

# 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:

I would like to thank Julie Maynard for an outstanding talk and demonstration of her work. It was truly inspiring to all.

Our upcoming meeting for November will be on November 19, the third Wednesday due to Thanksgiving week.

A reminder that we will need our membership to help with refreshments for our meetings and also for our Christmas tea. The tree lighting is on December 5th. Refreshments are needed for that occasion as well.

Looking forward to seeing you on November 19, 2014.

Liz Altman  
VAA President

## November Guest Speaker

Nicole Troup is a professional portrait artist from Greencastle, Pennsylvania. She studied at Pennsylvania College of Art and Design, earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree. Nicole works in oils, acrylics and charcoal and does custom portraits of adults, children and pets for her clients. A recent client of hers was Summit Health of Chambersburg and Waynesboro, PA, who commissioned her to paint a portrait of their retired CEO, Norman Epstein. She is also working on a future one man show called "The Faces of Pennsylvania," which so far includes portraits of the Pennsylvania governor Tom Corbett as well as Sam Childer's, a world humanitarian worker whose life story was turned into a Hollywood movie, "Machine Gun Preacher" in 2011.

Nicole's work has been showcased at a number of locations such as: Washington County Museum of Fine Arts and numerous other shows. Aside from Nicole's career as a portrait artist, she is an independent art instructor, teaching private art classes in her home studio.

A majority of Nicole's clients are pet owners, so she will be demonstrating a pet portrait in acrylic.



## Tree Lighting In The Park Christmas Party

Friday, December 5th (rain date 12/6/14) is the Tree Lighting in the park, and refreshments (cookies and soda or punch) and volunteers are needed for this at the Mansion House.



## The Christmas Tea

Sunday, Dec. 7 from 2-4. Members, please bring hors d'oeuvres and special dishes to share; and possibly bring a 2x3" painting to exchange with others. You might also share your favorite holiday story or perhaps some tradition from your childhood.



### The Christmas Craft Show

The beginning of November we will 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. December 2014. Any member wishing to participate in any of the set ups for the holiday season is welcome. These items must be picked up after Christmas, by January 1st.

Any member wishing to participate in any of the set ups for the holiday season is welcome. Members can bring crafts for sale with an inventory and price list any day that the gallery is open. Members can also bring up to 10 shrink wraps (but not bins). Items will be available through December.

### All Member Show

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. Members can drop off paintings for the all member show, "Think Snow" the week of November 27th. The show will be hung on December 4th. These paintings should be picked up February 2nd.

Janie has obtained VAA business cards and a supply of gallery cards for paintings, and Liz will announce their availability to the members. Janie also arranged to have the calendar and Facebook icons moved to the main menu on the VAA web site to make them more accessible.

Dear Area Artists,

You are invited to participate in the upcoming 6th annual Mountaintop Community Fall Fair and Art Show. Saturday, November 1, 2014, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue Co., 13063 Monterey Lane, Blue Ridge Summit PA. Set up spaces are available at a cost of \$10

For additional information contact: Lynn or Duke Martin (717) 642-5645, or email: jacksmtn@embarqmail.com or 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 5<sup>th</sup> is the Tree Lighting in the Park.

December 7<sup>th</sup> 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 November:

### Washington County Arts Council Show

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.

### Destination Arts Show

Several VAA members known as the "Prometheans" are currently displaying their artwork in Waynesboro as a part of the Arts Alliance of Greater Waynesboro. The show is taking place at Gallery 20 East on 20 E. Main St. Everyone is encouraged to drop by and see these beautiful works as well as a large selection of creative photos called "Through The Lens" on display.

Hours are:

Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Fridays from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

If any VAA members want to pay to have their event on FB, Contact Janie Moltrup or Nancy Arsenovic. As for the boosting the events people may want to do that to their own page and link it to the VAA website.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:marjorietressler@comcast.net).

### New and Improved Website

This article bears repeating. Visitors to the VAA website will notice a recently added NEW AND IMPROVED feature! Check out regularly up-dated pictures and comments which appear there. 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>

Facebook and Calendar links have moved to the Menu column. This is a great way to see what is going on at the Mansion House. There are no longer icons at the bottom of the web page main website: [www.valleyartassoc.com](http://www.valleyartassoc.com)

### Artist Presentation at Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

Rebecca Hoffberger is the founder of the wonderful American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore. (If you haven't been, it's well worth the trip!) She will be at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown on Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00 P.M. I think you would enjoy this presentation by a "rock star" in the world of outsider art. Her impressive bio includes the following: A lifelong devotee of the power of intuition and fresh thought, Hoffberger was accepted into college at age 15, choosing instead to accept a personal invitation by the mime, Marcel Marceau to become his first American

apprentice in Paris! By 19, she had founded her own ballet company. She is an incredibly talented woman, having accomplished more by age 25 than most of us do in a lifetime.

**Waynesboro Studio Art Club Workshop**

David Buckley Good will hold a 5 day workshop on instruction in oils November 3-7 from 9am-3:30pm at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waynesboro. The cost is \$165. For more information contact: Virginia 717-762-3677.

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

**2014 Hospitals Art In The Hallways Schedule:**

**Meritus**

November Lin Peterson

December Laura Shindle

**Waynesboro**

November Cindy Smith

December Evie Cook

**Chambersburg**

November Glen Sabetto

December Anne Finucane

**JANUARY Carol Wilks**

**FEBRUARY Donna Mason**

**MARCH Tamara Hoffman**

**APRIL June Savannanh**

**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.

# Mansion House Sitters Schedule

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

## November

1 Donna Bingaman  
2 Janie Moltrup  
7 Marjorie Tressler  
8 Ruth Peyton  
9 Nancy Arsenovic  
14 Donna Mason  
15 Denny Bingaman  
16 Donna Bingaman  
21 Donna Mason  
22 Ruth Peyton  
23 Nancy Arsenovic  
28 Donna Bingaman  
29 Sharon Benott

## December

5 Marjorie Tressler  
6  
7  
12 Carol Miller  
13 Donna Bingaman  
14  
19  
20 Ruth Peyton  
21  
26 Denny Bingaman  
27  
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*(We still need sitters for December (see above list). Please call the Mansion or Janie to volunteer.)*

## “North Gallery Shows for 2014”

**November Carol Miller “Winter Reflections”**

**Reception: November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Winter Crafts and creations for Holiday Sale!**

**December All Member Show “Think Snow”**

## “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>	Carol Wilks
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Sue Parker
<b>Gallery Director</b>	Janie Moltrup
<b>Asst. Gallery Director</b>	Nancy Arsenovic