

# Valley Art Association NEWS



## GALLERY HOURS:

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

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

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**Welcome** to our 2014-15 year at the Valley Art Association. This is a special year in that we are celebrating our 75th Annual Commemoration of the Valley

Art Association at the Mansion House Art Gallery. We have many celebrations and activities planned for the 2014-15 season.

**On Saturday, September 20th we will be celebrating our Fall Fest** along with the City of Hagerstown. We will have children's art activities on the porch of the Mansion House between the hours of 11:00am and 2:00pm. They include printing, clay sculpture and collage. All activities are free of charge.

We are asking our membership to participate in "art on the porch" which will be held from 10:00am - 3:00pm.

If you would like to participate please contact Sue Parker at 304-258-4046 or at [sueparker@frontier.com](mailto:sueparker@frontier.com). Spaces are limited.

We will also have a tea at the Mansion House in the afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00pm. A variety of teas will be served.

The Women's Club of Hagerstown has invited VAA members to participate in their fundraiser, Wine, Chocolate and Art, on Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 6-8pm. This will be held in the Women's Club auditorium. Members will take care of their own sales. Two to three pieces are welcome and prices should be no more than \$200.00 for each piece.

Artists will handle their own sales and should provide easels for displaying their work. The contact person for this event is Liz Altman at 301-791-5592. We will discuss this further at our next membership meeting. Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting on the fourth Wednesday in September.

Liz Altman

*Membership Dues are still \$25.00 for 2014 year!  
Please join us for our September 24th meeting.*

## September Guest Speaker

The VAA is honored to have fine artist Marti Yeager for our guest speaker/demo artist for the first meeting of our VAA year. Marti will be doing a portrait demo with a model.. Marti is a full-time painter currently residing in Fayetteville, Pa. As soon as she began studying painting in college she felt it as a kind of vocation. She continues to attend workshops, painting from life and "en plein air", attending life-drawing sessions and portrait painting groups. Always looking at great art and listening to other artists. For the past 20 years, she has also taught both individual and group lessons and workshops in oil, watercolor, pastel and acrylic painting as well as drawing. Marti has had many solo and small group exhibits including being a featured artist in the new Gallery 50 in Waynesboro, Pa. and has won numerous awards for her paintings.

## Schedule for Bear Sculpture September 20th

**11:00** Unveiling Ceremony for the Bear Sculpture

Sue Parker is the suggested speaker for VAA

**12:00** 275th Anniversary Commemoration Event at The Jonathan Hager House Museum Presentations by Mayor of Hagerstown, speakers associated with the Hager House

**1:00 75th Anniversary Commemoration** of The Valley Art Association at the Mansion House Art Center Presentations and speakers. VAA President Liz Altman will give a 2 minute talk about Valley Art to Mayor and visiting dignitaries. Arrivals for Mayor are expected to be in horse drawn carriages, as well as preceded by a Jazz Band.

We hope members will make a point to attend this event, your helping hands are welcome!

The beginning of November we will also be setting up for our Holiday Sales of creative items made by members. These items will be available for people who visit the Mansion House during the holidays to purchase unique gift items. Any member wishing to participate in any of the set ups for the holiday season is welcome. Please contact Janie or Nancy for information on how you can be a part of the seasons events! We would like members to start thinking about the upcoming ALL Member show in December! Think snow!!!

## Greetings from Nancy

Visitors to the VAA website will notice a recently added NEW AND IMPROVED feature! At the bottom of the main page is an “f” icon which will link you to our facebook page when clicked. Check out regularly up-dated pictures and comments which appear there. Next to the facebook icon is a small calendar. Clicking that gives you access to a calendar of events taking place at Mansion House including the sitters’ schedule. To add events, such as classes, trips, etc. please contact Janie Moltrup, Gallery Director, or one of the Board Members.



## Changes to VAA Facebook Page Accessibility:

The URL for the VAA Facebook Page is below. This may be typed/entered into your Internet address bar at any time to access the VAA Facebook Page.

<https://www.facebook.com/ValleyArtAssociation.Hagerstown.Md>

Alternatively, the VAA's Facebook Page may be accessed by clicking on the Facebook button near the end of the VAA's main website: [www.valleyartassoc.com](http://www.valleyartassoc.com)

The activity calendar is also linked at the bottom of the Valley Art Association home page by clicking on [calendar icon](#)

## FYI for the VAA membership

Your VAA Board is diligently working to ensure that the Association will enjoy a fiscally secure future. Also, currently there exists a need to purchase some items that will be used to serve the membership as well as maintain an acceptable level of appearance of the Gallery.

To achieve the above goals, the Board is considering a recommendation to the membership that would increase our dues from \$25.00 annually to \$30.00 for 2015. Prior to this recommendation, the Board is would appreciate your suggestions pertaining to how financially the above obligations may be met.

Your input is important! Please contact any Board member and share your thoughts with them. Thank you in advance for your time and efforts.

**The Downtown Movement** would like to invite local artists to paint au plein aire during our first event which is the Pop Up Shops we are doing on August 22nd to 24th, the same weekend at Augustobberfest and a Wind Down Friday, and would appreciate it if you could pass this information on to the club members, we would also welcome an information booth to promote the VAA, we can provide inside space free of charge.

We are working with the Arts Council, who will be open extended hours, except Sunday.

We have over 15 local businesses working with us to fill some of the empty shops downtown for the weekend, there will be an outdoor market in the University Plaza, and have full page advertisements in Next Magazine, local cinemas, You Tube and the newspaper, we have the full backing of the City Council.

The times are as follows

### LOCATION AND TIME:

**City Center Hagerstown**

**Friday, August 22 ~ from 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

**Saturday, August 23 ~ from 12 p.m. - 8p.m.**

**Sunday, August 24 ~ from 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.**

**Farmers’ market/artisan flea in University Park**

Plaza: Saturday, August 23~from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday, August 24~from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

*Artists please coordinate and rsvp to myself  
Lesley Whalley at  
[lwhall01@aol.com](mailto:lwhall01@aol.com) or 240 217 5040  
it would be much appreciated.*

More info can be found at  
[downtownmovement.org](http://downtownmovement.org)  
[facebook.com/thedowntownmovement](https://facebook.com/thedowntownmovement)  
[twitter.com/thedowntownmovement](https://twitter.com/thedowntownmovement)  
[instagram.com/thedowntownmovement](https://instagram.com/thedowntownmovement)



## Special THANKS!

Thank you Bob Arsenovic for your work on creating a box to protect our electric plugs under the desk at the Mansion House. Also to Roy Tressler for all of his work around the Mansion fixing this and that and getting ride of bulky things! We could not keep the place running with out the support of our volunteers. Thanks again to Ruth Peyton for editing the newsletter AGAIN.... We are excited to have someone new take over the task of creating and editing the newsletter.

Janie

## 9th Annual Art for the Animals

### Calling All Artists

For our Art for the Animals fundraiser we need as many artists as possible. Our artist participants can be beginners all the way to professionals. All artwork must be 5"x7" and can be created in any medium.

Stop in to the store and give a dollar donation per canvas/illustration board. You can pick up as many boards as you want. Bring them back to us by Sept. 29th and we will frame them for free and hang them in our silent auction. People will bid on them from Oct. 11th to Nov. 1st. There will be an opening reception on Oct. 11th and a Tail-end reception on Nov. 1st. All proceeds (including the dollar donation for the boards) will go to

### Guiding Eyes for the Blind!

There is also an opportunity for all artists who participate to win prizes for popular choice and best in show. This is a fun event for everyone and this is our 9th year doing it. In previous years we were able to raise upwards of \$3000 for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. All participation will help us reach this goal.

### Contact

1256 Dual Hwy  
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740  
301-733-2722  
www.howardsartandframes.com

## "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 marjoretressler@comcast.net."



116 North Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV

## September 15-17, 2014

### "Capturing the Light"

A Special Watercolor Workshop Taught By Nationally Recognized Watercolorist



Lynn Ferris AWS, NWS

Good use of light and shadow can change a painting from ordinary to extraordinary. Using a limited palette of mainly transparent paint, students will learn to design with light, recognize light sources and the shadows they create, add drama and luminosity. Lynn provides handouts, reference materials and lots of personal attention. Suitable for all levels but some experience with watercolor preferred. Workshop fee \$275

*Details and registration information are on the web*

*at [artworks.berkeleyartswv.org/capturethelight/](http://artworks.berkeleyartswv.org/capturethelight/)*

*Email [berkeleyartswv@gmail.com](mailto:berkeleyartswv@gmail.com) / 304-620-7277*

## "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."

## "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"

"marjoretressler@comcast.net."

# Mansion House Sitters Schedule

Please Check the calendar online for more information on events at VAA Mansion House

September		October		November	
5	Marjorie Tressler	3	Marjorie Tressler	1	Donna Bingaman
6	June Savannah	4	Thomas Tholen	2	
7	Chris Shingler	5	Chris Shingler	7	Marjorie Tressler
12	Nancy Arsenovic	10	Carol Wilks	8	Ruth Peyton
13	June Savannah	11	Ruth Peyton	9	Nancy Arsenovic
14	Nancy Arsenovic	12	Chris Shingler	14	Donna Mason
19	Donna Mason	17	Carol Miller	15	Denny Bingaman
20	Sharon Benoit	18	Thomas Tholen	16	Donna Bingamon
21	Nancy Arsenovic	19	Nancy Arsenovic	21	Donna Mason
26	Carol Miller	24	Donna Bingaman	22	Ruth Peyton
27	Sharon Benoit	25	Thomas Tholen	23	Nancy Arsenovic
28	Nancy Arsenovic	26	Nancy Arsenovic	28	Donna Bingaman
		31	Carol Wilks	29	Sharon Benott

## "North Gallery Shows for 2014"

September	<b>ALL Member Show</b> featuring work that represents a celebration of some type. For Valley Art it is our 75th!
October	Lucy Ecker Show "Images of Inspiration"
November	Carol Miller Winter Reflections Reception for Show November 2nd. Winter Crafts and creations for Holdiay Sale!
December	All Member Show "Think Snow"

## September Hospital Shows

Chambersburg - Noelle Miller  
Meritus Medical Center - Denny Bingaman  
Waynesboro - Jan Semeraro

## "2014 Valley Art Board of Directors"

<b>President</b>	Liz Altman
<b>President Elect</b>	Marjorie Tressler
<b>Treasurer</b>	Donna Smith
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Sue Parker
<b>Gallery Director</b>	Janie Moltrup
<b>Asst. Gallery Director</b>	Nancy Arsenovic

