



GALLERY HOURS:

Friday & Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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April

Hello Everyone,

Hello to all my Valley Arts friends! Spring is here and the flowers and trees are starting to show off their beauty. We wish everybody the blessing of enjoying and painting the beauty all around us.

We have more membership shows in the future for all to participate in. Also many new events for the year including our annual Picnic, Bluesfest and much more.

Thanks to our membership for all the help to make Valley Art so special and fun! Welcome to all our new members.

Marguerite Cyr one of the Valley Art Association founders who passed away on December 15, 2014 at the age of 101, contributed much to the Valley Art Association during her long life span. The Cyr family has donated a painting of Marguerite's plus many of her art books to build up a library and sell to raise money for VAA. We are indebted to the Cyr family for passing on her legacy to us in such a meaningful way.

*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.

Mandatory Gallery Meeting (for those members who rent wall space to sell their work)
 Scheduled for Monday April 24 at 6:30pm. Please let Gallery Directors, Marilyn Eavey or Susan McNally know if you can't attend.

North Gallery Show Schedule*

***We still need solo artists for North Gallery shows.**
Solo Artists are responsible for hanging their own shows

<u>Month</u>	<u>Opening</u>	<u>Closing</u>	<u>Title/Exhibitor</u>
April 2017	3/26/2017	4/30/2017	All Member Show – Just Ducky
May 2017	5/5/2017	5/28/2017	VAA Teacher Student Show Reception 5/7/2017
June, July 2017	6/2/2017	7/30/2017	All Member Show – Just Chillin'
September 2017	9/1/2017	9/28/2017	Ruth Peyton Solo Show
October 2017	10/1/2017	10/29/2017	All Member Show – “Dogs”
November 2017	11/3/2017	11/26/2017	Ron Lytle Solo Show

Drop Off Dates are the weekend 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

April 26-- Kate Miller
May 24—Lynn Ferris
June 28-- Membership meeting and picnic 6pm
September 27-- Philip Grove Demonstration

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

Lynn Ferris Watercolor Classes

Lynn Ferris, AWS, NWS will be teaching watercolor classes at The Mansion House this summer on Thursday mornings for 6 weeks beginning June 22nd and running through July 27th. Classes are from 9AM - noon. The price is \$20 per class. Lynn is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society and National Watercolor Society. Look for her article "Light Up The Night" in the April 2017 issue of "The Artist's Magazine".

To reserve your space, email Lynn at: ferrislynn@yahoo.com

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

Marjorie Tressler and the "Inspiration Tuesday" painting group will be continuing on Tuesdays from 10am to 2pm with a few exceptions. Please make sure you contact Marjorie to let her know you are coming because sometimes the group will meet another day when necessary. This group consists of members of the VAA who wish to paint in the wonderful artistic atmosphere of the Mansion House Art Center while surrounded by the art of its members. Hence "Inspiration Tuesday"!!! Phone 717-762-6791 or email marjoretressler@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 marjoretressler@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. Four 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; and The Ceramic Center, a co-op of potters. 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.

The Artist Connection - Gallery 50

Hi everyone, We are having the Artist Connection this month on Monday April 10 from 6:30-8:30. Continuing this month, we will have a short 15 minute demo /talk starting at 7pm. We had a wonderful turnout with several artists participating in the discussion. I will continue this discussion by covering my process in oil painting with value and color. If you are interested in volunteering to give a talk, please contact me, Marjorie Tressler, 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 and see our gallery. 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. If you find you cannot complete it, please bring it back. Someone else might be willing do something with it. If you would like to add to my snack table you are always welcome. FYI, a surprise awaits this month!! Thanks and we're 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 marjorietressler@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@myactv.net

2017 Meritus Art In The Hallways Schedule

April	Charles " Les" Milburn	September	Janie Moltrup
May	Sherry Kemp	October	Laura Shindle
June	Donna Mitchell	November	Marjorie Tressler
July	Elisabet Stacey-Hurley	December	Linda Pedersen
August	Virginia Hair		

Chambersburg Hospital

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

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