

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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SUMMER is FINALLY HERE!!!

President's Message

I would like to thank Lynn Ferris for those who attended our May 27th meeting, for another great presentation of her outstanding watercolor expertise. Lynn, an AWS and NWS member will be conducting her annual water color workshop at the Mansion House this summer. Classes will run for 6 Thursday mornings from 9am to 12 noon-- starting July 23 to August 27th. This cost is 20.00 per class. Email ferrislynn@yahoo.com or call 304-258-1651

Please take note and put on your calendar, that we will be having our annual VAA picnic on the Mansion House porch again, this year on the 4th Wed. June 24th at 6pm. We invite all of our members to attend and please bring your spouse or friend. There is no cost to the members but a \$5 fee for non members. The VAA provides the chicken, drinks, paper products and utensils. All we ask for those who attend, is to bring a dish to share.

This has proved to be one of our most favorite activities of our art calendar year, with time to share our beautiful porch and views of the park, while visiting and getting to know our fellow VAA members.

I am pleased to welcome our newest board members, Donna Bingaman, Vice president and Marilyn Eavey Assistant Gallery Director. They are joining our old guard board members, Sue Parker, Recording Secretary, Carol Wilks, Corresponding Secretary, Janie Moltrup, Gallery Director and last but not least, Donna Smith, our Treasurer. We are so glad to have Donna back and healthy again, and wish her a continued recovery.

Also we wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family of our long time and talented member, Jean Strike, we will miss her sunny smile and sweet presence.

The Mansion House was a buzz with activity, Sunday May 31, for the annual Blues Fest. We had a very nice turnout of our artists for on the porch painting and showing their work with a few sales, and a steady stream of visitors in the gallery all day long, The rain was nice enough to hold off until about 4pm with a shower or two. Thanks to all of the members who came to make it a very nice day in the park!!

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

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

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.

To All Current Artists with Walls at The Mansion House

Wednesday, June 25 at 9:00 am will be the date and time for the Wall Change. Please be at the Mansion House on time to participate if you currently have a wall. Gallery members must be present (or make coverage arrangements) to pay dues, wall space charges and move paintings.

Note from Janie Moltrup:

We have a medium wall space opening in the Gallery. People interested in the space could contact any board member for more information.

The date for cleaning the Mansion House is July 2nd at 9:30am. All gallery members are asked to participate.

North Gallery News

(See Opening and Closing Dates Under North Gallery Shows)
June -- All Member and Miniature Show

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

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 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. 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.

Important Note:

You do not need to complete a painting on the theme for this show. However, you certainly may do that. 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.

In October we will be having the 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 an All Member Show: My Heritage reflecting our personal heritage. Janie Moltrup has a series of old glass slides from her family that she can convert to images for display.

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. Start painting!

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

We still have openings for solo shows:

July 29-August 28, 2016.

September 2-September 25.

November 4-November 27.

There is a sign up sheet at the Mansion desk or you can contact Janie Moltrup if you are interested.

In October, The Potomac River Artists' Guild (PRAG) will be having their show.

In December there will be an All Member Show.

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.

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: marjoretressler@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.washingtoncountyarts.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

2015 Meritus Art In The Hallways Schedule

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

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

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

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

In the future, due to changes in the above, the newsletter will no longer post the schedule.

“North Gallery Shows for 2015 and 2016”

2015 Shows

June/July 2015 -- All Member and Miniature Show (Bluesfest): Opening June 4—Closing July 26. (Drop off June 2 and Pick up July 27)

August/September 2015 --All Member Art and Artifacts Show: “The Art, Culture and History of Hagerstown Fall Festival”--Opening July 31—Closing September 20. (Drop off July 27 and Pick up September 21)

September/October 2015 – Hospice 35th Anniversary Finalists Show—September 25—Closing October 17. (Drop off September 24 and Pick up October 17)

October/November 2015 -- Carol Miller Solo Show, “A Mixed Bag”—Opening October 23—Closing November 29. (Drop Off October 19 and Pick up November 30)

2016 Shows

December 2015/January 2016 – All Member Show, “My Favorite Things”—Opening December 4, 2015 Closing January 31 2016 (Drop off December 1 and Pick up February 1)

February 2016 -- “All Member Show” Art in the Heart (All Member Show)—Opening February 5, 2016—Closing February 28 2016. (Drop off February 2 and Pick up February 29)

March 2016-- All Member Show, “My Heritage” Images reflecting our person heritage (All Member Show) Opening March 4—Closing March 27. (Drop off March 1 and Pick up March 28)

April 2016 All Member Show, “Springtime On My Mind” Opening April 1 Closing May 1 (Drop Off March 29 and Pick Up May 2)

May 2016--Tamara Hoffman Solo Show—Opening May 6—Closing May 22 (Drop Off May 3 and Pick Up May 23)

June & July 2016-- “Blues Fest and Miniature Show” Opening- May 27—Closing July 24 (Drop Off May 24 and Pick up July 25)

August 2016 is Open—Opening July 29,--Closing August 28. (Drop Off July 26 and Pick Up August 29)

September is Open—Opening September 2—Closing September 25. (Drop Off August 30 and Pick up September 26)

October 2016--Potomac River Artists’ Guild (PRAG) Show—Opening September 30—Closing October 30. (Drop off September 27 and Pick Up October 31)

November 2016 is Open-Opening November 4—Closing November 27 (Drop off November 1 and Pick up November 28)

December 2016 Winter All Member Show—Opening December 2—Closing January 29, 2017. (Drop Off November 29 and Pick up January 30)

“2015 Valley Art Board of Directors”

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