

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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We need the rain for this!



Hello everyone, and hope all of you are enjoying the beautiful spring weather, and painting many beautiful works of art for our upcoming May show. This month brings our annual elections and the last call for anyone interested in taking on the open board of directors jobs for our VAA. We have for your consideration, the Treasurers position as well as the Assistant Gallery Director and Vice President to be elected this year at the May VAA General Meeting May 25. Please contact me or any other board member to let us know what you are interested in, we need you!!! Traditionally the newly elected persons will take effect at the June picnic and have a one year term running from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. We have current board members who will be very glad to help you with your new position.

You will be joining a great group of gals to work with. Donna Bingaman, President, Marilyn Eavey, Gallery Director, Susan Parker, Recording Secretary, and Carol Wilks, Corresponding Secretary. I personally have loved working with them and will miss them.

Please welcome once again, Lynn Ferris, our May demo artist. Originally from New Jersey, she attended Moore College of Art in Philadelphia. Before beginning her career as a water-colorist she worked as a commercial and architectural illustrator. Lynn was chosen to be one of the presenters at the 2010, 2011 and 2013 Florida Watercolor Society Annual Conventions. Among her many awards are the top award in the 2007 Florida Watercolor Society Tri-State Juried Exhibition. I am sure she will deliver yet another wonderful water color demonstration. She will be conducting a summer watercolor workshop here at the Mansion House.

***Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Tressler
VAA president***

Open Board Positions

The Valley Art Association is still looking for a Treasurer, as well as the Assistant Gallery Director and Vice President to be elected this year at the May VAA General Meeting, May 25. For more information concerning this position, please contact any Board Member for further information

Membership News

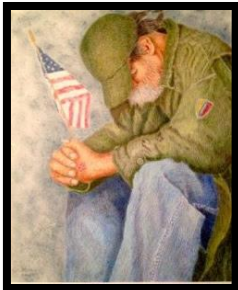
The proposal to increase general membership dues from \$25 to \$30 for FY 2017 (beginning in July, 2016) has been announced at the April General Membership meeting and will be put before the members for a vote at the May meeting.

In a separate action, the VAA Board voted to increase wall space fees by \$5 each (small \$75 to \$80, medium \$90 to \$95, and large \$120 to \$125, beginning July 1, 2016 (for FY 2017). (NOTE: It was confirmed after the Board meeting that the current amount charged for the small space is \$70 not \$75, so a \$5 increase will make the new amount \$75 not \$80. This correction is appearing in this newsletter to correct the announcement made at the general membership meeting in April)

The Board also voted to increase to 10% the amount retained by VAA on charge sales to cover the actual cost of facilitating and processing charges (i.e. the 3% transaction fee and the cost of maintaining the credit card machine of about \$300 per year.) If the budget permits, VAA will buy a Square and accessories in June.

NOTE: The wall change will be on June 21 at 9:00 AM. Gallery members must be present with dues and fees. If you can't be present, you must arrange to have someone else pay your fees and move your work.

New Members



Donna Whitford Housel

Donna, who completed a demo in colored pencil last month is now a new member! Donna works in colored pencil and pastel. Her work is shown on the left. 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.



Gwen Bergey

Gwen has been painting off & on since the mid 1970's and has been taking lessons in oil from Liz Hurley since about 2002. She has been married to a Canadian, Larry Bergey for 35 years. They have lived in Boonsboro for 30 years and have 2 children. The painting shown here is a recent completion.

Letter from Our Assistant Gallery Director

YOU MADE MY HEART SING!

To all the ladies who appeared on Friday, the first of April and helped make short work of hanging our wonderful spring show, I say thank you. So many beautiful submissions we almost ran out of room to hang them. It was enjoyable to have so many creative people working together to make the day a success. I hope others will also join in the fun of hanging a show and participating with such delightful submissions.

Thank you again, you made my day!
Marilyn R. Eavey

New Artists' Call

We are now hanging our art for sale at Maloos Restaurant at Park Circle. Everyone is invited to contact Marilyn Eavey at 301-393-8512, if they wish to be represented at the change of art near the end of June. We already have one person signed up to participate and would encourage more folks to keep this going. The owner likes landscapes, seascapes, portraits and that type of work. She prefers not to have animals, civil war items or bar related items (like pool players, etc.) Submissions must have your business card on the back and a VAA card on the front with the price and for safety sake, write your name, the name of the painting and the cost on the back of the painting. We try to take a fairly large variety of paintings so Marylou can make a choice as to what goes on the wall. Not every submission may be used and should not be considered a rejection. Please stop by and see our first hanging and support Maloos by having lunch or dinner.

Museum Ramble

Lucy reported that the Museum Ramble will go on for the entire summer. Lucy will put the bracelets on the desk to give children.

Blue Star Museum

Lucy registered us as a Blue Star museum (for veterans.) She would like docents to ask visitors to sign in and Lucy can report them for a count that Maryland tracks.

Bake Sale On The Porch At The Blues Fest

Marilyn suggested having a bake sale on the porch during Blues Fest which will be on Sunday, June 5th in the park. Members are invited to set up on the porch from 10-5 to sell their art work, first come, first served. It is suggested that those interested let Marilyn know they are coming so we will have an idea how many will be participating in the bake sale and the porch sale. A sign up sheet was circulated at the All Member meeting. The Bake Sale at Blues Fest is to support the Valley Art Association as a fundraiser. We would appreciate your baked donations to be wrapped in saran wrap or in snack baggies with a price already on them. We would like to stick to \$1.00 amounts so that we do not have to make change for 25 or 50 cents. Your participation and cooperation in this fundraiser would be appreciated.

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.

June and July will be an all member show on the theme “Feel the Heat” in the North Gallery and the miniature show in the West Gallery.

Participation in the North Gallery shows 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 continue to be greatly appreciated.

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

- 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 – Tom Tholen Solo Show.
- October – Potomac River Artists Guild (PRAG)
- November – Sherry Kemp solo show.
- December – Winter All Member Show

MANY HANDS MAKE SHORT WORK

A very big thank you to all who arrived on cleaning day armed with buckets, cleaners and mops. I was pleasantly surprised at how fast everyone jumped into cleaning and soon had everything sparkly, including the restroom floors. Who would have guessed those tiles were white??? I am working on getting Velcro attached to the kitchen sink so that we can reinstall the curtain and will get a curtain rod for the entrance to the restrooms as our old one gave up the ghost. I was so glad to see so much enthusiasm for getting the work done. Thank you again!

Marilyn R. Eavey
Assistant Gallery Director

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 marjorietressler@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 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 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 marjorietressler@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

May 25, 2016 – Lynn Ferris (water color)

June 22, 2016 – Picnic

2016 Meritus Art In The Hallways Schedule

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

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

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 – Thomas Tholen 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