-824-3186. The artists showing are Janie Moltrup, Marjorie Tressler, Tamara Hoffman, Anna Hogbin, Marie McCafferty, Arlene Wise, and the Monday morning painting group: Gretchen Starliper, Marilyn Tracey, Donna Ashbaugh, and Sue Bell.

General Member News

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

A Note from the Treasurer

The new fiscal year is approaching, (July 1st), and annual member dues (\$25.00) will be due.

Valley Mall Exhibits

Museum and Historic Sites Exhibit

VAA's intrepid representative on the Museum and Historic Sites Commission, Lucy Ecker, coordinated our participation in an exhibit at the Valley Mall on April 16-17. This well-attended showing exposed the Valley Art Association and the Mansion House Art Center, alongside other local sites of interest, to a large audience at the Mall. It was a wonderful opportunity to make people aware of us and even resulted in several sales of our artwork. Thanks to those who participated: Ted and Lucille Murray, Carol Wilks, Sue Bell, Gretchen Starliper, Sue Parker and, Lucy Ecker.

VAA at Valley Mall

Next up, a two-week showing for Valley Art in a vacant storefront at the Valley Mall from May 2 through May 16th. This unattended exhibit (behind locked doors) will require up to 30-40 small to medium size paintings and floor easels on which to display them. These will be shown in the large store window. Set up will be at 9:00 AM on 5/2, and take down at 9:00 AM on 5/16. If you would like to participate, contact Lucy Ecker.

Welcome New Members

Barry Kornacki

Barry is a photographer, specializing in black and white images. His interest in photography began in high school, and he honed his skill as a photographer for the Navy. Although he works with digital images, he prefers traditional film cameras.

Slate of Officers

The Board is pleased to announce the slate of officers that stand will stand for election at the May 25th general meeting. They are as follows: Vice President-President Elect, Janie Moltrup; Assistant Gallery Director, Roy Tressler. We appreciate the willingness of these members to serve and maintain the viability of the organization, and look forward to working with them.

Clyde Roberts Painting at the Mansion House

In his memory, Clyde Roberts's family has generously framed and donated one of his paintings for permanent display at the Mansion House. This exquisite landscape, in Clyde's classic style, is now hanging over the desk at the Gallery. It is a fitting tribute to Clyde, who contributed so much to the Valley Art Association during his fifty-plus year affiliation with our group, and who also had a major role in the creation of the Mansion House Art Center. We are most grateful for this touching memento.

Pastel-making Workshop

MarGery Benson is trying to determine if there is sufficient interest to have a pastel-making workshop this summer with Sara and William Swetcharnik (www.swetcharnik.com). Please contact MarGery if you would like to participate (margerybenison@comcast.net).

Trip to Chadd's Ford - Brandywine River Museum

MarGery Benson tells us Jeanean Songco Martin is organizing a trip to the Brandywine River Museum in Chadd's Ford, PA on May 20th. Also offered is an optional tour of N.C. Wyeth's studio conducted by Andrew Wyeth's granddaughter. If you are interested, contact Jeanean Martin at (610) 388 - 2700 for details.

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

May	June	July
1 Zelma Lushbaugh	3 Marjorie Tressler	1 Need Someone
6 Marie McCafferty	4 Charles Gelsleichter	2 Trudy Coody
7 Trudy Coody	5 Zelma Lushbaugh	3 Need Someone
8 Donna Bingaman	10 Sue Parker	8 Tamara Hoffman
13 Tamara Hoffman	11 Trudy Coody	9 Terry Shotton
14 June Savanaha	12 Sue Parker	10 Need Someone
15 Zelma Lushbaugh	17 Marie McCafferty	15 Tamara Hoffman
20 Anna Hogbin	18 June Savanaha	16 Need Someone
21 Donna Bingaman	19 Donna Bingaman	17 Anna Hogbin
22 Chris Shingler	24 Marie McCafferty	22 Charles Gelsleichter
27 Charles Gelsleichter	25 Anna Hogbin	23 Need Someone
28 Donna Bingaman	26 Charles Gelsleichter	24 Need Someone
29 Chris Shingler		29 Jean Strike
		30 Need Someone
		31 Need Someone

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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