

Valley Art Association NEWS



**MANSION HOUSE
ART GALLERY**
VALLEY ART ASSOCIATION

GALLERY HOURS:

Friday & Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Fall's almost here!!

Hello fellow VAA members and welcome back after our annual summer vacation!! We will be starting our new art year with a Fall Festival on September 19 in the city park with art on the porch, a tea with the mayor and many children's activities. I am sure Janie will be filling you in on the particulars.

September Speaker

As stated in our last newsletter we will be having Hans Guerin as our demo artist at our first meeting on September 23 at 7:00pm. With an unpolished, tightly rendered style, Hans Guerin's bold exaggerations of life are presented in an array of genre including still-life, figure, animal subject, and pure landscape. Mr. Guerin's eclectic portfolio relates his keen observations of his reality into artwork. To implement into his drawings and paintings, Hans creates an array of hand-crafted materials including his substrates (canvases, boards, etc), ground pigment (hand mixed oils), and the Maroger Medium.

Hans' Guerin's hard work has rewarded him with his acceptance into and awards from some of the most exclusive international and domestic exhibitions. Images and text featuring Mr. Guerin's artwork have been included in many major books and magazines. Outside of the juried exhibitions, original Guerin oils can be found at the Prestigious Marine Arts Gallery in Salem, MA, Dog and Horse Fine Art and Portraiture in Charleston, SC, and the gallery of the Schuler School of Fine Arts in Baltimore, MD.

While born into a family that made him among the sixth consecutive generation of artists in his family, Mr. Guerin did very little art until after earning his Bachelor's degree from Salisbury University in 2000. He then injected his lust for knowledge and perseverance into his family's Atelier, the Schuler School. There Hans was taught a multi-disciplinary approach requiring him to learn the execution of painting from scratch. Currently, Hans Guerin acts as a teacher and Assistant director at the Schuler School. As an artist and instructor of acclaim, Hans exudes the qualities taught to him by his grandmother and Master Artist, Ann Didusch Schuler, the founder of this school, and this extends those qualities with experiments in artistic expression and technique.

To say that Hans is a master of his craft is an understatement

We are all looking forward to hearing and seeing what this very talented artist is bringing to us. Please come and welcome this nationally and internationally known artist from the Schuler School of Fine Arts located in Baltimore.

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

Fall Festival

The City of Hagerstown in conjunction with the Mansion House, Hager House and the Washington County Museum are having the second annual Fall Festival. We invite all of our members to join in on the festivities on Saturday, September 19 starting at 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. Come to paint and set up on our beautiful porch and enjoy the entertainment, tea, etc. Members are invited to bring their paintings, photographs and other handmade items and set them up on the porch for sale during the Festival September 19, 2015. The Mayor of Hagerstown will give a presentation at the Mansion House at 1:00 pm on the porch. There will be a mock period "Hager" wedding that day and the City would like VAA to have another tea. We need donations of good quality baked goods for the tea. Tea should be available at 11:00 am. Volunteers will be needed that day for set-up, help during the festival as well as breakdown afterward. We are having art activities for children on the porch as well and we will need volunteers to assist Liz Altman, who will be in charge of the children's activities. The city is providing materials to do another selfie station, with a silhouette of a couple in a wedding picture. Please contact Sue Parker susanparker@frontier.com or Janie Moltrup janiemoltrup@myactv.net to sign up or ask any questions regarding the events for Fall Festival.

The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts is looking for artists to exhibit and sell their work at the City Park Fall Festival on September 19th. The museum will rent table space in their parking lot for \$20. There is no commission on sales. Applicants will need to furnish their own tables and chairs. Call the Museum to register.

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.

North Gallery News

(See Opening and Closing Dates under North Gallery Shows)

Hanging Miniatures

To all members that are interested in hanging miniatures on the miniature rack, there will be a small fee. Contact Janie Moltrup for details.

2015 Shows

- Planned August/September 1915 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 has a show in the North Gallery that illuminates the art, culture and history of Hagerstown. We are showing art, historical artifacts, and items that depict interesting aspects of Hagerstown over the years. Each painting, artifact, or other item has an associated narrative.
- September/October - Hospice Show. 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 works, 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. The deadline has been extended to noon, September 15, 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, announced at Hospice's 35th Anniversary Reception at Fountain Head Country Club on October 18, 2015, and be used in Hospice publicity in the coming year. For details on the exhibit and the "Call to Artists," please visit the Washington County Arts Council web site. (The Arts Council is managing the Call to Artists.)
<http://www.washingtoncountyarts.com/calls>

- October/November – Carol Miller “A Mixed Bag”
- December, 2015 to January 2016 -- The Winter All Member show “My Favorite Things.

2016 Shows

- February -- Art in the Heart. Members will be asked to create heart themed work.
- March -- 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 -- “All Member Show, “ Springtime on My Mind ”
- May – Open
- June/July -- All Member and Miniature Show in conjunction with the Blues Fest. Start painting!
- August -- Tamara Hoffman Solo Show: “Reflections of Light”.
- September – Carol Miller Solo Show.
- October – Potomac River Artists Guild (PRAG)

- November -- Sherry Kemp solo show.
- December – Winter All Member Show

“Opposites Attract: Clay, Glass & Painting Pyromania!”

A Jackie Shaw and Heidi Lippman exhibit opens at Washington County Arts Council with a reception on Friday, August 28, 2015 from 5pm to 7pm and will run through September 29, 2015.

Upcoming courses at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts for 2015

Six week introduction to Journaling, Sketching, and Thinking like Leonard Da Vinci

Tuesdays:

September 15 to October 20

10:00 am. – 12:30 pm

Instructor: Don Viar

Cost: \$75 non-members

\$67.50 museum members

We will dump your brain and open your mind to the creative process. Students will uncover hidden abilities, sharpen their senses and liberate their unique intelligence. Visual problem-solving, creative thinking, and self-expression will be the order of the day. For seekers who wish to find deeper levels of meaning, beauty, and the quality of life, Leonardo beckons you onward, “Carpe Diem” (Seize the Day!)

Ages 13 & up

Advanced Watercolor Studio

Wednesdays: September 16 to October 21

10:00 a.m.-- 12:30 p.m.

Instructor: Ray Snouffer

Cost: \$135 non-members/\$121 museum members

The Advanced Watercolor Studio is intended for students that have completed Beginning Watercolor through at least one of the Advanced Techniques Classes. The studio focuses specifically on complex compositions with multiple discreet plains of depth. The students will learn how to plan / stage a more complex composition, new watercolor techniques needed and how to achieve the greatest depth in the completed paintings. Three individual paintings will be covered including both landscapes and seascapes, and the students will also be

asked to bring one photograph of their own for a final project. The studio has as a main focus, the analysis of paintings.

9 Students Maximum; Ages 13 & up

Intermediate Watercolor Studio

Wednesdays:

September 16 to October 21

1p.m.-3:30p.m.

Instructor: Ray Snouffer

Cost: \$135 non-members

\$121 museum members

The Intermediate Watercolor Studio is intended for students that have completed at least Beginning and Intermediate Watercolor Techniques. The studio focuses on achieving greater depth and realism with the introduction of new watercolor techniques specific to composition. The students will learn more about the use of color, color mixing and staging a painting from beginning to end. Three individual paintings will be covered including both landscapes and seascapes, and the students will also be asked to bring one photograph of their own for a final project. The studio has as a main focus, the analysis of paintings.

9 Students Maximum: Ages 13 & up

Watercolor Workshop

Wednesdays:

September 16 to October 21

4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Lee Weaver

Cost: \$135 non-members

\$121 museum members

Check website www.wcmfa.org to register August 19, 2015.

Call for Artists: Annual Community Art Show: The Best Local Art of 2015

The Washington County Arts Council, Inc. invites local artists working in any medium to submit their best new works for WCAC's "Annual Community Art Show: The Best Local Art of 2015." The juried community art exhibit will run from December 4, through December 30, 2015 with an opening reception on Friday, December 4 from 5pm to 7pm. The Jurors are: Benjamin Jones and Benita Keller. Further details on this artists' call can be found on the WCAC website:

www.washingtoncountyarts.com/calls

Destination Arts, Waynesboro

This is a news flash to our members for an opportunity to visit and maybe consider showing their work at Destination Arts in Waynesboro. Destination Arts continues with 5 permanent galleries and more in the works!!! "Gallery 50", the Arts Alliance's flagship gallery, has maintained a following featuring: Wind Down Fridays with music and Uncorked Inspiration Paint nights. Artists demo every Thursday with Marjorie Tressler and new this fall, Saturday morning art classes with Marjorie and music every weekend at Gallery 50. Also, there are writers' and song writers' forums once a month. With over 80 artists and artisans represented in Gallery 50, it is joined by 42 West Arts, a co-op gallery with 17 artists; The Ceramic Center, a co-op of potters; and The Contemporary School and Gallery plus Gallery 20. Hours of operation are: Thursday 1-4pm, Friday 5-8pm, Saturday 12-6pm, and Sunday 1-4pm. For more information, contact Gallery 50 Curator, Marjorie Tressler at marjorietressler@comcast.net.

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.

Artists Looking for Artists and Models for Wednesday Portrait Group
Hagerstown YMCA
Wednesday Mornings 9:30am—12:30pm
Contact: Donna Mason: 301-791-6719 or donnamasonart@yahoo.com

VAA Member Denny Clarke Wins Top Art Award for his painting “Menemsha Dock”
One of our artists, local watercolorist, Denny Clarke, was recently awarded BEST OF SHOW at the West Virginia Watercolor Society’s juried exhibition, Aqueous. Denny is a Signature Member of the Baltimore Watercolor Society as well as the West Virginia Watercolor Society. Congrats, Denny!



Valley Art Association 2015-2016 Meeting Schedule

September 23, 2015 – Hans Schuler (oil painter from the Schuler School of Fine Arts, Baltimore, MD)

October 28, 2015 – Mikkey Tarantino (noted water colorist)

November 18, 2015 – Chris Lowery (landscape and figural graphic design on the computer.)

December 6, 2015 – Christmas Tea

January 27, 2016 – Carol Wilks Pastel on Velour Demonstration

February 24, 2016 – Rebecca Pearl Watercolor Demonstration

March 23, 2016 – Donna Mitchell (pastel artist)

April 27, 2016 – Donna Housel

May 25, 2016 – Lynn Ferris (water color)

June 22, 2016 – Picnic

2015 Meritus Art In The Hallways Schedule

AUGUST Marilyn Tracey
SEPTEMBER Sue Parker
OCTOBER Elizabet Stacey-Hurley
NOVEMBER Eileen Pollock
DECEMBER Bob Wantz

2015 Chambersburg Art In The Hallways Schedule

AUGUST Evie Cook
SEPTEMBER Virginia Hair
OCTOBER Lee Mattern
NOVEMBER Bette Rae Gallenger
DECEMBER Cindy Smith

2015 Waynesboro Hospital Schedule

Donna Bingaman	Aug. 31st
Laura Shindle	Sept. 28th
Betty Koontz	Oct. 26th
Anita Snively	Nov. 30th
Chris/Joan Fries	Dec. 28th

“North Gallery Shows for 2015 and 2016”

2015 Shows

August/September 2015 --All Member Art and Artifacts Show: “The Art, Culture and History of Hagerstown Fall Festival”--Opening July 31—Closing September 19. (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 15 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—Open May 6-22nd

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 -- Tamara Hoffman Solo Show

September 2016 -- Carol Miller Solo Show

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 Sherry Kemp Solo Show

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
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