

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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March Came in like a Lion...



Despite the challenging weather, the VAA has a lot to look forward to this month as well as the rest of the year.

March Speaker

We are proud to announce Chris Tischer will be doing a demo/talk on her calligraphy art at the next VAA membership meeting, Wed March 25 at 7pm. She will be explaining her technique and use of materials and tools such as pens, inks etc. . Chris has had many years of learning attending international classes and conferences on the different styles and techniques used in her craft. Most recently we had the opportunity to view her work at a solo show in the Washington Co. Arts Council this past summer. We are looking forward to her demo and welcome our members and the public to meet this interesting and talented artist.

Marguerite Cyr's Art Book/Supplies Sale

Our beloved, long time VAA member, Marguerite Cyr passed away this past December. She was the longest and oldest living member of the VAA. She will be missed by so many of us. Her grace and generosity touched so many and she lived her love of art to the fullest. Her family's generous contribution of Marguerite's art book collection and art supplies was a big part of the February general meeting book sale. The art books donated by Marguerite Cyr's family will continue to be available to gallery members and visitors on a table in the gallery. Members are invited to donate books of general interest to add to the books already donated as an ongoing fund raiser for VAA. The books will be offered for a donation to Valley Art, rather than as a traditional sale.

We are always looking for news to report in our newsletter, so if you have anything to report for 2015, please email me at cawilks44@gmail.com.

Upcoming Shows in the North Gallery for 2015

Carol Wilks is having a solo show with new work, opening with a reception Saturday, March 7th from 2-4. The show will run until March 29.

In April, Pauline Adams will have her solo show opening with a reception Sunday, April 5 from 2-4. Her show will run from April 3-26.

Marjorie Tressler's Inspiration Tuesdays and the Promethians will show from May 1-31st with a reception Sunday, May 3 from 2-4.

Starting in June, there will be an All Member and miniature show in conjunction with the Bluesfest and will run from June 1st to July 26th. Start painting!

June 24th is the Annual VAA Picnic on the Porch.

We still have an opening for a solo show from July 31-August 30. There is a sign up sheet at the Mansion desk or you can contact Janie Moltrup if you are interested.

There will be another All Member Show in September from September 4-27th. See the following article:

Planned September/October 2015 North Gallery Show: "The Art, Culture, and History of Hagerstown"

In September, 2015, the City of Hagerstown is scheduled to inaugurate its new "Art Walk" from the downtown Arts and Entertainment District to City

Park. The Fall Festival will also be reinstated the same month.

In conjunction with these big events, VAA is planning a September-October show in the North Gallery that will illuminate the art, culture and history of Hagerstown. We propose to show art, historical artifacts, and any items that will depict interesting aspects of Hagerstown over the years. Each painting, artifact, or other item should have an associated narrative. For this show, paintings and other art work submitted can be your own, or someone else's (with proper attribution, of course.) We hope the result will be an interesting variety of art, history and culture with stories that will intrigue viewers. If members know people who are not current VAA members who would like to participate in this show, please let us know about them. Items can be for sale, or not, according to the exhibitor's wishes.

Please let Sue Parker (susanparker@frontier.com), or another board member know if you are interested in submitting a piece of art or other item for the show. We need to compile a list of the things for the show by spring and begin assembling the narratives. Please note that you do not need to complete a painting on the theme for this show, but you certainly may do that.

Carol Miller signed up for a show in November from the 6th thru the 29th.

Nancy Arsenovic is moving!

We are sorry to see Nancy Arsenovic leave us. She has been a real asset to VAA as well as a talented artist. She will be moving in April, so Valley Art will need a new Assistant Gallery Director. Interested members are asked to contact a board member. Her wall space is also available (medium size).

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 marjoretressler@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.

Wednesday Night Art Class

Beginning January 7, the dates are as follows: 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 marjoretressler@comcast.net.

Lynn Ferris Watercolor Classes

Lynn Ferris AWS, NWS will again be teaching watercolor classes at the Mansion House this summer. Lynn is a signature member of both the American Watercolor Society and the National Watercolor Society. Classes will run for 6 Thursday mornings 9am till noon for 6 weeks from July 23rd - August 27th. The price is \$20 per class. Email: ferrislynn@yahoo.com anytime or call 304/258-1651 after May 1st.

Exhibit at Renfrew's Wagon Shed

Once again Dade Royer has invited us to exhibit at Renfrew's Wagon Shed and in the Museum. The dates are April 18th thru the end of June. The 18th is opening day at Renfrew Museum. Please let Marjorie Tressler know if you are interested in exhibiting your works there again. Either email or phone 717-749-3831. There will be no commission on sales, but if you sell anything it would be appropriate to donate some amount to Renfrew in gratitude. The theme will be FARM ART and it could be anywhere not just Renfrew. Any subject that could be found in a farm setting. Delivery is scheduled for Thursday April 16th. One or two entries (paintings, drawings, or photographs) As soon as Marjorie hears from you all (yes or no interest) she'll be back in touch to learn titles, size, medium, price. Do let her know as soon as you can. The email address is: marjorietressler@comcast.net

All openings for the bus trip to the Baltimore Museum of Art and the American Visionary Art Museum as well as the Wax-Resist Drawing Master Class have been filled.

Plein Air Painting Event, Martinsburg

On Saturday, May 9, 2015, the Berkeley Arts Council is sponsoring its first plein air painting event in conjunction with The Martinsburg Heritage Days Festival. Registered painters will be placed around downtown Martinsburg and will paint local scenes in an outdoors location during the day.

Participants may exhibit finished paintings, prints, or other work for sale in the Berkeley Art Works gallery during the month of May in a non-juried exhibit. There will be no commission charged on sales during the plein air event (May 9). The rest of May, regular commissions of 30% will apply.

On Saturday, May 9, the public will be invited to vote for their favorite painting-in-progress at the Berkeley Art Works and at the end of the day, the painting with the most votes will be awarded a \$100 prize.

The entry fee for artists is \$10, plus the donation of a painting, print, or other work to be offered as the prize in the drawing. (Works not selected will be returned to the artists.)

The registration deadline is April 6, 2015. Registration information is available on the Berkeley Arts Council website: <http://artworks.berkeleyartswv.org/pleinair/>

Hospice of Washington County will celebrate its 35th year in 2015 with a variety of activities. The organization is again interested in working with local artists to highlight the theme, "Transformations". As plans evolve, we will keep you posted.



Artists Looking For
Artists and Models!
for
WEDNESDAY PORTRAIT GROUP
Hagerstown YMCA
Wednesday Mornings
9:30am to 12:30pm

Contact: Donna Mason 301-791-6719
donnamasonart@yahoo.com



Let's hope
that March
goes out like
a...well, you
know....

2015 Meritus Art In The Hallways Schedule:

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 Chambersburg Art In The Hallways Schedule:

MARCH Charlene Louise
APRIL Noella Miller
MAY Mona Fickes
JUNE Ruth Peyton
JULY Tom Neveil
AUGUST Evie Cook
SEPTEMBER Virginia Hair
OCTOBER Lee Mattern
NOVEMBER Bette Rae Gallenger
DECEMBER Cindy Smith

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

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

March Schedule

March 1 – Elaine Wolfe	March 6 Marjorie Tressler
March 7 – Sharon Benoit	March 8 – Sharon Benoit, Janie Moltrup
March 13—Eileen Pollock	March 14 – Ruth Peyton
March 15 – Suzanne Ravgiala	March 20 – Donna Mason
March 21 – Sharon Benoit	March 22 – Sharon Benoit
March 27 – Eileen Pollock	March 28 – Janie Moltrup
March 29 – Sue Parker	

“North Gallery Shows for 2015”

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April -- Pauline Adams Solo Show—Opening Reception April 5
May -- Members of Inspiration Tuesdays and the Promethians Opening Reception: May 3
June -- All Member and Miniature Show: June 1-July 26
August—Open
September—All Member Show: “The Art, Culture and History of Hagerstown”
October—Carol Wilks Solo Show
November Carol Miller Solo Show

“2015 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