

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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President's Message

Welcome to our 2014-15 year at the Valley Art Association.



We had a wonderful 75th Anniversary celebration at the Mansion House in September. We were recognized by Hagerstown Mayor, David Gysberts and our Congressman Mooney. A big "thank you" to Lou Scally who came to, as he said, "the best porch in Hagerstown", to interview and recognize the VAA. We also want to thank the Barbara Ingram School for providing the music for the day; Nancy Arsenovic for setting up a beautiful tea table; Janie Moltrup for the photography and setting photos up on our Facebook page; Sharon and Tamara for helping with the tea and to many of the the artists who gave so generously of their time. Thank you also to Roy Tressler who carried buckets of water for the children's art program. Thank you all!

The Women's Club of Hagerstown has invited VAA members to participate in their fundraiser, Wine, Chocolate and Art, on Saturday, November 15 from 6-8pm in the Women's Club auditorium. Two to three pieces are welcome and prices should be no more than \$200 each. Artists will handle their own sales and provide easels for displaying their work. Contact Liz Altman at 301-791-5592. We will discuss this further at our next membership meeting. (More details on page 3).

Liz Altman
VAA President

October Guest Speaker

VAA is honored to have multi-media artist, Julie Maynard as its speaker this month. Julie Maynard's mixed media collage technique is essentially painting with paper, either on paper or wood. She builds up layers of advertisements, magazine illustrations, and found objects to reflect the impact of time and the accretion of memories.

Maynard is a member of The Artists' Gallery (TAG), an artist-owned cooperative in Frederick. Her one-person shows include "Avimorphs" (TAG, July 2011), "Angles & Curves (Blanche Ames Gallery, Frederick, December 2011), "Smoke & Shadows" (Sundance Art, Brunswick, May 2012), "Train Wrecks" (TAG, September 2012), and "Trespass" (TAG, October 2013). Maynard was awarded first prize for her body of work in the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center's annual juried show in 2011. Her piece in the 2014 Delaplaine Juried Show earned second place.

The editor and publisher of two small weekly newspapers, she lives near Burkittsville.

The Christmas Craft Show

Displaying creative items made by members, the Craft Show will be set up on October 29th. Please bring your handmade items to the Mansion House October 29th to display and sell.

These items will be available for people who visit the Mansion House during the holidays to purchase unique gift items. Items will be available through December 2014. 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 season's events! We would like members to start thinking about the upcoming ALL Member show in December.

Please bring paintings for the December all member show no later than November 27. Think Snow!!! Actually, the theme for this month is member choice; I am only suggesting Snow because of the season. Please bring any painting you have created recently and would like to share in the North Gallery.

**Dear Area Artists,
Businesses, Organizations and
Collectors**

You are invited to participate in the upcoming 6th annual Mountaintop Community Fall Fair and Art Show. The event will take place on Saturday, November 1, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and will be held indoors at the Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue Co., 13063 Monterey Lane, Blue Ridge Summit PA. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Amanda K. Bowders Memorial Garden. This event will allow area artists, businesses, non-profit organizations and antique dealers the opportunity to display their works, hand out informational materials, bring items for sale (no yard sale items), conduct antiques sales, or display other representations of your business or organization. Set up spaces are available at a cost of \$10 which includes 1-8' table. Approximately 24 spaces are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. For additional information contact: Lynn or Duke Martin (717) 642-5645, or email: jacksmtn@embarqmail.com Kevin Kipe (301) 241-4863 (717) 552-6351.

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL SITTERS

Please encourage ALL Visitors to sign our guest book before leaving the Galleries.

December 5th is the Tree Lighting in the Park

December 7th is the VAA Christmas Tea Members, please bring hors d'oeuvres and special dishes to share.

FYI for the VAA Membership

Once again, 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 annually to \$30 for 2015. Prior to this recommendation the Board 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 following VAA Members will be showing their works in the month of October:

Lucy Ecker an award winning watercolorist, will be showing "Images and Inspirations" from October 3 – 26 in the North Gallery with a reception on Sunday OCT. 5 from 2 – 4 pm. Everyone and friends are invited. The more the merrier.

Liz Stacy-Hurley an award winning artist and member of "Oil Painters of America," will be the featured artist for the month of October in a one-person show at the Washington County Arts Council, October 3 through October 28, 2014 with an opening reception on Friday, October 3 from 5 - 7 pm. The show, entitled, "New Works" will feature her most recent paintings in oil completed in the last year. Liz will also be showing her work in at least two other venues that include the Cumberland Valley Show at the Washington Museum of Fine Art in Hagerstown as well as another showing coming up in Virginia in November for the Icelandic Assoc. of DC.

Janie Moltrup, a professional photographer and Marjorie Tressler, an accomplished portrait painter, will be the featured artists the month of November at the Washington Co. Arts Council in Hagerstown, Md. Their show will run from Oct 31 to December 2, 2014 with the opening reception being held Friday October 31 from 5-7pm. Janie's show titled "Textures in Nature" will be shown in the Hall Gallery. She has selected several of her stunning nature photos and turned them into beautiful art. Marjorie's show, "Be Big, Bold and Beautiful" will be featured in the Main Gallery. She will be showing many new paintings in oil with a variety of subjects including, stylized portraits, still life and landscapes. The hours of operation are, Tuesday -Friday 11-5pm and Saturday 10-4pm.

If any VAA members want to pay to have their event "Boosted," on FB, Janie Moltrup is happy to help them make that happen. She paid for the first \$25.00 ads and had a lot of positive response reaching people.

“Wednesday Night Art Class”

Dates: Continuous Day: Wednesday
6:30-9pm Location: Mansion House
Tuition: \$65 per 6 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 very unique 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 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.

“Wednesday Art Group”

The Wednesday Art Group invites you to join us. We meet every Wednesday from 10am to 2pm. 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: 10am-2pm 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. There are 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 that the artist needs to be self-motivated and able to work independently. For more information or to sign up, please contact Marjorie at 717-762-6791 or marjorietressler@comcast.net.

NEW AND IMPROVED VAA WEBSITE

This article bears repeating. 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 The 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/ValleyArtAssociationHagerstown.Md>

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

Gallery Director Note

Our participation in the city park was very successful. We received several



awards and proclamations’ from city officials on September 20. Artists Marjorie Tressler, Carol Miller, Donna Mason and Dennis Clark were painting and visiting with visitors. There

were artistic activities hosted by Liz Altman for children on the porch. We had our own bear in the park as well in the form of a “Selfie” station located in the park below the Mansion House. There were lines of families waiting to have their photographs taken with the painting bear. Thanks to everyone who participated in the wonderful 75th Anniversary Celebration and dedication of the new Bear Sculpture in the park.

2014 Hospitals Art In The Hallways Schedule:

Mertius

October Sherry Kemp

November Lin Peterson

December Laura Shindle

Waynesboro

October Nicole Troup

November Cindy Smith

December Evie Cook

Chambersburg

October Jean Strike

November Glen Sabetto

December Anne Finucane

2015 Art In The Hallways Schedule for Meritus:

JANUARY Carol Wilks

FEBRUARY Donna Mason

MARCH Tamara Hoffman

APRIL June Savannan

MAY Lucy Ecker

JUNE Pauline Adams

JULY Sue Bell

AUGUST Marilyn Tracey

SEPTEMBER Sue Parker

OCTOBER Elizabet Stacey-

Hurley

NOVEMBER Eileen Pollock

DECEMBER Bob Wantz

2015 Dues

Annual 2015 Membership Dues of \$25 are now due. Make checks payable to Valley Art Association and mail to Donna Smith, Treasurer, Valley Art Association, 501 Highland Way, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

If you have not paid your dues and have questions: Call Donna Smith, 301-797-8761 or DSmith7119@aol.com.

Dues are due immediately for people who are hanging Art In The Hallway at Meritus Medical Center have Shrink Wraps at Mansion House.

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

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

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

(We still need sitters for 3 days in December (see above list). Please call the Mansion or Janie to volunteer.)

“North Gallery Shows for 2014”

October Lucy Ecker Show “Images of Inspiration
Reception: October 5th 2-4pm

November Carol Miller “Winter Reflections”
Reception: November 2nd
Winter Crafts and creations for Holiday Sale!

December All Member Show “Think Snow”

October Hospital Shows
Chambersburg Jean Strike
Meritus Medical Center Sherry Kemp
Waynesboro Nicole Troup

“2014 Valley Art Board of Directors”

President	Liz Altman
President Elect	Marjorie Tressler
Treasurer	Donna Smith
Corresponding Secretary	Carol Wilks
Recording Secretary	Sue Parker
Gallery Director	Janie Moltrup
Asst. Gallery Director	Nancy Arsenovic