

# 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

As most of you know I'll be moving to Wisconsin next month. Janie Moltup will step up to be the president. I would like all of you to know what a great time it has been being associated with Valley Art. I have been so proud to be included with a group of such talented people. People who have been willing to share their knowledge, and be pleased that you become a better artist because of it. This is a happy group, and I will miss each and everyone of you. Know that you will be in my thoughts each time I pick up my brush. Thank you so much for allowing me to be part of this. Maggie Bearse, outgoing president

*Maggie Bearse, President VAA*

## 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](mailto:DSmith7119@aol.com). Bylaws require that members pay by the October meeting to remain active.

## General Membership Meeting with Artist David Jones

**Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 PM**

David has studied photography in the past and has taken college level painting and drawing classes, but he attributes his present talents to a rather archaic tradition. In the past, any person wishing to be an artist had to study as an apprentice under a master and only after years of training could this apprentice have a chance of becoming an artist. David worked side by side with his father (artist, R. Benjamin Jones) in the mid-80s and the elder's critique process continued well into David's professional career.

David has learned to render portraits of wildlife with an almost scientific precision. What seems to make these geese, swans, roosters, and sheep truly life-like is their personalities. David attributes this quality to his thoughts before and during the painting process rather than the actual techniques employed, often making up stories or situations about the various animals, which gives them distinctive expressions and personalities.

David has been painting professionally for over 20 years and currently lives in Hagerstown, Maryland.

## Shows

### **Mansion House North Gallery**

#### **The Wednesday Painting Group**

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

#### **"Seven Points of View"**

November 4th through November 27th

#### **Spectrum Seven Exhibit**

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

### **The Monday Morning Painting Group**

March 2nd 2012 through March 25th 2012

#### **"Goldens in My Garden"**

March 30th 2012 through April 29th 2012

#### **Terry Shotton Exhibit**

Oil and beeswax paintings inspired  
by Terry's 2 Golden Retrievers

#### **"Shoot the Civil War"**

May 4th 2012 through May 27th 2012

All Member Photography Exhibit

### **Washington County Museum of Fine Arts**

#### **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

### **Washington County Arts Council**

#### **Denny Clark Exhibit**

Denny Clarke has been asked by the Washington County Arts Council to have two exhibits of his paintings. The exhibits will run concurrently. One will be 25 abstracts and one will be 10 representations. The opening will be November 4th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the exhibit will run through December 10th.

## **Area Hospitals**

### **Artist of the Month**

	Chambersburg	Meritus	Waynesboro
October:	Jean Strike	Charles Gelsleichter	Becky Dietrich
November:	Nicole Ferree	Gretchen Starliper	Lu Mattern
December:	Donna Mitchell	Eileen Pollock	Louise Morningstar

## General Member News

### 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.

### Artist Information Wanted

A local man recently contacted Valley Art about two paintings he purchased at an estate sale and wonders if anyone knows anything about the artists. One is a 29" x 52" landscape signed F Walter. The second is a small 7" x 9" still life signed FA Powell. If anyone knows anything about these painters, please contact Sue Parker at (304) 258 - 4046 or E-mail: [susanparker@frontier.com](mailto:susanparker@frontier.com).

### 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](mailto:keely_neubauer@verizon.net)

### Spectrum Seven Exhibit

Spectrum Seven, a group of Valley Art Association members, Eliane Ambrose, Donna Bingaman, Marguerite Cyr, Becky Dietrich, Donna Mason, Elisabet Stacy-Hurley and Marjorie Tressler will be exhibiting their works in a show entitled "Seven Points of View" in the North Gallery during the month of November 2011. The opening reception is Sunday November 6th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All Valley Art Association members, as well as the public, are invited.



### A Message from the Board

September 9th 2011 marked the 20th year anniversary of the Mansion House Gallery, after weeks of preparation — e.g. Roy Tressler painting and scrubbing the place, new flower arrangements by Marjorie Tressler and great food by all of the membership — we pulled off a wonderful celebration reception. John Barr gave a great speech to commend the membership about their volunteerism and how people like us make a difference in the community. Our efforts to promote art are remarkable and thanks to all who make this organization a success. Job well done!

The fall festival was a great success with record attendance on Sunday. The children's activities with this year's clay was a big hit. A special thanks to Terry Shotton for leading this activity along with help from Donna Mason and Roy Tressler. Thanks to Lucy Ecker, Marjorie Tressler, Donna and Denny Bingaman, Carol Wilks, Trish Sudder, Carol Miller and Janie Moltrup for their attendance as demo artists along with their displays.

We now have a new recording secretary, Rachel Stevenson and president elect John Mullican, a special thanks to both for volunteering for these essential positions. It is people like you who make a organization a success!!!

## Mansion House Sitters Schedule

<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
1 Jean Strike	4 Marjorie Tressler	2 Marjorie Tressler
2 Eliane Ambrose	5 Carol Wilks	3 John Mullican
7 Donna Mason	6 Sue Parker	4 Chris Shingler
8 Lin Petersen	11 Charles Gelsleichter	9 Tamara Hoffman
9 Donna Bingaman	12 John Mullican	10 Carol Wilks
14 Tamara Hoffman	13 Chris Shingler	11 Eliane Ambrose
15 Charles Gelsleichter	18 Tamara Hoffman	16 Marie McCafferty
16 Nicole Troup	19 Donna Bingaman	17 Sue Parker
21 Marjorie Tressler	20 Sue Parker	18 Terry Shotton
22 Carol Wilks	25 Donna Bingaman	23 Terry Shotton
23 Chris Shingler	26 Carol Wilks	24 <b>Closed</b>
28 Lin Petersen	27 Eliane Ambrose	25 <b>Closed</b>
29 Jean Strike		30 Terry Shotton
30 Anna Hogbin		31 <b>Closed</b>

## 2011 VAA Board of Directors

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