

Valley Art Association NEWS



**MANSION HOUSE
ART GALLERY**
VALLEY ART ASSOCIATION

GALLERY HOURS:

Friday & Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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May Meeting

The demo/guest speaker for the May VAA general meeting, May 22, is VAA member Marjorie Tressler. Her talk/demo will include materials, techniques, as well as the motivation/inspiration she uses to create her art.

Her work can be seen at Gallery 50 where she is curator/gallery director in Waynesboro PA and at the Washington Co. Arts Council Gallery. She is Mansion House gallery member, past VAA president / Mansion House gallery director, as well as a founding member of the Mansion House Gallery.

She is a certified member of the Maryland Society of Portrait Painters, the Charcoal Club of Baltimore, Christians in the Visual Arts, a juried member of the Oil Painters of America, Prometheans, and Spectrum Seven, a group of talented women artists who meet to critique, inspire and show their art together.

Marjorie has had several solo shows through-out her career, including a solo show at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Jan. 1993 that featured her portraits. Her career has been that of a portrait artist for the past 25 years. One notable portrait was of former Washington Co. Education Superintendent Elizabeth Morgan. She has painted several large mural sized paintings for many local churches and is currently working on a 6x8 foot painting for St. Andrews Catholic Church in Waynesboro. Marjorie is also working on new paintings to be on view, along with Janie Moltrup's photos at the Washington Co. Art Council this November.

Marjorie's fine arts background is with the Schuler School of Fine Arts in Baltimore, MD. During her eight years at Schuler, she studied with Ann Didusch Schuler and David Buckley Good. Those studies included portrait, sculpture, anatomy, still life and landscape.

Her passion is art, the joy of painting, and the promotion of both.

Gallery Director's Message

It looks like the snowy weather is finally behind us on the east coast!

We have lots of things on the calendar. May 2 to May 25, the Tuesday Inspiration group will exhibit in the North Gallery with a reception May 4, 2-4 p.m. On May 10, we will be having a porch (yard) sale. Please look around for items that you no longer have use for and would like to donate to our sale. They should be good usable household or art related items. We should have them at the Mansion House by May 5. Please remember that on June 1, we will be having a Silent Art Auction. Again, we are asking for artwork donations. The paintings should be no larger than 8"x10", not including the frame. The work should be framed unless you are using a gallery wrap canvas. These should be at the Mansion House by May 26.

FYI--Wall change will be Tuesday, June 24 at 9 a.m. You will be asked for your membership dues and your wall rental fee. Thank you for your support with these events!!!

Just a reminder about our alarm system--it indeed is in place and part of our Mansion House life. There are many sitters who have not been trained which has led to the alarm being set off too many times. We have had the police out only to find that the alarm was accidentally set off because someone didn't know how to use it. There have been times when the alarm has not been set upon exiting. Ignoring it is not the solution! All systems are different. You must close the exit door completely in order to set the alarm. We will be charged a fee for any more "accidents." The person setting off the alarm will pay the fee. Please get trained or refreshed on how to use the system. Donna Mason is happy to train you. She has the book to check you off!

Enjoy the nice weather. Get outside and paint. I might even take my own advice!

Carol Miller



North Gallery Show

The month of May in the North Gallery at the Mansion House Gallery is featuring the "Inspiration Tuesdays" painting partners. This group is comprised of professional artists who get together every Tuesday to paint and share ideas and inspire one another. Those participating in the show are: Donna Mason, Carol Miller, Ann Plucinski, Donna Bingaman, and Marjorie Tressler, who facilitates the group's activities. The show opens Friday, May 2, with an opening reception Sunday, May 4 from 2-4 p.m. The closing date is Sunday, May 25.

Inspiration Tuesdays

Dates: Continuous **Day:** Tuesday **Time:** 10-2 p.m.
Location: Mansion House **Tuition:** Free

Marjorie Tressler is facilitating a weekly painting session in oil, acrylic, watercolor, or mixed media for intermediate and advanced painters each Tuesday. These sessions are free and open to all members of the VAA. The artists share ideas, experiences, knowledge and use of materials, some critiques, but most of all, inspiration.

The artists supply their own materials, still life set-ups and resource photographs, etc. The only requirement is the artist needs to be self-motivated and able to work independently. For more information or to sign up, please contact Marjorie directly at 717-762-6791 or marjorietressler@comcast.net.

Notice

Notice to all VAA members who participated in the annual VAA Museum show—your paintings will be available for pickup starting April 29 and can be found in the Mansion House Hall gallery. This year's show was a great success thanks to your participation!!

Museum Ramble "Scavenger Hunt"

VAA will be participating every Saturday and Sunday during May. Directions for sitters will be located on the desk during the entire month.

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Wednesday Night Art Class

Dates: Continuous **Day:** Wednesday **Time:** 6:30 to 9 p.m. **Location:** Mansion House **Tuition:** \$65.00 per six-week session

Marjorie Tressler is teaching a class in both oil and acrylic every Wednesday night except the fourth Wednesday of each month.

These classes are for all painting levels. Each student gets individual attention and is encouraged to work on any subject they are interested in and wish to paint. This class is a very unique class where students are taught in a very friendly, relaxed atmosphere, with fun conversations, where everyone is enjoying the experience of creating a beautiful painting. The only requirement is for the students to provide their own materials and come to have fun!! For more information please contact Marjorie at 717-762-6791 or marjorietressler@comcast.net.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Donna Mitchell for having her paintings "Golfer—Mr. Qwin" and "Getting in the Mood" juried into the upcoming exhibit for The Maryland Society of Portrait Painters, "A Moment Expressed, the Figure and Portrait" in Annapolis, MD. The show dates are May 27 to July 3. A reception will be held May 27, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (<http://www.mdsp.com>)

Need Art Supplies?

Use The Valley Art direct link to Dick Blick located on our website, <http://valleyartassoc.com/website>. Just click on **Shop Now** and purchase your supplies. Valley Art receives a yearly check for a percentage of sales. Every little bit helps our club grow.

Don't Forget the Porch Sale!

The Porch Sale will be held on May 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to fund the bear sculpture in the lake, "The Fishing Lesson." Any salable items are welcome, but, please, no clothes, furniture larger than one person can handle or electronics. Items may be dropped off at the Mansion House between Monday, May 5 and Saturday morning, May 10. Thanks for your help.

Boys and Girls Club Art Auction

For more information, contact Nicole Troup at nickillustration@gmail.com, www.nicolesiolportraits.com, or 717-331-1003.

Wednesday Art Group

The Wednesday Art Group invites you to join us. We meet every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your lunch and paints, any medium.

For more information, call Audrey Mentzer at 301-739-8112 or Ruth Peyton at 304-274-3465.

Call for Artists!

Call for artists for Arts in the Park 2014. Organized by the non-profit Arts Alliance of Greater Waynesboro, this annual juried fine art and craft exhibition, free to the public, will showcase the original works of up to 75 regional and national artists in a spectrum of mediums—ceramics, glass, fiber, metal, wood, fine art, photography, paper, jewelry and more, along with delicious food, entertainment and demonstrations.

This outdoor show will take place in the heart of historic Waynesboro, PA, at Memorial Park, an idyllic setting with numerous shade trees and walking paths. This show will prove to be a popular annual event for shoppers and artists alike! The Arts in the Park event will be held on Saturday, September 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, September 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information and application forms, please contact the Art Alliance at <http://artsalliancegw.files.wordpress.com/2013/11/artsparkinformation.pdf>.

Festival at City Park

The Festival at City Park will be held on September 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Festival will feature the unveiling of the bear sculpture, "The Fishing Lesson," a performance by the Municipal Band, and a celebration of the 275th anniversary of the Hager House. There will also be a celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Valley Art Association.

Watercolor Class

Kent Roberts will be conducting a class, "Painting Watercolor with a Limited Palette." Contact Council for the Arts of Chambersburg for information and registration at 717-264-6883 or councilforthearts.net.

Hospital Art in the Hallways

Meritus May, Donna Mitchell
June, Charles Gelsleichter
July, Donna Ashbaugh
August, Virginia Hair

Waynesboro May, Lu Mattern
June, Virginia Hair
July, Ruth Durbin
August, Patrick Brezler

Chambersburg May, Dee Henry
June, Ruth Ann Smith
July, Gail Stockton
August, Nicole Troup

Painting Animals

Instructor: Nicole Troup, www.nicolesoilportraits.com

Dates: June 5, 12, 19, 26, and July 3.

Day and Time: Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Price: \$75 for a five-week session

Contact: To sign up and receive the supply list, contact Nicole Troup at nickillustration@gmail.com or 717-331-1003.

Washington County Arts Council 2014 Exhibit Schedule

May – Friday, May 2 – Tuesday, May 27
Main Gallery, Beck Metzbower: *METZBOWER*
Hall Gallery, Mary Jo Bennett: *FLORAL*
IMPRESSIONS: The Art of Nature

June – Thursday, May 29 – Tuesday, June 24
Reception: Thursday, May 29, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Main Gallery, 2014 Blues Fest Poster Artist
Hall Gallery, 2014 Blues Fest T-Shirt Contest

July – Friday, June 27 – Tuesday, July 29
Main and Hall Galleries, Bruce Wilder: *A Wilder Moment*

August – Friday, August 1 – Tuesday, August 26
Main and Hall Galleries, Julie Maynard: *Territory*

September – Friday, August 29 – Tuesday, Sept. 30
Main Gallery, Greater Cumberland Colored Pencil Society of America: *Colored Pencil: Taking it to the Limit*

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Mansion House Sitters Schedule

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May

2—Pauline Adams
3—Carol Wilks
4—Chris Shingler
9—Lesley Walley
10—John Mullican
11—Eileen Pollock
16—Pauline Adams
17—Linda Tweit
18—Jeff Driscoll
23—Jackie Shaw
24—Carol Wilks
25—Eileen Pollock
30—Pauline Adams
31—Linda Tweit

June

1—Chris Shingler
6—Eileen Pollock
7—Carol Wilks
8—Eileen Pollock
13—Tom Tholen
14—Pauline Adams
15—Jeff Driscoll
20—Tom Tholen
21—Tom Tholen
22—Eileen Pollock
27—Tom Tholen
28—Carol Wilks
29—Eileen Pollock

July

4—Closed
5—Need Someone
6—Lucy Ecker
11—Tamara Hoffman
12—Pauline Adams
13—Lucy Ecker
18—Tamara Hoffman
19—Pauline Adams
20—Lucy Ecker
25—Tamara Hoffman
26—Pauline Adams
27—Lucy Ecker

North Gallery Shows for 2014

May-----Inspiration Tuesday Group, May 2-25. Reception May 4 2-4 p.m. Reception May 4, 2-4 p.m.

June-----All Member Show/Miniature Show and Blues Fest Weekend, May 30 - July 27. Blues Fest Sunday- June 1, Art on the Porch.

Refreshments – VAA Meetings

May – Marjorie Tressler

June – PICNIC

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