

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 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

President's Message

Mark your calendars for the fourth Wednesday evening of the month! VAA meetings begin this month! Our first meeting guest speaker is going to be Artist Sherry Kemp. The demonstration will be on Reverse Paintings, check out the article about the demo!

We are all looking forward to a wonderful new year at Valley Art. The board has already had their first meeting to discuss the activity and show schedule for this year.

Please stop into the Mansion House with friends to see the current show in the North Gallery. The paintings are a beautiful reminder of the anniversary of the Civil War.

Finally we need an "Assistant Gallery Director" !!!! Marjorie Tressler is only serving this year and someone will need to step in to assist with the responsibilities of Gallery Director. Marjorie is an EXCELLENT person to work with in this position. Please contact any member of the board if you are interested in participating in the club as a board member.

Also, don't forget your dues for this year can be paid at our September meeting.

Janie Moltrup, President VAA

General Membership Meeting with Demo Artist Sherry Kemp

Wednesday, September 26th at 7:00 PM

Artist Sherry Kemp will talk and demo Reverse Painting on underside of glass — called Eglomise' today. This is a very old form of painting dating back to the 3rd and 4th A. D. Centuries. Only many European and Italian fragments have been preserved.

The technique of painting on glass used during 4th century was engraving through a layer of gold leaf attached to glass, color added and second piece of glass sealed it. By the 17th century, metallic foil was used and reverse painting spread throughout Central Europe and Germany.

By the 18th century a French artist — antique dealer Jean Baptiste Glomy, created what is known as Verra Eglomise', that changed the process. He painted on the underside of glass without using metallic backgrounds. Black silhouettes of statesmen, royalty and famous personages, with black and gold bands painted as borders became popular. History has it China started reverse painting around 1715, and exported much to Europe, which started a decline in charm of this type of art. Today there are no bargains to be found of these China exports, which are landscapes, harbor scenes, and sporting scenes.

During the 1970's revival of interest in these paintings, China started reproductions along with English during the Victorian era of gaudy reverse glass painting using bits of tinsel and mother-of-pearl in the background. These can be found in paintings of a house, small clock dial insets, federal clocks, mirrors and ship paintings or Mount Vernon in a panel. Collectors need to be very careful today when you find a piece. Judge the quality and subject matter. Reverse glass paintings are rarely signed.

Shows and Classes

Mansion House North Gallery

"Civil War Back Stories"

All Member Show
Now through October 28th

John Mullican

November 2nd through November 25th
Reception November 4th from 2 to 4p.m.

Annual Winter Show

All Member Show
November 30th through January 27th 2013
Reception December 2nd from 2 to 4p.m.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

21st Century Still Life

Now through January 20th 2013

Art for America: Selection of WPA Prints

Now through March 31st 2013

Valley of the Shadow

Now through July 28th 2013

Nineteenth Century American Art

Now through September 29th 2013

American Decorative Arts

Now through September 29th 2013

Area Hospitals

Artist of the Month

	Chambersburg	Meritus	Waynesboro
September:	Donna Bingaman	Elizabet Stacy-Hurley	Charlie Gelsleichter
October:	Noelle Miller	Ruth Peyton	Louise Morningstar
November:	Anne Finucane	Marjorie Tressler	Evie Cook

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: Sept 6th - Oct 25th **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 fall. Each \$15 class is self contained. Take as many or as few as you like. Lynn provides reference materials, handouts, and lots of personal attention. To sign up, contact Lynn at 304-258-1651.

General Member News

Reminders

Annual 2013 Membership Dues \$25 are now due

Bylaws require dues be paid by October 1, 2012. Make check payable to the Valley Art Association and mail to: Donna Smith, Treasurer, 501 Highland Way, Hagerstown, MD 21740

Questions: call Donna Smith at 301-797-8761.

North Gallery News

During the month of August we were treated to a fine show by June Savannah and her son Robert Savannah.

Starting August 31st and running through October 28th will be our membership show, Civil War Back Stories. This show is worth taking the time to see. Sue Parker out did herself by researching and writing interesting back stories for the many paintings submitted for this show. Her own back story was featured in the Herald Mail. Sue wrote the article and it can be read with her display of artifacts, books and paintings that she prepared for our show. Please be sure to stop by to see this very interesting and well thought out show, as well as see some beautifully rendered paintings by our members.

Our November North Gallery show will feature John Mullican. November 2nd through November 25th, Reception November 4th from 2 to 4pm.

Our annual Winter North Gallery show is for all members of the VAA and will run from November 30th through January 27th 2013. Deadline for submissions will be Wednesday, November 28th this is the same day of our November membership meeting held at 7:00pm. Bob Wantz will be our November demo artist. Pick up for the winter membership show is January 27-30.

Our Christmas Tea is Sunday, December 2nd from 2 to 4pm. The tea is a reception for the winter show and our annual membership Holiday party. Hope to see all of you there!!!

Please be sure to put these dates on your calendar, it is shaping up to be a very busy year for the VAA.

Marjorie Tressler, Mansion House Gallery Director

VA Hospital Donations

The members of the VAA have been very generous the last several years by donating art supplies to the VA Hospital in Martinsburg, WV and are used for their therapy. We are continuing this tradition and have been collecting all year long. The box was just emptied and the art supplies were sent to the VA just last week. Now it is ready to be filled again, we all know how quickly we go through our own art supplies and they are using everything we send there!! We usually like to send art supplies to our vets during the Holiday Season and would appreciate any art supplies you can give to this worthy cause. Thanks to all who have so generously participated in this program in the past, your donations have been very much appreciated.

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

September

- 1 Rachel Stevenson
- 2 Jeff Driscoll

- 7 Marjorie Tressler
- 8 Carol Wilks
- 9 Jeff Driscoll

- 14 Eliane Ambrose
- 15 Jean Strike
- 16 Donna Bingaman

- 21 Donna Mason
- 22 Thom Tholen
- 23 Jeff Driscoll

- 28 Anna Hogbin
- 29 Thom Tholen
- 30 Jeff Driscoll

October

- 5 Donna Bingaman
- 6 Carol Wilks
- 7 Thom Tholen

- 12 Jean Strike
- 13 Janie Moltrup
- 14 Rachel Stevenson

- 19 Donna Mason
- 20 Janie Moltrup
- 21 Anna Hogbin

- 26 Janie Moltrup
- 27 Janie Moltrup
- 28 Eliane Ambrose

November

- 2 Marjorie Tressler
- 3 Jean Strike
- 4 Eliane Ambrose

- 9 Carol Miller
- 10 Donna Bingaman
- 11 Lucy Ecker

- 16 Donna Mason
- 17 Carol Wilks
- 18 Liz Hurley

- 23 **Closed**
- 24 Sue Parker
- 25 Anna Hogbin

- 30 Carol Miller

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