

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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.....says it all...

Hello to our VAA membership and all who are interested in who, where, what and when of our art organization. It was a great time we all had at our last meeting with Carol Wilks. Thanks Carol for sharing with us your vast knowledge of pastel painting on velour, we knew you were very talented but didn't know what a funny little lady you are! Very entertaining!!!

As you all know, the VAA is still looking for persons to step forward and fill the board positions being vacated this year. We need a new Treasurer, Vice President and Assistant Gallery Director. Without these key positions being filled our club cannot operate. Please contact me or any other current Board

Member, if you would like to hear more about the position you are interested in. We will be presenting a slate of officers at this month's meeting to be voted on at the May meeting. All new officers will start their duties on July 1, 2016.

Please come out and join us at our next membership meeting April 27 at 7pm and welcome Donna Whitford Housel who will be doing a demo in colored pencil. Donna works in colored pencil and pastel. Her main subjects are animals with an occasional human face. Donna teaches at the Allegheny College of MD, covering colored pencil, pastel painting and drawing. She is a member of the Colored Pencil Society of America and formed a chapter known as the Greater Cumberland District Chapter 121 of the CPSA that serves Maryland, Pa and W.VA.

*Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Tressler
VAA president*

Due to the recent vandalism of the VAA founders plaque dedicated in December of 2009 that was hanging in the North Gallery, a new plaque has been made and has been reinstalled in our gallery.

TREASURER'S POSITION

The Valley Art Association is still looking for a treasurer, a key position in the continued functioning of the organization. It involves collecting and depositing proceeds, disbursing payments to artists and paying VAA bills. This position also comes with a role on the VAA Board of Directors, that meets every fourth Wednesday at 4pm just before the regular membership meeting. We usually have dinner delivered to us while meeting for a relaxed time in between the two meetings. This is a wonderful social set of meetings that will only take place one day a month. Please consider this key position and contact Marjorie Tressler our current President or Sue Parker our Recording Secretary and transition treasurer. For more information concerning this position, please contact Sue Parker at susanparker@frontier.com. She has agreed to bring anyone interested up to speed with everything needed to know about the position.

Member News

I would like to welcome all of you to take part in our North Gallery Shows. I am writing this since I noticed that originally, the March Personal Heritage Show was relatively thin.

This gives all of our members plenty of opportunities to show their work and take an active part in the Valley Art Association. Please refer to the list of All Member Shows in this newsletter. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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.

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

- 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

Following is a letter sent to the Mayor and Hagerstown City Council by Marjorie Tressler requesting that the Mansion House Art Gallery be included in the City’s planned art and cultural trail.

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

The Valley Art Association, the 78 year-old organization of professional and recreational artists housed at the beautiful Mansion House in City Park, is pleased to lend its enthusiastic support to the City’s planned art and cultural trail. The proposed path, from the downtown Arts and Entertainment District to City Park, with public artworks located along its length, is a most exciting development in the remaking of Hagerstown into a modern and forward-looking city. We are aware of the research that has shown that art, notably interesting and well-planned public art, can be a catalyst for redevelopment and an important attraction for both local citizens and tourists.

As an arts group which is based in City Park, we believe this extraordinarily beautiful setting is a practical and inviting destination for the trail. It is both logical and functional to link to the downtown attractions with the Mansion House, the Museum, and what will, hopefully, soon be world-class public art in and around the park.

The Valley Art Association is actively following the planning process and watches with eager anticipation the creation of this wonderful new chapter in the history of the City of Hagerstown.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Tressler

Marjorie Tressler
President,
The Valley Art Association

Lynn Ferris' Annual Summer Workshop

The above workshop will be held again this year, on Thursdays starting July 21st- August 25th for a total of 6 classes. The cost is \$20 per class and will be held in the Mansion House from 9am to 12 noon. For more information and to sign up please contact Lynn at: ferrislynn@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 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 301-223-8688.

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

Here is another opportunity to show your art.

Renfrew Art Exhibit: Theme: Back in the Good Old Days

Featuring: Summer kitchens, smoke houses, spring houses, old mills, blacksmith shops, wagon sheds, fruit cellars and/or the implements used in these structures

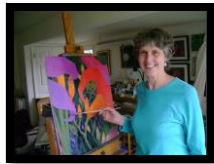
- **Entry deadline: March 15th-- 2 entries per artist Paintings or photography accepted.**
- **Exhibit dates: April 16th-June 25th**
- **Delivery date: April 8th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Renfrew Visitor Center**
- **Reception is April 16th at 11 am.**
- **Pick up art work on June 28th at 11 am.**

To enter contact Becky Dietrich 717- 749-3831 or Dbec100@embarqmail.com with title, medium and price.

No commission will be taken from sold paintings. A donation to Renfrew would be appropriate.

Clothesline Exhibit Waynesboro

The Waynesboro Studio Art Club will allow submissions to its annual Clothesline Exhibit from non-members this year. Please note the clothesline entry forms are due to Cindy Smith by April 15. Contact Cindy at cindy2565@embarqmail.com.



Our own Marti Yeager will be a featured artist at the Chambersburg Council for the Arts throughout September and October of 2016.

Valley Art Association 2016 Meeting Schedule

April 27, 2016 – Donna Housel

May 25, 2016 – Lynn Ferris (water color)

June 22, 2016 – Picnic

2016 Meritus Art In The Hallways Schedule

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

2016 Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month Schedule

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

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