

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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Welcome back VAA members & friends. Thanks to everyone who made our Fall Fest a great success!

Thanks to Marilyn Eavey who knows how to host a "Tea and Bake Sale". Thanks also to Susan McNalley, Carol Gwin, Vicky Baker, Liz Altman and Lori Kolacki, with her other helpers.

Lori Kolacki, our new member and beautiful rock painter who inspired the children to paint their own river rocks, was on the porch. Denny Bingaman collected and cleaned 69 river rocks which were painted by our budding young artists. Also manning the children's table was Janie Moltrup, Liz Altman, Vicky Baker and young volunteers, including Susan McNally's daughter. On the porch as well, were two new members: Bonita Conry and Les Milburn, among many other artists. A big thanks also to Hal Mason who helped with cleaning up and keeping everyone's spirits up with his humor.

The bake sale was a smashing success and we are very grateful to all our members who brought in yummy baked goods.

Our October 26th speaker is an exceptionally talented oil painter, Michael Timothy Davis. Art has always been a part of his life. As a child he copied his father's drawings. As a student at the Schuler School of Fine Arts in Baltimore, MD he studied the Old Masters through rigorous copying of their master works.

After two and a half years in this inspiring atelier and four years earning a Bachelors of Fine Arts at Shepherd College, Michael was ready to venture out to do his own drawings and paintings.

Michael's work is influenced not only by the Dutch Old Masters, whose dark backgrounds and classic still lifes are foundational, but also by Michaelangelo, John Singer Sargeant and the Norwegian contemporary realist, Odd Nerdrum.

Michael's private study with Ben Summerford, the former art chairman at American University had an influence on the importance of pure color and the role of a strong composition in his work. We look forward to seeing this fine artist in October.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bingaman,
VAA President*

Membership News

New Members since May

We've been attracting many new members and hope to continue. We encourage all members to invite friends to our monthly meetings even if they don't paint or draw. Art is for EVERYONE!!!! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN "ARTIST" TO JOIN THE VALLEY ART ASSOCIATION! Please check out our activities schedule below!

I would like to introduce the following new members since June. It was my plan to include a brief resume or painting of each one but the good news is that there are so many, we just don't have room. I hope that we get to see much of their work in the coming years.

Kate Miller
Marguerite Helen Cyr
Bonita Conry
Cynthia Grills
Harlowe Hodges
Denise Sawyer-Johnson
David Karstaedt
Lily Ramos-Burrows
Anne Wilson
Victoria Baker

Linda McGrillies
Carole Wolfensberger
Tina Stonestreet
Laura Chaskes
Abby Chapple
Lori Kolacki
Les Milburn
Harley Kelly

Valley Art Association 2016 – 2017 Meeting Schedule

October 26– Michael Davis—Oil Painter

November 8th -- 10 a.m.Decorating for Christmas

Then craft tables can be set up

November 16th – Laura Shindle-- Printmaking

December 2nd, 6-9 p.m --Tree Lighting (with Santa Claus maybe)

We need volunteers—All Hands on Deck!

December 4 -- Membership Tea and Finger Foods (donated by members) 2-4pm.
(open to public)

January 25 -- The "Parade" Presentation

February 22 – Jody Wright

March 22 -- Welcome New Members Social with Art Supplies Sale

Members are to bring any art supplies they wish to DONATE for the sale, with proceeds going to VAA. Members are also to bring a finger food to share. And they are also being asked to bring their artwork for the April Member Show (theme "Just Ducky") Suggestion that some members may like to do a "Show & Tell" about their "Just Ducky" artwork at the meeting as well.

April 26-- Kate Miller

May 24—Lynn Ferris

June 28-- Membership meeting and picnic 6pm

Gallery News

The transition to Square for handling charges at the gallery is now complete. If you have not been trained or need a refresher before you sit at the gallery, please contact Donna Mason, our trainer, for an update.

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.

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.

Treasurer's Report

Good News! The total amount taken in from all of our sales for the year (paintings, sculptures, etc.) starting August 15, 2015 to August 15, 2016 is a WHOPPING \$8,924.25! WOOHOO! We hope to keep up the Great Work! Thanks to all who sold! Please see the following instructions for hanging paintings:

Important reminders for ALL members regarding exhibiting and selling
at the Mansion House,
by Trainer (Donna Mason)

1. Paintings must be ready to hang with wire on the back, not saw tooth hangers. Tape the ends of the wires so as not to cut fingers. Also, please don't use duct tape to attach paintings inside frames. Use mirror clips or something similar.
2. -Fill out Valley Art cards (in right top drawer) with pertinent info about your artwork, and attach to your work.
3. Be sure to put your name, phone number, title, medium and price on the back of your paintings. Attach your business card on the back, if you have one.
4. Put your price list in the sitters' binder. Put your name at the top of the list, date prepared and your phone number. Please keep it updated.
5. These instructions also apply to sculptures and other artwork.
6. Please see Gallery Directors for information and guidelines on the shrink wrap bins, greeting cards and mini rack.

ATTENTION ARTISTS PAYING FOR THEIR OWN WALLS AND/OR SPACE TO EXHIBIT AND SELL:

1. If you have rented space to exhibit and sell your work, **YOU ARE TO MEET THE REQUIRED SITTING OBLIGATIONS.** Each artist with wall space must be responsible for 8 sitting dates....**OF THEIR VERY OWN.** Artists renting other spaces, please see Gallery Directors for your sitting responsibilities.

2. Artists must put their name and phone number at the TOP of the date that they wish to be responsible for IN THE WHITE SITTERS CALENDAR BOOK. Also include the sitting number with a circle around it (*i.e. Donna Mason 301-791-6719 1*)
3. If you wish to buddy up with someone, you may add your name to the BOTTOM of the date (UNDER the sitter's name) with your phone number. This will NOT count as one of your REQUIRED sitting dates.
4. The Gallery needs to be open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday (with some exceptions) and this can only happen if ALL gallery members meet their sitting obligations.
5. Please contact Gallery trainer, Donna Mason (h) 301-791-6719 (c) 301-491-2899 for training on sitting, or review, or questions. Please contact Gallery Directors for other items.
6. When selling paintings, sitters need to put their names on the actual invoice as well as the name of the artist so that the piece of art being sold can be identified by the Treasurer.

Artist Bios

We are asking all of our members to update (or create) their resumes for our Artist Book. Carol Gwin will be the contact person for this. Please send your updated or new resume to Carol at howiegwin@verizon.net or mail it to her at the following address:

Carol Gwin
1271 Fairchild Ave.
Hagerstown, MD 21742
New Social Committee

Social Committee: We have a new committee comprised with a NEW Chair: Carol Gwin!
Following are the members:

Liz Altman
Deb Tamburo
Vicky Baker

Cynthia Grills
Denise Sawyer-Johnson
Susan McNally

The committee will handle duties such as set up for the monthly General Membership Meetings and other special activities.

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 Marilyn Eavey for details.

Month	Opening	Closing	Title / Exhibitor	Drop off date	Pick up date
October, 2016	9/30/2016	10/30/2016	Potomac River Artists Guild (PRAG)	9/27/2015	10/31/2016
November, 2016	11/4/2016	11/27/2016	Sherry Kemp	11/1/2016	11/28/2016
December, January 2017	12/2/2016	1/29/2017	Winter all member show	11/29/2016	1/30/2017
February, 2017	2/3/2017	2/26/2017	All Member show - Just Monkeyin' Around	1/25/2017	2/26/2017
March, 2017	3/3/2017	3/26/2017	All Member Show-Cats	2/28/2017	3/28/2017
April, 2017	3/31/2017	4/30/2017	Just Ducky (all member show)	3/22/2017	4/30/2017
May, 2017	5/5/2017	5/28/2017	VAA Teacher - Student show, Reception 5/7/17.	4/26/2017	5/28/2017
June, July 2017	6/2/2017	7/30/2017	Just Chillin' (all member show)	5/24/2017	7/30/2017

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

Marjorie Tressler is conducting a painting class for both oil and acrylic painters the first and third Wednesday nights each month from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Location: Mansion House Art Center. 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.

Artists' Call

We are continuing to display our art for sale at Maloos Restaurant at Park Circle. Everyone is invited to contact Marilyn Eavey at 301-393-8512, 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. We recently changed the wall at Maloo's. This quarter's contributors are, Carol Wilks, Tina Stonestreet, Carol Gwin, Susan Parker, Tamara Hoffman and Denise Sawyer-Johnson. Please make an opportunity to stop by and have lunch or dinner to support our friends at Maloo's and our wonderful artists. Please be thinking about signing up for the first quarter of next year and preparing your work to be hung from January through the end of March. Contact Marilyn at 301-393-8512 to sign up for next quarter.

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.

MEMBERS OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

The following section of this newsletter includes activities that our busy members are involved in besides the multitude of events in the Valley Art Association that occur at the Mansion House Gallery. We are so lucky to have such a talented group of artists! Please pay special attention to this section and hopefully you will be able to attend some of these events.

Destination Arts, Waynesboro

Wind Down Fridays

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.

Gallery 50

The Artist Connection

The next date is October 10, 2016 6:30-8:30 PM. This gathering gives all artists a chance to come together once a month on every second Monday from 6:30- 8:30pm. We meet in Gallery 50, located at 50 West Main Street, Waynesboro, PA. Artists now have the opportunity to meet in a very informal venue once a month to connect with other like-minded artists to discuss art, catch up on the latest techniques they are using, share news of regional shows, mentoring, and generally giving inspiration to each other. Artists if they so choose are encouraged to bring in

their latest art project. We will provide easels and tables ready for your work to be displayed on for all in attendance to enjoy. Musicians may bring musical instrument or play at our piano!! There is no cost or dues, this is not a club, but an opportunity for artists to come together and connect. Thanks to everyone who has attended our last 4 gatherings and we are looking forward to seeing you again!!! For more information contact either Marjorie at 717-762-6791 or email, marjorietressler@comcast.net to let us know if you are interested in attending.

Oil and Acrylic Classes New Date

Marjorie Tressler's oil and acrylic Thursday morning class held in Gallery 50 now has a new day and time. STARTING OCTOBER 3, 2016, the class will now be held on MONDAY AFTERNOON FROM 1-4 PM.

This new day and time is the only change. The class is for all levels of ability, covers both oil and acrylic mediums. The cost is the same, \$65 for 6 classes and continues throughout the year. The only requirement is for students to provide their own painting materials and table easels. We have floor easels available. This class is very unique where the students are taught in a very friendly and relaxed atmosphere with fun conversations, surrounded by the beautiful art in Gallery 50. For more information please contact Marjorie at 717-762-6791 or marjorietressler@comcast.net.

42 West Arts Gallery

Oil Painting and Acrylic Classes

Donna Bingaman will be teaching oil painting and acrylic classes at 42 West Arts, located at 42 W. Main St. Waynesboro Pa. every Wednesday from 12 - 3pm. The cost is \$15 per class. Sign up for as many as you like or continue as long as you like. Art classes are continuous through the year. Easels, tables and chairs are available. Paint in a relaxed, fun, and casual atmosphere. All skill levels are welcome. Bring in a photo of your choosing. The class will focus on drawing, tonal values and color in your art work. Donna is a well known portrait, and oil painting artist. Individual attention is given to each student. For more information contact: Donna Bingaman 717- 762- 8394 or artsyfolks@embarqmail.com

Accepting New Artists

42 West Arts Gallery located on 42 West Main Street, Waynesboro, Pa. is now accepting 3D artists, sculptures, and fine art crafters to join our Art Gallery. To join, call Denny and Donna Bingaman 762-8394 or sign up at 42 West Arts. Free to the public every Saturday are many art demonstrations from the artists who are in the gallery and guest artists, oil or watercolor painting, pottery, gourd demos, weaving, sculpting. etc. Open on Wednesdays, Denny Bingaman will be giving free demonstrations. Oil painting classes are offered by Donna Bingaman in the easel room every Wednesday from 12 - 3. Our hours are Wednesday 12:00 to 3:00, Thursday 1 to 4, Friday 5 to 8, Sat. 1 to 6, and Sun. 1 to 4.

Also free to the public Patric Schlee offers a drum circle every first Sunday of the month to all who want to try their hand on the drum. Bring your own drum or play one of ours.

Music, Wine and Refreshments are offered every Friday night from 5:30 to 8:00.

32nd Annual Exhibition Miniature Art 2016

The location is:

Council for the Arts

81 N. Main Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201

Contact 717-264-6883 or galleries@councilforthearts.net for information.

The website address is www.councilforthearts.net.

Deadline for entries is September 30.

Angels of East Africa Gala Featuring the Machine Gun Preacher

Greencastle artist, Nicole Troup (www.artistportraits.biz) has organized the above art exhibit to be held as a RED CARPET EVENT on November 4, 2016 at the City Winery in NY. The event will feature celebrities and the artwork of former child soldiers and children orphaned by the war in South Sudan and surrounding areas. Nicole worked with the children in October 2014 to create paintings that tell their stories so that they can be auctioned off to support them. Tickets can be purchased on www.angelsefastricagala.splashthat.com.

All donations will go towards food, schooling and sustainable programs that teach the children trades in order to prepare them for a better life when they are of age to leave the orphanage. \$35 supports a child for 1 month, \$70 supports a child for 2 months, \$105 supports a child for 3 months.

The Bettie Jane Cancer Foundation Fifth Annual Dinner and Silent Auction Gala

Date: November 12

Location: Dutch's Daughter Restaurant in Braddock Heights, MD.

They are seeking donations for silent auction. Tickets for the dinner are \$55 per person.

Contact 301-473-5354 or bj@bettiejaneccancerfoundation.com for information.

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

2016 and 2017 Meritus Art In The Hallways Schedule

2016

October	Sharon Benoit
November	Carol Miller
December	Bill Davis

2017

January	Jeff Driscoll
February	Denise Sawyer
March	Susan Mc Nalley
April	Donna Mason
May	Sherry Kemp
June	Donna Mitchell
July	Elisabet Stacey-Hurley
August	Virginia Hair
September	Janie Moltrup
October	Laura Shindle
November	Marjorie Tressler
December	Linda Pedersen

2016 Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month Schedule

October	Jean Harshman
November	Kent Roberts
December	Lynda Cook

2016 Valley Art Board of Directors

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