

# 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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*Hello Everyone,*

*I hope this beautiful fall season has inspired you to paint many lovely paintings of nature.*

*You will have many new opportunities to show off your work at several upcoming North Gallery all member shows. Dates and shows are listed in our newsletter.*

*This past meeting was very well attended. Many new members and guest joined us. The demonstration by Michael Timothy Davis was wonderful and warmly received.*

*We have many new and exciting events coming soon. Our tree lighting event will be December 2nd from 6 - 9 pm along with a special Christmas Tea for all December 4th from 2 - 4pm. For details see our newsletter.*

*Thanks to Susan McNally and Elaine Wolfe for last month's yummy refreshments.*

*Please note our next membership meeting will be held Wednesday, November 16 at 7pm one week early due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.*

*Our November Speaker will be Laura Shindle.*

*Laura Lewis Shindle, originally from Hagerstown, studied art at the Washington County Museum of Fine Art, under the instruction of Clyde Roberts and Bruce Etchison for ten years.*

*Laura continued her education at Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, Florida. Over the years, she continued her education at Hagerstown Community College as well as workshops with many renowned artists, such as Al Brule', formerly an artist from Walt Disney Studio. Laura's work hangs in galleries, doctor's offices, banks, restaurants and private collections here and abroad.*

*Laura has always been an art realist. However, her husband insisted she try abstract art. When she was vacationing in the Outer Banks, she became friends with an artist and gallery owner, who taught her calligraphy printing, an art of making a collage and printing it with a printing press. She plans to share her works and methods of producing them.*

*We look forward to her demonstration and thank her in advance for sharing her talents with us.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Bingaman,  
VAA President*

## Membership News

### Annual Craft Show Set Up

We will be decorating the Mansion House November 8 at 10am. Crafts can be set up after that. We encourage members to please volunteer.

Susan McNally passed around sign in sheets at the Members Meeting Wednesday the 28th for those putting crafts out for display and sale Lucy Ecker added also that 10 shrink wraps can be put in for free during Christmas holiday sales. Many thanks to Marilyn and Susan for the decorations at the Mansion House for the October meeting.



### Tree Lighting Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 6-8pm

#### Activities include:

- luminaries at 6pm,
- lighting of characters at 7pm.,
- refreshment tent at Hager House,
- Girl Scouts singing on the Mansion House porch,
- Ralph may also prepare a large banner for outside, which reads "Art For Everyone".

We still need volunteers for that night.

### Christmas Party for Members and Tea

Open to the public Dec. 4th 2-4pm., which may include a guitarist.

We will need attendees and what finger foods they are bringing

# *Coming Soon!*

### New Members

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. I hope that we get to see much of their work in the coming years.

Janette Koons of Mont Alto, PA

Phillip and Phyllis Grove of Hagerstown

## Treasurer report

Elaine Wolfe, Treasurer reported that we have 21 new members and now have a total of 107 members.

Elaine also prepared the following list showing new members' interests in VAA activities, obtained from their membership applications. All members are asked to consider signing up for the following VAA activities that they'd be interested in joining and perhaps mail back to VAA at the Mansion House Gallery (address on page 1 of newsletter) or put in Elaine's folder at the at the Gallery.

Workshops/Classes

Exhibitions

Trips and Travel in Art

Mansion House Maintenance

Membership/Phone Tree

Hospital Shows and Publicity

Events Planning

Library

Nominating Program

### New Social Committee News

Carol Gwin got "fill in" name stickers for members to wear at Members meeting night. Carol will greet arrivals at the meeting and give them name tags. Any guests will be shown where membership applications and newsletters are, in the event they would like to join VAA.

### Valley Art Association 2016 – 2017 Meeting Schedule

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.

#### 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](mailto:howiegwin@verizon.net) or mail it to her at the following address:

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

### 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.

### Show Schedule

<u>Month</u>	<u>Opening</u>	<u>Closing</u>	<u>Title/Exhibitor</u>	<u>Drop Off Date</u>	<u>Pick Up Date</u>
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	All Member Show – Just Ducky	3/2/2017	4/30/2017
May 2017	5/5/2017	5/28/2017	VAA Teacher Student Show Reception 5/7/2017	4/26/2017	5/28/2017
June, July 2017	6/2/2017	7/30/2017	All Member Show – Just Chillin'	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](mailto: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](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 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 [marjorietressler@comcast.net](mailto:marjorietressler@comcast.net).

#### The Artist Connection - Gallery 50

Next date Monday, Nov. 14, 2016 6:30-8:30

We will be meeting again as always on the second Monday. This time it is Nov. 14, 2016 at Gallery 50. All artists, artisans, musicians and authors are welcome. Please feel free to bring a friend and if desired bring a snack for the reception table. We are interested in hearing about your latest project and if you so desire please bring a sample along with you, As always we are hoping you could share ideas, information on shows, etc. so please bring any literature you may have, for the table provided. We will have easels for the art you care to share for the evening and if needed we will have tables available for any displays. We had a wonderful turnout last time and are looking forward to seeing you again.

#### Marjorie Tressler Gallery 50 Curator/Gallery Director. 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. The class will now be held on MONDAY AFTERNOONS 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](mailto: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](mailto:artsyfolks@embarqmail.com)

### 42 West Arts Gallery Accepting New Artists

Located on 42 West Main Street, Waynesboro, Pa. 42 West Gallery 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.

### Angels of East Africa Gala Featuring the Machine Gun Preacher

Greencastle artist, Nicole Troup ([www.artistportraits.biz](http://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.angelseofeastafriagala.splashthat.com](http://www.angelseofeastafriagala.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](mailto: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](mailto:donnamasonart@yahoo.com)

Tina Stonestreet announced that the Green Phoenix #2 Gallery in Annapolis is looking for mystical art, and she will put their cards by the door for anyone who is interested.



## 2016 and 2017 Meritus Art In The Hallways Schedule

### 2016

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

November	Kent Roberts
December	Lynda Cook

## 2016 Valley Art Board of Directors

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