

# 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

Thanks to everyone who participated in the "Holiday Show and Sale" at the Mansion House this holiday season it was a great success. People came to the Mansion House looking for the quality hand made (in America) gifts for friends and family. We also need to say a big Thanks to Bill Davis for his wonderful oil painting demo. Bill is a successful portrait artist and shared his tricks of the trade with us.

Please take the time to review the policy and procedure for filling out the sales slips when someone purchases something. We have had several issues with the sales slips not being filled out with the name, etc. of the person purchasing the work, the person who sold the item, and there have been sales when the sales tax was not collected. Please read the guide for the credit card machine! This is not difficult to do we have it all written out for people to follow. The person righting up sales are responsible for collecting the sales tax and the individual artist are responsible for reporting to the Comptroller of the treasury. Sales tax is to be collected for all items sold at the Mansion House. There are resources on the desk to answer any questions one might have about the policy. You may also ask ANY member on the board about the training for sitting at the Mansion House. In order for members to be paid for their artwork, sales the guidelines MUST be followed.

We now have activities for sharing the creative spirits of our members at the Mansion on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Look for details in our calendar!

Anna Hogbin will be teaching again at the Mansion House Thursday evenings beginning this spring. Look for details in the newsletter or contact Anna for more information.

April 12, 2013 the Mansion House Art Gallery/Valley Art Association will be visited by members of Leadership Washington County. These businessmen and women are learning about the Arts and Religions of Washington County in 2013. We are looking forward to sharing ideas and information. Marjorie Tressler will be discussing the history of Valley Art and Carol Miller and Janie Moltrup will be working with the visitors to create a watercolor painting project. Additional information about this event will be posted in the newsletter as it comes in.

This months meeting Feb. 27, 2013 we will not be having a guest speaker, we will be having an "Artist White Elephant Sale". Please look for information from our President Elect Liz Altman. All artists have extra material and tools in their closets that would be enjoyed by someone else. Make this a wonderful exchange and participate. We are asking that 10% of the sales be donated into the VAA treasury. This is an honor system; you are responsible for your sales.

I would also like to THANK Rachel for all of her work as recording secretary for Valley Art. Working with her has been wonderful and she will be missed when she moves onto her new position in the Philippines. We are very fortunate to have a volunteer step up and fill in until the end of the year, Sue Parker will be working with us to record our meetings. Thanks Sue!

*Janie Moltrup, President VAA*

## **General Membership Meeting Show and Tell and White Elephant Sale**

**Wednesday, February 27th at 7:00 PM**

## Shows and Classes

### Mansion House North Gallery

#### "Inspiration Tuesday"

February 1st 2013 through February 24th 2013  
Reception February 3rd from 2 to 4p.m.

**Jeff Driscoll**

March 1st 2013 through March 31st 2013  
Reception March 3rd from 2 to 4p.m.

**Trish Suder**

April 4th 2013 through April 28th 2013  
Reception April 7th from 2 to 4p.m.

**Carol Miller**

May 3rd 2013 through May 26th 2013  
Reception May 5th from 2 to 4p.m.

### Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

#### Art for America: Selection of WPA Prints

Now through March 31st 2013

#### 80th Annual Cumberland Valley Photographic Salon

Now through April 14th 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
February:	Lu Mattern	Rachael Stevenson	No Info
March:	Virginia Hair	Donna Bingaman	No Info
April:	Evie Cook	Donna Mason	No Info

### 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.

### Intermediate Watercolor Class with Anna Hogbin

**Dates:** March 7th - April 25th    **Day:** Thursday    **Time:** 6 - 8:30 p.m.    **Location:** Mansion House    **Tuition:** \$90

To enroll in this class, students must be intermediate or above watercolor painters. Topics will include review of and new watercolor techniques, advanced preparation of the painting surface, evaluating ones own work and application of design principles. Students will work from photos as well as creative personal picture designs in both two and three dimensions. Students will have choices among some approaches and subject matters. Students are required to provide their own basic watercolor painting supplies (list for new students provided upon enrollment). The instructor will provide additional Asian papers, etc. To enroll contact Anna at (304) 263 - 1094. Tuition due by March 1st.

# General Member News

## Gallery Director's Message

I would like to thank all of the members who came out to help us with the semi annual Mansion House cleaning , we had a wonderful turnout for this and the members worked very hard to make things sparkle again!!! Those joining in with the fun were---, Carol Miller, Hal and Donna Mason, Terry Shotton, Chris Shingler, Gretchen Starliper and my trusty assistant Roy Tressler ,as well as myself. Thanks for all of you help!!! We will have another clean up day in July , with a tentative date of Tuesday July 2 10:00am. Please contact me or anyone on the board if you can help . I will also have a list on the bulletin board for you to sign up.

As you know this will be my last year as gallery director , we are pleased to have Joan Scobel as our next Gallery Director starting in July, she will be joined by Carol Miller as her trusty Assistant for the next year. We are so happy to have these two lovely ladies coming on the board of the Valley Art Assoc. They will be a will be a great addition and I am sure a joy to work with. Many thanks to them for their stepping up for this important job.

Our schedule at the Mansion House is looking very bright and full, we have groups painting at the gallery Monday , Tuesday and Wednesday's during the day and classes on Wednesday night and possibly Thursday nights as well, Also Lynn Ferris will be coming back this spring on Thursdays from 9am-12pm. Please check the next newsletters or call me with any questions you may have about these groups or classes.

If you are interested in having a north gallery show , we have a few openings available for this summer and fall. We will have an all member show in the fall (to be announced )as well as our annual winter show in Dec/Jan. So please be thinking of what you would like to paint and we are looking forward to seeing your next beautiful creation!! Thank you for all of your help and I am looking forward to my next job with the VAA !!! Respectfully submitted, Marjorie Tressler , Mansion House Gallery Director.

## Police Department Warning

All VAA members and ALWAYS TWO (2) SITTERS need to be very observing when around Mansion House from now on. CSX Railroad will be clearing underbrush , smaller trees from behind the Hager House to Antietam Street, and displacing the homeless that have lived there for years. Has become a dangerous problem for the city police , as well as the park.

## 10th Annual Museum Ramble

May 4 & 5 sponsored by Washington County Museums and Historic Sites, of which VAA is a member. VAA members may set-up for sale their art and crafts on the porch. This year the Ramble will be encouraged by the Washington Board of Education to parents and children to visit and learn about Washington County's History during the National History Week. Each participating site will be doing things to assist the children's awareness to really look and learn. VAA will be doing a Scavenger Hunt of 6 sections in our paintings to find. VAA will be stamping their sheet of findings to show their teachers and giving each child a rubber bracelet, labeled "GOT HISTORY".

## 1st "Bunny Trail Art & Craft Sale"

Friday March 22 & Saturday March 23 in Williamsport Springfield Barn. Located at 14 Springfield Lane. Call Joyce Cramer 301-223-4599 and Diane French 301-223-1899, VAA members that are interested in doing this.

## Group Painting Day

VAA Members invited as a group painting day when great weather returns. E-mail Joan Knode joaneknode@msn.com to do sight drawings and paintings viewed from the Williamsport barn area as well as the barn. Joan say, Desert Rose Eatery does a great box lunch, which could be planned before going.

## General Member News

### North Gallery News

Don't forget to stop by to see the February North Gallery Show, "Tuesday's Inspiration", with Donna Bingaman, Donna Mason, Keely Neubauer, and Marjorie Tressler the facilitator for this group of talented artists. We welcome any new artist who would care to join us on Tuesdays from 10am to 2pm, please call Marjorie if you are interested in joining this fun bunch!! 717-762-6791.

The month of March the Valley Art Association will feature Jeff Driscoll with his beautiful water colors of local scenes. Jeff is a former student of Bob Wantz and is a very prolific and talented artist as well as a very interesting park ranger in Harpers Ferry and inter-national tour guide !!! . Please come and join Jeff on Sunday March 3 , 2-4pm for his opening reception.

Our featured artist in the North Gallery for the month of April will be Trish Suder, she is a very accomplished artist, hailing from the DC area where she enjoyed a very successful career and was a very popular artist in that region. Her work is very mature and well rendered and a feast for the eye. Her acrylics are masterfully executed and I personally love them. Please come and join Trish at her opening reception Sunday-April 7 2-4pm.

May will feature artist and future Mansion House Assistant Gallery Director , Carol Miller. Carol who is also works in acrylic, is a very talented and accomplished artist with a background in illustration, she also enjoyed a very successful career in the New York area. Her color sense is wonderful ,compositions perfect and her subjects are delightful. Again I love her work and it is worth the time to come and see!!! Please come and join Carol at her opening reception , Sunday, May 3 2-4pm .

June we will once again have an all member show in the north gallery , and we are asking the members to bring in their Summer themed paintings for the show titled "Fun in the Sun "!!! The annual miniature show is also during this show and the subjects can vary. The show opens , Friday May 31. This is the same weekend as the Blues Fest in the city park, Sunday June 2. . Lots of foot traffic and we invite artists to participate by showing their work on the porch that Sunday (June 2) , please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. The deadline for this north gallery show is , Wed. May 29. and the show will be hung on Thursday May 30th.

Mansion House wall space :Our next wall changing will be held June 25 at 10:00am. If anyone would like to be a member of gallery and have a wall space please contact Marjorie and she will be glad to give you the information needed to become one of our group of talented artist. If you are interested please call her or put your name on the list located on the bulletin board and she can put you on the list of prospective gallery members.

*Marjorie Tressler, Mansion House Gallery Director.*

## Mansion House Sitters Schedule

February	March	April
1 Marjorie Tressler	1 Marjorie Tressler	5 Carol Miller
2 Liz Hurley	2 Terry Shotton	6 Jean Strike
3 Liz Hurley	3 Trish Suder	7 Trish Suder
8 Donna Mason	8 Donna Mason	12 Thom Tholen
9 Donna Bingaman	9 Terry Shotton	13 Sue Parker
10 Chris Shingler	10 Lucy Ecker	14 Anna Hogbin
15 Carol Miller	15 Carol Miller	19 Janie Moltrup
16 Terry Shotton	16 Donna Bingaman	20 Janie Moltrup
17 Liz Hurley	17 Trish Suder	21 Trish Suder
22 Carol Wilks	22 Anna Hogbin	26 Thom Tholen
23 Donna Bingaman	23 Eliane Ambrose	27 Thom Tholen
24 Anna Hogbin	24 Trish Suder	28 Trish Suder
	29 Carol Miller	
	30 Sue Parker	
	31 Trish Suder	

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