

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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**It's 2016 already!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Hi everyone,

Welcome back to another new year. My, how time passes. Fortunately with the new year there are opportunities to create new and exciting subjects as well as trying new techniques. This is why coming to our membership meetings to see our wonderful line up of demo artists might inspire you to try something new!

With this new year we have many new and exciting North Gallery shows in the coming months for our members, so be sure to check Janie's list in this month's newsletter for show titles and dates.

Our membership meetings for the next several months will be featuring in January, Carol Wilks with her pastel on velour. In February, Rebecca Pearl will be giving a watercolor demonstration. In March, Donna Mitchell will be giving a pastel demonstration, and the Donna Housel demo will be announced later. Again this May, Lynn Ferris will give her annual water color demo.

Be sure and come to this month's meeting to see our own Carol Wilks' demonstrate pastel on velour. Carol is an excellent pastel animal portrait master, capturing the likeness and personality of her subjects. She has been working in pastels off and on for about 30 years and has used animals as subjects in other media such as oils and acrylics to name a few. However, she has currently been introduced to the craft of using pastels on velour which works very well when painting animals. Her works have been featured in galleries in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Virginia, as well as in Maryland. This work has attracted a lot of interest in the community and resulted in several commissions and sales in these areas.

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

Member News



Passing of Donna Smith

It is with utmost sadness that I have to report that our friend, long term member and VAA, Treasurer, Donna Smith, lost her battle with cancer, passing away December 1st. She remained active with our group throughout her illness. It goes without saying, that she will be missed by everyone at VAA. She was a grand lady! Our sympathies go out to her family and friends.

Membership Dues

Membership dues are due for the 2015-2016 fiscal year (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016) if you have not already paid.

Valley Art Association needs someone to fill the Treasurer's position as soon as possible. This work is not difficult, but it is critical to the operation of the Association and the gallery if The Valley Art Association is going to continue. If interested, contact Sue Parker with any questions (susanparker@frontier.com or 304-258-4046.)

North Gallery News

Exhibiting members shall take responsibility for cataloging the items they place at the Mansion House, and shall maintain a list of their items at the desk in the place designated. Each shall also have a folder for receipts of any sales.

Special considerations:

Shrink-Wrapped Two Dimensional Artwork

The conditions above apply to shrink-wrapped artwork with the following additional provisions. Each member will be limited to 5 shrink-wrapped items at a time (sold pieces may be replaced), and they will be placed in designated Valley Art shrink-wrap bins. Because of space limitations, individuals may not bring in their own bins unless asked by the Gallery Director to contribute one as one of the common, shared bins.

(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.

2016 Shows

- December, 2015 to January 2016 -- The Winter All Member show “My Favorite Things.
- 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 – All Member Show of Abstract Paintings
- June/July -- All Member and Miniature Show in conjunction with the Blues Fest. “Feeling The Heat?” 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

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 Night Art Class

Beginning January 6, 2016, Marjorie Tressler will be teaching a class in both oil and acrylic the 1st and 3rd Wednesday night of each month from 6:30 to 9pm. Location: Mansion House. Tuition is \$65.00 for 6 classes. Classes are continuous and will be 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. The class is very unique where the students are taught in a very friendly and 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 painting materials, table or floor easel. For more information 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.

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 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 Through the Lens and Beyond 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 marjoretressler@comcast.net.

42 West Arts Gallery

Located at 42 West Main Street, Waynesboro, 42 West Arts Gallery is accepting 3D artists-sculptures, fine art crafters, etc. to join the art gallery.

Contact:

Denny & Donna Bingaman

717-762-8394

artsyfolks@embarqmail.com

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

Valley Art Association 2016 Meeting Schedule

**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

2016 Meritus Art In The Hallways Schedule

January	Carol Gwin
February	John Mullican
March	Nicole Troup
April	Ruth Peyton
May	Rhoda Albright
June	Audrey Mentzer
July	Donna Ashbaugh
August	Marjorie Tressler
September	Donna Bingaman
October	Sharon Benoit
November	Carol Miller
December	Bill Davis

"ART IN THE HALLWAY" with Meritus Medical Center Donations

VAA members' sales for 2015:	\$1,070.00
Donations to Auxiliary for 2015:	\$267.50
TOTAL VAA Sales since 5/2004:	\$25,907.22
TOTAL Donations to Auxiliary since 5/2004:	\$6,468.26

Thanks to all who have participated!

2016 Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month Schedule

January	Betty Koontz
February	Alice Rockwell
March	Roy Hoffman
April	Barbara Petrucci
May	Viktoriya Hoover
June	Cindy Barker
July	Sylvia Troust
August	Donna Bingaman
September	Denny Bingaman
October	Jean Harshman
November	Kent Roberts
December	Lynda Cook

North Gallery Shows for 2016

December 2015/January 2016 – All Member Show, “My Favorite Things”— 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)

2016 Valley Art Board of Directors

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