



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,

February

Hello Everybody and Happy Valentines Day ! February is a great time to paint a lovely piece of art work for our many members' upcoming shows.

Thanks to Elaine Wolfe for a thought provoking meeting featuring " The Parade" a book of drawings by Si Lewen on a CD. Welcome also to our many new members.

Our February speaker, Harlowe Hodges is the esteemed Associate Professor of Fine Arts at Frostburg State University. Professor Hodges has been involved in advertising art and fine art for 40 years. He received an associate degree in Design and Fine art at Wichita Institute of Design Art and Painting. However, after working General Telephone Design Agency in Southern California for several years, Harlowe's desire for more artistic training led him to enter Parsons' School of Design in Los Angeles. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1986, then completed his Master of Fine Art at North Texas University, Denton.

From 1984 to Current, Professor Hodges has exhibited throughout the United States and in Jakarta, Indonesia and has won many awards in the areas of graphic advertising and fine art. We look forward with anticipation to his presentation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bingaman,
VAA President*

Membership News

Information about the VAA Membership List

A current Membership List is kept on the desk at the Mansion House. It is kept up-to-date by the treasurer and includes information as to whether VAA dues have been received for 2017. If you wish to check the status of your dues or if you have any changes to your contact information, please call the Mansion House during its open hours and the sitter will write the changes on the list.

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!

Workshops/Classes
Exhibitions
Trips and Travel in Art
Mansion House Maintenance
Membership/Phone Tree

Hospital Shows and Publicity
Events Planning
Library
Nominating Program

If you have special interests that you wish to pursue, e.g., workshops, trips and travel, publicity for art, there are sign-up lists for various activities on the desk at the Mansion House Art Gallery. Please feel free to stop in at the Mansion House during its open hours to check the lists, add your name, or you may call to ask the sitter for assistance.

North Gallery Show Schedule*

*We still need solo artists for North Gallery shows.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Opening</u>	<u>Closing</u>	<u>Title/Exhibitor</u>	<u>Drop Off Dates*</u>	<u>Pick Up Dates*</u>
February 2017	2/3/2017	2/26/2017	All Member Show-Just Monkeyin' Around	Jan 27-29, 2017	Jan. 29, 2017
March 2017	3/3/2017	3/26/2017	All Member Show-Cats	Feb 24-26, 2017	Feb 26, 2017
April 2017	3/31/2017	4/30/2017	All Member Show – Just Ducky	March 24-26, 2017	March 26, 2017
May 2017	5/5/2017	5/28/2017	VAA Teacher Student Show Reception 5/7/2017	April 28-30, 2017	April 30, 2017
June, July 2017	6/2/2017	7/30/2017	All Member Show – Just Chillin'	May 26-28, 2017	May 28, 2017

*The above Drop Off and Pick Up dates have been changed to correspond to the dates that the Mansion House is open to prior (or following) each show: Fridays and Saturdays 11-4; Sundays 1-5 or pick up on Tuesday mornings after each show (Check with Marilyn Eavey or Susan McNally on the exact time for pick up on Tuesday morning).

Valley Art Association 2017 Meeting Schedule

February 22 – Professor of Fine Arts, Harlowe Hodges

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. Volunteers are needed for pricing and logging items upstairs for sale. Members are also to bring a finger food to share as well as their artwork for the April Member Show (theme "Just Ducky") It was suggested 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

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

Inspiration Tuesdays 10am-2pm Mansion House Weekly with Marjorie Tressler

Oil, acrylic, watercolor or mixed media for intermediate and advanced painters. Free and open to VAA members. Students supply all materials, still life set-ups and resource photographs, etc. 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 Oil and Acrylic Art Class Mansion House with Marjorie Tressler

First and third Wednesday nights each month from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Tuition is \$65 for 6 classes. Classes are for all painting levels. Students 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

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 at Maloos Restaurant at Park Circle

Display your art for sale. Contact Marilyn Eavey at 301-393-8512 or Raweavey@aol.com for more information and 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.

VAA's membership with the Washington County Association of Museums and Historic Sites was approved by the Board to continue.

MEMBERS OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

The following section of this newsletter includes activities that our busy members are involved in. 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

An opportunity for VAA members to visit and consider showing their work at Destination Arts in Waynesboro. Five permanent galleries and more in the works!!! "Gallery 50", the Arts Alliance's flagship gallery, features: 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 each 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.

The Artist Connection - Gallery 50

Hi everyone, We are having the Artist Connection this month on Monday February 13 from 6:30-8:30 in Gallery 50. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and hopefully the weather will cooperate this time!! NEW this month, we will have a short 15 minute demo/talk starting at 7pm. To kick off this new feature of the Artist Connection, I have organized a short talk and demo about my process in starting a painting and the materials I use. If you are interested in volunteering to give a talk, please contact me with a very short bio and description of the talk for publicity. As always, please come with ideas, news about shows to share, and any new projects you are working on. All are welcome and we would like you to invite your artist friends to tag along. Also please feel free to bring your newest creation for all of us to see. We will have easels and a table for you to display your work. If any of you have taken an instrument to make into an art object, we would appreciate it if you could bring it along. The folks in the music center would appreciate it. And if you find you cannot complete it, please bring it back. Someone else might be willing to do something with it. If you would like to add to my snack table it is always welcome. FYI a surprise awaits this month!! Thanks and looking forward to seeing all of you, Marjorie Tressler

Marjorie Tressler Gallery 50 Curator/Gallery Director. Oil and Acrylic Classes

Monday Afternoons from 1-4pm. All levels of ability, oil and acrylic mediums. The cost is \$65 for 6 classes and continues throughout the year. Students provide their own painting materials and table easels. We have floor easels available. For more information please contact Marjorie at 717-762-6791 or marjoriertressler@comcast.net.

42 West Arts Gallery

Donna Bingaman Oil Painting and Acrylic Classes every Wednesday from 12 - 3pm. All skill levels
42 W. Main St. Waynesboro Pa. \$15 per class. Focus on drawing, tonal values and color in your art work. Easels, tables and chairs are available. Bring in a photo of your choosing. For more information contact: Donna Bingaman 717- 762- 8394 or artsyfolks@embarqmail.com

Accepting New Artists

Now accepting 3D artists, sculptures, and fine art crafters. Free to the public every Saturday, art demonstrations oil or watercolor painting, pottery, gourd demos, weaving, sculpting. Wednesdays, Denny Bingaman will be giving free demonstrations. Hours are Wednesday 12:00 to 3:00, Thursday 1:00 to 4:00, Friday 5:00 to 8:00, Sat. 1:00 to 6:00, and Sun. 1:00 to 4:00. Music, Wine and Refreshments are offered every Friday night from 5:30 to 8:00. To join, call Denny and Donna Bingaman 762-8394 or sign up at 42 West Arts.

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

2017 Meritus Art In The Hallways Schedule

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

Chambersburg Hospital

Feb. Linda Mosemann	Aug. Janette Koons
Mar. Elaine Ambrose	Sep. Sue Zacharias
Apr. Anne Finucane	Oct. Delores Henry
May Nicole Troup	Nov. Glen Sabetto
Jun. Deirdre Smith	Dec. Jody Wolfe
Jul. Dan Weeks	

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