

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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*Got the April Showers and
the Flowers... Now onto a
warmer May?*

President's Message

Well I think spring has finally arrived and along with it are all the wonderful things artists like to paint and be inspired by. Our April meeting had Janie Moltrup as our guest speaker and as usual what a wonderful presentation she gave us Now all of us should go out and take some pics of all that mother nature has given us, and maybe you might be inspired to paint !!!

May Speaker:

Lynn Ferris is back by popular demand for our May general meeting to give us another one of her excellent watercolor demos and talks to be held Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00 pm.

Lynn Ferris, is a wonderful watercolor artist from the Martinsburg area and Florida, who has been coming to the Mansion House each summer to conduct a watercolor workshop for the last several years. Lynn is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, the National Watercolor Society and the Florida Watercolor Society.

Originally from New Jersey, she attended Moore College of Art in Philadelphia. Before beginning her career as a watercolorist she worked as a commercial and architectural illustrator. Lynn was chosen to be one of the presenters at the 2010, 2011 and 2013 Florida Watercolor Society Annual Conventions. Among her many awards are the top award in the 2007 Florida Watercolor Society Tri-State Juried Exhibition.

Her work has appeared as cover art on "The Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association," was the subject of a feature article in "Watercolor Magazine" and is included in the permanent collection of the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Daytona Beach, Florida. She was featured in "Splash 12", "13" and "15", published by North Light. Her watercolor, entitled "Anna" received an honorable mention in the 2013 "Artist's Magazine All Media Competition". Also please do not forget to come to our May meeting for the election of next year's slate of VAA officers. We need a quorum of at least 21 members to hold the vote.

Washington County Association of Museums and Historic Sites with Washington County Board of Education will be involved with " MUSEUM RAMBLE" when open the month of May. Sitters' instructions are taped on the Mansion House desk.

Also, we have two new Officer Candidates: Donna Bingaman—Vice President and Marilyn Eavey-- Assistant Gallery Director. The upcoming election will be held on May 27 at 7pm during the general membership meeting.

Following is the full VAA slate of officers:

President ---Marjorie Tressler
President elect---Donna Bingaman
Treasurer--- Donna Smith
Corresponding Secretary--Carol Wilks
Recording Secretary--Sue Parker
Gallery Director-- Janie Moltrup
Asst. Gallery Director--Marilyn Eavey

Finally, we are voting to change the bylaws to have the terms of office change first. According to our bylaws we need a quorum of 21 current members to have the vote, Please be sure to attend this very important meeting to help with the election of our new officers and to help keep our organization moving forward.

2016 Dues

Annual 2016 Membership Dues of \$25 are now due. Make checks payable to: Valley Art Association and mail to: Mansion House Gallery 501 Highland Way Hagerstown, MD 21740
Attention: Donna Smith
Treasurer

*Respectfully submitted by
Marjorie Tressler,
President of the VAA.*

Mansion House Feature:

Mansion House is a "2015 Blue Star Museum" for Veterans and their families from Memorial Day to Labor Day. A Sign will be placed in front of guest book encouraging all Veteran's families to place a star report numbers of Veteran' families at end of Labor Day who attended our Mansion House Art Center for 2015. We have been a "Blue Star Museum' for 3 years now.

The following news bears repeating:

VAA Officer News: Change to Length of Terms of Office

The Constitution of the Valley Art Association now specifies that six of our officers serve two-year terms. The board is proposing that the terms of all officers be one year instead. This should make the positions more appealing, since the time commitment will be significantly

reduced, and it will make it easier to track which offices are up for election, which can become complicated when officers are replaced mid-term. If this change is accepted, all officers will be elected every year. The slate of new officers was presented at the April meeting and ELECTED positions will be voted on at the May meeting. All new officers shall assume office on July 1st. Therefore, the officers elected at the May, 2015, meeting and subsequently, will serve one year terms.

Members have asked that the general meeting minutes be posted on the bulletin board. Sue Parker will continue to do this.

North Gallery News

May Show: Inspiration Tuesdays Plus More!!!

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

June -- All Member and Miniature Show:
June 1-July 26

August—Open

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.

October--Hospice Show

In November, Carol Miller will be having a show entitled, "Mixed Bag".

The Winter All Member show "My Favorite Things", will take place December, 2015 to January 2016.

2016 Shows

February's show will be Art in the Heart, and members will be asked to create heart themed work.

In March, 2016, there will be a heritage theme, highlighting family origins. Janie Moltrup has a series of old glass slides from her family that she can convert to images for display, perhaps in April.

April 2016 "All Member Show, "Springtime on My Mind"

May 2016 Tamara Hoffman Solo Show

Starting in June 2016, there will be an All Member and Miniature Show in conjunction with the Blues Fest and will run from June 1st to July 26th. Start painting!

An exhibit of outsider art from a local program (for example, Horizon Goodwill) is also a possibility in 2016.

June 24, 2016 is the Annual VAA Picnic on the Porch.

We still have an opening for a solo show from July 31-August 30, 2016. There is a sign up sheet at the Mansion desk or you can contact Janie Moltrup if you are interested.

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. Donations are being solicited on an ongoing basis for carpet replacement.

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.

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 marjorietressler@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

Hospice Call to Artists

In commemoration of its 35th anniversary, Hospice of Washington County, Inc. is issuing a call to visual artists for a work that it will use in publicity and promotional materials in the coming year. Interested artists are encouraged to submit up to two (2) entries. The theme for the artwork is "Transformation." Submissions for this call are limited to two dimensional work, including painting, collage, works on paper and mixed media images. No photography, unless such images are

included in a mixed media piece. The maximum dimension on any side is 36 inches. Entries should be submitted digitally by September 1, 2015. Up to 30 submissions will be exhibited at the Valley Art Association's Mansion House Gallery between September 25th and October 18th. Ten finalists will be chosen and exhibited at the Anniversary event. From these, one work will be selected for purchase for \$350, and announced at Hospice's 35th Anniversary Reception at Fountain Head Country Club on October 18, 2015.

For details about the call, visit the Washington County Arts Council's web site:

<http://www.washingtoncountyparts.com/calls>

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



Bio Book Updates:

To all VAA Members we need to update our bio book....please put your updated typed bios in Donna Mason's folder at the Mansion House, with photos, etc. or email: donnamasonart@yahoo.com

Silent Auction:

Trish Suder is having an auction on the 16th of May 4-7:30pm at the Ruritan Club at 18007 Maugans Ave, Maugansville, MD. with over 100 pieces of her art: oils, acrylics and watercolors, framed. A portion of the sales will be going to the Ruritan Club. There will be free gifts and door prizes with light snacks. Public is invited.

**2015 EXHIBIT SCHEDULE FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL**
Receptions are held 5-7 pm on the first
Friday of exhibits unless otherwise
noted.

May: Thursday, April 30, 2015 to
Tuesday, May 26, 2015
Main Gallery: Donna Whitford House:
Nature-Variable, Visual, Variety

Hall Gallery: Carol's Impressions: Variety
of techniques, in landscapes and
portraiture. Reception: Friday, May 1,
2015 5-7pm. We will publish future events
at WCAC each month.

2015 Meritus Art In The Hallways Schedule

MAY	Lucy Ecker
JUNE	Pauline Adams
JULY	Sue Bell
AUGUST	Marilyn Tracey
SEPTEMBER	Sue Parker
OCTOBER	Elizabeth Stacey-Hurley
NOVEMBER	Eileen Pollock
DECEMBER	Bob Wantz

2015 Chambersburg Art In The Hallways Schedule

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

2015 Waynesboro Hospital Schedule

Becky Dietrich	May 26th
Doretta Wisler	June 29th
Denny Bingaman	July 27th
Donna Bingaman	Aug. 31st
Laura Shindle	Sept. 28th
Betty Koontz	Oct. 26th
Anita Snively	Nov. 30th
Chris/Joan Fries	Dec. 28th

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

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

May Schedule

Friday, May 1—Carol Miller	Sunday, May 17—Sue Parker
Saturday, May 2—Elaine Wolfe	Friday, May 22—Carol Wilks
Sunday, May 3—Chris Shlinger	Saturday, May 23—Sue Parker
Friday, May 8—Carol Wilks	Sunday, May 24—Chris Shlinger
Saturday, May 9—Suzanne Ravgiala	Friday, May 29—Elaine Wolfe
Sunday, May 10—MOTHER'S DAY	Saturday, May 30—Suzanne Ravgiala
Friday May 15,—Sue Parker	Sunday, May 31—Sue Parker
Saturday, May 16—John Mullican	

“North Gallery Shows for 2015 and 2016”

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August—Open
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October – Hospice Show
November -- Carol Miller Solo Show, “Mixed Bag”
December 2015/January 2016 – All Member Show, “My Favorite Things”
February 2016 -- “All Member Show” Art in the Heart
March 2016-- All Member Show, “My Heritage” Images reflecting our person heritage
April 2016--All Member Show, “Springtime On My Mind”
May 2016--Tamara Hoffman Solo Show
June & July 2016-- “Blues Fest and Miniature Show”

“2015 Valley Art Board of Directors”

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