



#### **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,

At this time, we are still under the "shelter in place" recommendation due to the COVID-19 crisis. Governor Hogan of Maryland and Health Officials are working on plans for a phased in return to normal, but at this time, we don't know when Valley Art Association and the Mansion House will be able to return to our normal routine. Of course, the VAA Board of Directors will keep abreast of the situation, and try our best to keep the membership informed.

**Important info regarding the Mansion House:** The Mansion House is still closed. The city has informed us that they will be turning off the power in the Mansion House on April 29th to begin work on the parking lot adjacent to the Mansion House on May 4th. It will remain off for 3 weeks. Therefore there won't be any activities at the Mansion House until after Memorial Day. We will keep you informed about anything that may change regarding this ,or what will occur after that work is done.

#### **Information regarding Valley Art meetings & elections of officers:**

As we are all aware, the April VAA Membership Meeting had to be cancelled. The VAA Bylaws require that nominations for the Board of Directors are to be done in April, and the elections are to be held in May. In light of the likely cancellation of the April Membership Meeting, I sent out an email to the membership on March 29th stating that the Board of Directors would accept nominations via email or by telephone. Lucy Ecker volunteered to call members who do not receive emails and make them aware of that decision. Lucy contacted these members and none of them were interested in running for election to the Board of Directors. I spoke with Roy Tressler a couple of days ago, and he has also not been contacted by anyone wanting to run for a board position. I have not been contacted by anyone either. At this point, there is a possibility that we will not be able to have our May Membership Meeting. We would normally open the floor to nominations again at the May Meeting, and would either vote, or if there are no other candidates for any of the board positions, then everyone would be elected by acclamation. Therefore, once again, the board is asking if anyone desires to run for any of the board positions that are open.

**Current Board Positions:**

- Donna Mason has decided that she will not move up to President, but will again run for Vice President if Hal Mason runs for President, which he will do.
- Carol Miller will automatically move up to Gallery Director.

**The remaining Board Offices are all open for nominations:**

- Rachel Stevenson has agreed to remain as Recording Secretary, if elected.
- Elaine Wolfe has agreed to remain as Treasurer, if elected.
- Sue Parker has agreed to remain as Assistant Treasurer, if elected.
- Carol Wilks has agreed to remain as Corresponding Secretary, if elected.
- Bonnie Elgin has been nominated as the Assistant Gallery Director.

**The Board of Directors will accept nominations by email or telephone for the following Board Positions:**

- President
- Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Corresponding Secretary
- Assistant Gallery Director.

**Roy Tressler has agreed to chair the nominating committee, so you can call him at 240-217-3022 or email him at roytressler@comcast.net if you wish to be nominated for any of the Board Positions. You can also call Hal Mason at 301-797-4933 or email at hamason@myactv.net to nominate yourself.**

**If we are unable to have a meeting in May, and there are no additional nominees for the Board of Directors, then all of the above mentioned candidates will be elected by acclamation. If anyone else does want to run for a particular position, then the Board of Directors will decide how to proceed with the voting if we are unable to have a membership meeting in May.**

**Please take care of yourselves during this crisis. We hope to be able to see all of you in the near future.**

**Thank you,**

**Hal Mason,  
VAA President**