

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

You count! Please mark your calendar to attend the May meeting for Valley Art Association. We will be having elections for new officers and we currently still need people to fill positions! Currently we have one nominee for Vice President (President elect) Liz Altman, Corresponding Sec. Ruth Peyton, and we need someone for the assistant gallery director. Please do not hesitate to step up and do what you can to make our organization work.

Don't forget to bring your work to sell at the Mansion House during the Washington County Museum Ramble on Saturday May 5th and Sunday May 6th. Our gallery will be open during the normal business hours for the weekend. We do not charge members a fee to set up and sell their work on the porch.

Another great opportunity to share and sell your art is June 16th and 17th. The event recognizing the 150th Civil War Event in Hagerstown City Park we are invited to set up tents and displays on the park grounds.

We are in the process of organizing a fall field trip to an art related location. Please contact Sue Parker if you have ideas, or would like to help get this event moving forward.

Janie Moltrup, President VAA

May Membership Meeting with Speaker Lynn Ferris, NWS

Wednesday, May 23rd at 7:00 PM

Lynn Ferris is a signature member of the National Water Color Society and the Florida Water Color Society. Originally from New Jersey, she attended Moore College of Art in Philadelphia. She has worked as both 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 Co. and her watercolor entitled "The Group" appeared as cover art on the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Assoc. Lynn 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, FL.

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 will again teach her very popular annual Water color workshop here at the Mansion House starting in June. Please come and welcome back Lynn for what I am sure will be a delightful and informative evening with her doing a watercolor painting for us.

Shows

Mansion House North Gallery

"Shoot the Civil War"

May 4th 2012 through May 27th 2012

All Member Photography Exhibit

"Married to the Blues"

June 1st through July 29th 2012

All Member and Miniature Show

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

American Decorative Arts

Now through September 16th 2012

Public School Art Exhibition

April 21st through May 6th

Valley of the Shadow

June 16th through July 28th 2013

Area Hospitals

Artist of the Month

	Chambersburg	Meritus	Waynesboro
May:	Mary Hickman	Elaine Ambrose	Jean Harshman and Wayne Gunnelson
June:	Dee Henry	Sue Parker	Lu Mattern
July:	Frieda Stayman	Marilyn Tracey	Betty Koontz

Classes

Oil Painting with Marjorie Tressler

Dates: Continuous **Day:** Tuesday **Time:** 12 - 4 p.m. **Location:** Mansion House **Tuition:** Free

Marjorie Tressler is offering weekly intermediate painting sessions in OIL for the members of the VAA. She will facilitate these sessions, as well as give demos and critiques occasionally. There will be models later as well as still life set ups, all done in the old masters style. painter. For additional information or to sign up contact Marjorie directly at 717-762-6791.

Watercolor with Lynn Ferris, NWS

Dates: June 21st - August 16th **Day:** Thursday **Time:** 9 a.m. - noon **Location:** Mansion House **Tuition:** \$15

Lynn Ferris, NWS, will again offer her watercolor classes at the Mansion House this summer. Each \$15 class is self contained. Total for all 9 classes is \$135, if paid in advance \$125. To sign up, contact Lynn at 304-258-1651.

Workshops

Landscape Painting in Oils with David Buckley Good

Dates: May 21st - May 25th **Day:** Mon. - Fri. **Time:** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Location:** Waynesboro, PA. **Tuition:** \$165

David Buckley Good will be offering a weeklong workshop in May on techniques in rendering landscapes in the classical style. The workshop is open to painters at all levels. To register contact Virginia Hair at 717-762-3677.

Watercolor with Tom Lynch

Dates: July 10th - July 13th **Day:** Tues. - Fri. **Time:** Call **Location:** Martinsburg, WV. **Tuition:** \$400

The Workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, WV. Food and Lodging are not included in the cost of the workshop. Reduced room rates are available to workshop participants contact the Holiday Inn at (304) 267-5500. Space is limited and participant registration is on a first come, first served basis. Contact Berkeley County, WV. for additional information or visit <http://www.berkeleyartswv.org/workshops/watercolor.php>.

General Member News

Additional Civil War Sites

Since the weather is now becoming suitable for plein air painting, we have posted on our web site some additional lesser-known, possible painting locations associated with the Civil War. We hope you are busily engaged in painting and taking photos for our upcoming shows "Photographers Shoot the Civil War", June, 2012, and "Backstories of the Civil War", September, 2012.

In researching plein air sites, not surprisingly, I have also found a number of beautiful places with rich histories that are, unfortunately, not suitable for plein air painting. Often, it is because painting them would require setting up in the middle of the road—not recommended! If you would like information about some of these sites, contact me.

Of course, you can find your own places to paint and photograph, too. Just be sure to include a brief history of the Civil War connection (and the source for your information) when you submit your work.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for all of the beautiful work that has been submitted to our north gallery shows during this past year. We are looking forward to seeing more!

Welcome New Members

Sunil Sukla

Sunil Sukla resides in Boonsboro. He paints in watercolor to interpret scenes of his native Bangladesh that includes village life, old cities, boats and landscapes as well as the U.S. countryside. His style is realistic but suggests impressionism. Sunil has filled private commissions and has been featured in recent local exhibits. Your participation in the VAA is most welcome and we are looking forward to meeting you both.

Thomas Tholen

Thomas Tholen and his wife have just recently located in Hagerstown. Thomas, an art teacher, enjoys working in traditional mediums and digital formats. He has worked in the animation industry for 23 years. He is looking forward to exhibiting his work and participating in workshops with us.

Valley Mall Show

Valley Mall will not be letting VAA hang a show in the former Gap space this spring. Michelle, Mall Manager, hopes to know more by summer what mall owners have planned for space.

General Member News

North Gallery News

This month's north gallery show will feature a photo show titled "Shoot the Civil War" dates May 4th to May 27th. This will be in conjunction with the first bugle call coming up in June for the local celebration of the civil war anniversary.

June and July will feature our annual Miniature show and the all member show titled "Married to the Blues" Please bring your work in by Wednesday May 30th. The works will be hung on Thursday May 31st. Dates for this show are Friday June 1st through Sunday July 29th.

During the month of August we are looking forward to our duo of artists, June Savannah and her son Robert starting Friday August 3rd to Sunday August 26th. We will then follow up with a civil war show starting, Friday August 31st to Sunday October 28th. This show is for all media artists. Please note Sue Parker's request for information about civil war sites and pass that along to her.

If you are planning to submit a painting for the September show "Backstories of the Civil War," please let Sue Parker know as soon as you can, but by at least by June 15th, the name of the place you are painting for the show. She will be preparing labels with a brief description of the "backstory," and would like to complete these well in advance of the show. She can be reached at 304-258-4046 or susanparker@frontier.com.

Marjorie Tressler, Mansion House Gallery Director.

Congratulations Terry Shotton

We would now like to congratulate Terry Shotton for a very successful show during the month of April, She out-did herself with everything from her opening reception, to the many sales of her beautiful, fun and inspiring paintings. Her show at Meritus hospital was also very well received with even more sales. Apparently many local art collectors agreed that Terry is a very talented artist and we were so lucky to have her share her beautiful work with us. Then to top it all off her presentation this past Wednesday night was very inspiring as well and very well prepared. She spent many months in prep time for this demo and our membership was very appreciative of all of her hard work. Thank you Terry.

Annual Wall Space Changing

For all gallery members: Please note that Tuesday June 26 10:00 am is the annual wall space changing. If you can not be there please make arrangements with someone to take care of getting your new wall space in order. You must pay your dues and wall space rent as well as sign up for this coming year's sitting dates by that day. Please contact Marjorie Tressler, Gallery Director with any questions.

VA Center Acknowledges VAA's Contributions

In an article on the Veteran's Administration website and Facebook, Kathryn G. Morris wrote about the painting program, "Share the Love of Painting," offered by volunteers at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Martinsburg. Mary Dunlap, who created the program, and VAA members Gail Cox and Joe Shugars, who volunteer there, are largely responsible for the success of the program. Thanks to them, and all of the VAA members and others who have donated supplies. See the full article at <http://www.martinsburg.va.gov/> and <https://www.facebook.com/MVAMC>

Tuesday Oil Painting Sessions

Tuesdays oil painting sessions have been very successful so far and well attended. Many beautiful paintings have been created by our artists, Donna Mason, Donna Bingaman, Terry Shotton, Lucy Ecker, Rachael Stevenson, John Mulligan, Janie Moltrup. We have been enjoying the atmosphere of this beautiful old mansion and the quiet background classical music while painting. We will be setting up more still life arrangements soon and we are looking forward to our next model starting May 8 for at least 3 sessions. Our first model Roy as "Biker Dude" was a blast. Note to our members, please stop by to see what all we are doing. For more information please contact Marjorie Tressler. These sessions are for intermediate to experience artists and you must be a member of the Valley Art Association. There is no fee as Marjorie is offering these sessions for the pure enjoyment of painting.

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

May	June	July
4 Charles Gelslechter	1 Marie McCafferty	1 Lucy Ecker
5 Jean Strike	2 John Mullican	6 Tamara Hoffman
6 Trish Suder	3 Nicole Troup	7 Need Someone
11 Niclole Troup	8 Marie McCafferty	8 Lucy Ecker
12 Donna Bingaman	9 Chris Shingler	13 Tamara Hoffman
13 Need Someone	10 Zelma Lushbaugh	14 Need Someone
18 Marie McCafferty	15 Marie McCafferty	15 Lucy Ecker
19 John Mullican	16 Chris Shingler	20 Tamara Hoffman
20 Niclole Troup	17 Eliane Ambrose	21 Need Someone
25 Marie McCafferty	22 Marie McCafferty	22 Lucy Ecker
26 Donna Bingaman	23 John Mullican	27 Tamara Hoffman
27 Chris Shingler	24 Anna Hogbin	28 Carol Wilks
	29 Carol Wilks	29 Lucy Ecker
	30 Chris Shingler	

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