

# 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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Greetings to the VAA ! We kicked off the season with the Fall Festival in City Park. The VAA Fall Tea attended by the Mayor, David Gysberts, the "Groom", Jonathon Hager before his nuptials to Elizabeth Kershner at the Hager House, as well as Little Heiskel along with many visitors. I would like to thank Marilyn Eavey for her help in organizing and serving tea, her delicious cookies. Also a special thanks to Marilyn for the use of her beautiful tea cup collection she used to serve the tea to our visitors and VAA members who enjoyed the afternoon tea!!! I would like to thank Janie Moltrup and Sue Parker for their hard work coordinating our activities, Liz Altman and Charlotte Lovelace for the children's activities as well as Carol Wilks for painting the bride and groom selfie station, what fun!

At our September meeting we had a full house in attendance, and had the pleasure of watching Hans Guerin's oil painting techniques with the added bonus of viewing his beautiful paintings he so graciously shared with us.

I am sending a special thanks to Sue Parker for her hard work in finding, ordering, delivering, cleaning and repairing the "new" antique Karastan rugs that now grace our beautiful Mansion House. Thank you, Roy Tressler, for helping Sue clean the rugs and a big thank you for washing the wood floors as well as Roy and Hal Mason for removing the old rugs. Great job guys!!

I would like to invite everyone to come out and meet and greet our October demo artist Mikkey Tarantino.

Mikkey is a classically trained oil painter with a commitment in 2001 to water color and embroidery. She is a classical pianist, former art teacher and an award winning artist who lives in New Jersey and the panhandle of West VA. Her awards include, The New Jersey Water color Society Medal of Honor in 2005 and the American Watercolor Magazine's 20 emerging artist in 2006.

Mikkey's work is controlled realistic impressions using vivid color and color manipulations. She uses strong contrasting colors, intense light and geometric shapes. Her technique includes glazing, color mingling, drawing and color weaving. I am looking forward to seeing this very talented artist's work and demo and invite all of you to attend our next meeting, October 28 at 7pm.

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

**Fall Festival Photos**

Courtesy of Anna Plucinski and Carol Wilks



**From Janie Moltrup, Gallery Director**

Thanks to all who participated in the Fall Fest Events. The Mansion Centers porch was buzzing with creativity. Children were able to paint, sculpt, print and create collages. Many thanks to Anna Plucinski, for creating the coloring pages featuring characters from her delightful children's books and for providing the coloring materials for them. Liz Altman worked her magic with the clay sculpting again this year. Our club provided the clay and the children provided the imagination with the assistance and guidance of Liz. She is not so retired after all! Charlotte provided assistance with the block printing. Gala Shoop provided delightful Christmas ornaments "Little Haskell's" made by hand for children to paint. Janie provided several Block Carvings. Don Viar, instructor with the Museum loaned ink and tools for the event. Children and adults enjoyed the activities for printing images of Little Haskell, and a likeness of the bride and groom. Even the Mayor and his friends the Groom and Little Haskell made prints! Lucy Ecker set up her art works and painted the ever popular "Wine bags" for sale. Hopefully we will be seeing more of Lucy's work for the holiday season. Anna Plucinski also was the official photographer for the Mansion House events of the day. She did an awesome job with capturing the activities. Check out the Valley Art Facebook page to see her beautiful images.



While the outside was busy with activities for families, the inside of the Valley Art members were serving tea to our visitors. Marjorie Tressler and Ruth Peyton were all hosting the Gallery, and Sue Parker ably shared the information on the featured North Gallery Show. Carol Wilks provided support wherever needed throughout the day. The day was a success because of all of our member participation!

#### New Members

The VAA continues to have many new and very talented members join our ranks. We want to again feature those who would like to tell us a little bit about themselves for our monthly newsletter. Those who have joined recently, please contact our President, Marjorie Tressler at [marjoriertressler@comcast.net](mailto:marjoriertressler@comcast.net) with a short paragraph about your interest in art.

Meet Terry Lynn Benson----Terry Benson worked in the computer field all of his working life, with an interest in cars, radio controlled helicopters, photography and photo restorations. He is a former student of Don Cooper and past president of the Antietam Photographic Society. Wanting to help improve his skills in photo shop and photo restorations, he started to take portrait classes from Donna Mason who then suggested he join the VAA, He is very interested in learning more about portraiture from our VAA members. Welcome Terry !!!

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

##### October -- Hospice Show

The Hospice of Washington County in commemoration of its 35th Anniversary, is the current show in the North Gallery. The theme for the artwork is Transformation". The show runs from September 25th to October 18th. Ten entries will be chosen from those on display at the Mansion House North Gallery, and from these 10 entries, one work will be selected. This one selection will be purchased for \$350 and used for promotion of Hospice for the next year. After that, the winner will be announced at the Hospice's 35th Anniversary Reception at the Fountain Head Country Club on October 18, 2015.

- 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

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:donnamasonart@yahoo.com)

**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).

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

## **Valley Art Association 2015-2016 Meeting Schedule**

**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**

**OCTOBER Elizabeth Stacey-Hurley**

**NOVEMBER Eileen Pollock**

**DECEMBER Bob Wantz**

**2015 Chambersburg Art In The Hallways Schedule**

**OCTOBER Lee Mattern**

**NOVEMBER Bette Rae Gallenger**

**DECEMBER Cindy Smith**

**2015 Waynesboro Hospital Schedule**

**Betty Koontz Oct. 26th**

**Anita Snively Nov. 30th**

**Chris/Joan Fries Dec. 28th**

**“North Gallery Shows for 2015 and 2016”**  
**2015 Shows**

**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— All Member –Abstracts 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 -- 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**

<b>President</b>	Marjorie Tressler
<b>President Elect</b>	Donna Bingaman
<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>	Marilyn Eavey