



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,

The Valley Art Association will enter its new fiscal year on July 1, 2020 and it is safe to assume that the coming year will present challenges of a type that VAA has not faced in its 82 year history. At this writing, the Board is considering how to move forward with opening the Mansion House and resuming art activities while employing the kind of safety measures that will be needed to protect everyone from the coronavirus. Be assured that is our primary concern, and we will keep you informed.

Recognizing that we have been limited in what we have been able to do for the last two months, and that we will likely have to continue some variation of these limitations into the summer, we hope that you will continue your membership in Valley Art to ensure that the organization will be there for you. Please think of it as an investment in the future of "art for everyone". Annual dues, wall space rental, and storage rental will be due June 30, 2020. Checks can be made out to Valley Art Association. Please mail payment to 501 Highland Way, Hagerstown, MD 21740, Attention Elaine Wolfe, Treasurer.

As I am sure you know, we would normally hold elections for the Board of Directors at the May Membership Meeting, but of course we were not able to have that meeting. In previous emails, and telephone contacts, the board had requested that anyone interested in being on the Board of Directors contact either me or Roy Tressler. We had no additional nominations to any of the positions on the board that were up for election. Therefore, the Board of Directors for the period from July 01, 2020 until June 30, 2021 will be as follows: Hal Mason-President, Donna Mason-Vice President, Rachael Stevenson-Recording Secretary, Elaine Wolfe-Treasurer, Sue Parker-Assistant Treasurer, Carol Wilks-Corresponding Secretary, Carol Miller-Gallery Director, and Bonnie Elgin-Assistant Gallery Director. Since there were no other nominations for these positions, all the above are considered to be elected by acclamation. The board would like to thank Susan McNally for the years that she has served as either Gallery Director or Assistant Gallery Director. We would also like to welcome Ann Williams and Susan McNally as our new publicity committee. Carol Wilks will also be working with Ann and Susan for publicity. On behalf of the board and the membership, we would like to thank Carolyn Blitz for the work that she did handling publicity for the VAA for the last several years.

As I am sure most of you have probably surmised, we will not be able to hold our Annual Picnic in June due to the restrictions and recommendations from Governor Hogan's Office and Health Officials for gatherings not to exceed 10 people, and the need for proper "social distancing." The board is leaving the possibility open to have the picnic later in the summer, if conditions are favorable, for holding it. We will keep you updated as conditions change. We hope to see all of you in the very near future.

Thank you,

**Hal Mason
President, Valley Art Association**