

The Valley Art Association News & Mansion House Art Gallery

The Mansion House

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GALLERY HOURS: Friday & Saturday - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

President's Message

Ah, September! The start of another season at VAA. And a very busy start this month. With the "Look Who's Turning 20" anniversary reception, the Fall Festival, paintings due for the Museum Show, and our regular members meeting, we are off to a running start. I have another wrench to throw into the mix. I will be moving to Wisconsin in a couple of months. We will be needing nominations for vice president at the September meeting. Janie Moltrup will take over as President at the October meeting when we will vote on a new vice president and recording secretary. (Charlotte Lovelace resigned as secretary.) This moving decision was a surprise to me, too. I will miss all of you.

Maggie Bearse, President VAA

General Membership Meeting with Muralist William Cochran

Wednesday, September 28th 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.

Backstories of the Civil War

A North Gallery Show September 2012 through October 2012

The Valley Art Association is planning a show of paintings of Civil War sites during September and October of 2012. These paintings will cover lesser-known locations that were touched by the War: houses that were occupied, engagements that you may not have heard about, places that are poignant but not widely known. We will be adding to the list of Civil War plein air painting sites on the web site over the next few months, and we urge local artists to paint these or any other locations that you know about (and give us their stories!) so that we can include them in this upcoming show. (Previous paintings that fit this theme are also welcome.)

Shows

Mansion House North Gallery

"Look Who's Turning 20!"

Now through September 25th
Reception September 9th from 5 to 7 p.m.

Annual Fall Festival

September 17th and 18th

The Wednesday Painting Group

September 30th through October 30th
Reception October 9th from 2 to 4 p.m.

Spectrum 7

November 4th through November 27th
Reception November 6th from 2 to 4 p.m.

Annual Craft Exhibit and Sale

November 4th through December 31st

All Member Winter Show

December 2nd through January 29th 2012

"Be My Valentine"

February 3rd 2012 through February 26th 2012
All member show

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

Making Pictures: A Retrospective Exhibition

Now through September 18th

Nineteenth Century American Art

Now through February 12th 2012

American Decorative Arts

Now through September 16th 2012

The Wyeth Family of Artists

September 10th through January 15th 2012

Rustica

September 24th through January 22nd 2012

The Valley Art Association

September 24th through January 22nd 2012

Art for America: Selection of WPA Prints

October 1st through March 4th 2012

Area Hospitals

Artist of the Month

	Chambersburg	Meritus	Waynesboro
September:	Zelma Lushbaugh	Ted & Lucille Murray	Eliane Ambrose
October:	Jean Strike	Charles Gelsleichter	Becky Dietrich
November:	Nicole Ferree	Gretchen Starliper	Lu Mattern

Classes and Workshops

Portraiture with Janet Siegmann Salter

Dates: Starts August 31st **Day:** Wednesday **Time:** 1 - 4:35 p.m. **Location:** HCC **Tuition:** Call

This course is Art 211 at Hagerstown Community College and is designed for those with basic drawing and/or painting skills and a desire to gain a solid understanding of portraiture. To register call: (301) 790-2800 ext. 238 or E-mail: admissions@hagerstowncc.edu. **Last day to register is September 7th.**

Berkeley Arts Council Workshops

Dates: September 10th **Day:** Saturday **Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tuition: Members: \$35 per workshop or \$60 for both **Non-members:** \$50 per workshop or \$75 for both

Location: The Arts Centre, 300 West King Street, Martinsburg, WV.

Morning Session: Photographing Your Artwork

This workshop will cover the basics of lighting, staging, and digital post-processing. Each participant will be asked to bring one or two examples of their work, which will be used for demonstrations. Two-dimensional work should be a maximum of 30 inches in the longest dimension and if the work is to be photographed in a frame, the glass must be removed. due to the staging limitations, three-dimensional work should be no larger than items that can be carried with one hand by one person.

Afternoon Session: Improve Your Success in Juried Exhibits and Competitions

Juried exhibits and competitions are excellent ways to build your reputation and received feedback on your work. You can improve your success with juried exhibits with an organized and knowledgeable approach, by being knowledgeable about where and when the exhibits are, deadlines, the jurors, and following the proper procedures for each exhibit. Excellent presentation is important and more and more juried events are requiring digital submission.

Plein Air with Trish Suder

Dates: Sept. 13th - Oct. 18th **Day:** Tuesday **Time:** 1 - 4 p.m. **Location:** Hagerstown **Tuition:** \$85

This is a six week Plein Air course with classes held every Tuesday. The sessions will be held at several different Hagerstown locations. Artists may use oils, acrylic or watercolors. For more information call Trish Suder at (301) 797 - 2446

Watercolor with Lynn Ferris, NWS

Dates: Sept. 15th - Oct. 20th **Day:** Thursday **Time:** 9 a.m. - noon **Location:** Mansion House **Tuition:** \$15 per class

Lynn is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society and the Florida Watercolor Society. To register or for more information call Lynn at (304) 258-1651 or E-mail: ferrislynn@yahoo.com.

Plein Air Watercolor Workshop with Fritz Briggs

Dates: Sept. 12th - 16th **Day:** Mon. - Fri. **Time:** Call **Location:** Local Areas **Tuition:** \$165

The Waynesboro Studio Club is sponsoring a plein air watercolor workshop with Fritz Briggs (NWS) of the Schuler School of Fine Art (Baltimore). Each day, painters will go to prearranged places in the Hagerstown-Waynesboro area to paint on site, under the guidance of Fritz Briggs. For additional information and to sign up, contact Virginia Hair, (717) 762 - 3677.

General Member News

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Show

The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts is planning a show to run from January through April, 2012. It will feature artwork produced by current and past instructor's in the Museum's art school. Also, they would like to include the work of current or past Museum art school students who went on to become professional artists, or who were influenced to make art a large part of their lives.

If you know of any individuals that should be part of this show, please contact Jennifer Smith, assistant curator, at (301) 739-5727 Ext. 29 or write to her at Jennifer Smith Washington County Museum of Fine Arts P.O. Box 423 401 museum Dr. Hagerstown, MD 21741

New Plein Air Sites Added

Additional Civil War plein air sites will be added to the VAA web site in September. There are four in the Sharpsburg area, and we are about to explore the Battle of South Mountain and some Pennsylvania possibilities as well. Please let Sue Parker know if you have other ideas to investigate.

Easel For Sale

Brand new (never used) wood, portable Plein Air French easel for sale for \$100. It has the storage box area and the painting palettes. Contact Keely Neubauer at (301) 766 - 4795 or E-mail: keely_neubauer@verizon.net

Dues are now PAST DUE

Please send a check for \$25 payable to the Valley Art Association to Donna Smith, Treas., 501 Highland Way, Hagerstown MD 21740. Questions? Call Donna Smith at (301) 797-8761, or E-mail: DSmith7119@aol.com. Bylaws require that members pay by the October meeting to remain active.

Welcome New Members

John Neal Mullican

John's preferred subjects are environmental; featuring birds, wildlife and nature. He portrays these subjects in sculptures of bronze, stone, and wood. His paintings may use watercolors, acrylic or oil. John has received many honors in both national and world competitions. John's work has been exhibited and collected worldwide by galleries, museums, private individuals, government intuitions and corporatizations.

Susan Shaffer

Susan earned a B.A. degree in Fine Arts and Business at Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pa. She participates in both solo and group expeditions throughout the region; winning many awards. Her art is created with mediums of oil, watercolor or pastel. Susan is also active in the Franklin County Art Alliance, Pennsylvania Watercolor Society and the Waynesboro Studio Club.

Margaret Fuller

We are sad to report the death of one of our members, Margaret Fuller. We were informed by her daughter that she died after a brief illness on July 12, 2011. Margaret was known for her colorful glass mosaics. They are charming and so different. Her family consented to have the pieces that she submitted for the upcoming VAA show at the Museum remain part of the exhibit. Margaret was to have been one of our speakers this fall; we will certainly miss that opportunity to hear her talk about her art. And we will miss her.

VA Donations

The Valley Art Association will again be collecting art supplies this Christmas for the VA Hospital in Martinsburg. We wanted to get the word out early so you can begin accumulating materials. We will begin accepting them at the Mansion House in November.

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

September

- 2 Marie Mc Cafferty
- 3 Jean Strike
- 4 Lucy Ecker
- 9 Charles Gelsleichter
- 10 Maggie Bearse
- 11 Lucy Ecker
- 16 Tamara Hoffman
- 17 Carol Wilks
- 18 Eliane Ambrose
- 23 Marjorie Tressler
- 24 Donna Bingaman
- 25 Anna Hogbin
- 30 Lin Petersen

October

- 1 Jean Strike
- 2 Eliane Ambrose
- 7 Donna Mason
- 8 Carol Wilks
- 9 Donna Bingaman
- 14 Tamara Hoffman
- 15 Charles Gelsleichter
- 16 Nicole Troup
- 21 Marjorie Tressler
- 22 Carol Wilks
- 23 Eliane Ambrose
- 28 Lin Petersen
- 29 Jean Strike
- 30 Anna Hogbin

November

- 4 Marjorie Tressler
- 5 Carol Wilks
- 6 Sue Parker
- 11 Charles Gelsleichter
- 12 Maggie Bearse
- 13 Maggie Bearse
- 18 Tamara Hoffman
- 19 Donna Bingaman
- 20 Sue Parker
- 25 Donna Bingaman
- 26 Carol Wilks
- 27 Eliane Ambrose

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Board members can be contacted via E-mail at www.valleyartassoc.com/board.aspx.