



GALLERY HOURS

Friday & Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Hello Valley Art members, prospective members and art lovers,

I hope that everyone and their families are continuing to stay well and safe. Following are the latest updates for our group.



Valley Art Association is happy to announce at this time that the Mansion House did reopen on July 3rd following Health Officials' & Governor Hogan's orders to keep members and visitors safe during this COVID-19 pandemic. The following is still required:

- Masks will still be required by all visitors and members who come into the Mansion House.
- Again, visitors will be limited to only 10 people inside at a time with a new 1 way traffic flow inside the Mansion House to allow for social distancing.
- People will be asked to use the conveniently placed hand sanitizers before touching items such as cards, shrink wrapped prints, etc.
- After each group of visitors leave the Mansion House, areas such as door knobs, pens, etc., will be cleaned before the next visitors enter.

Please respect our attempts to keep everyone safe and we ask that you do have patience with our docents as they work through, what we hope are temporary, changes in the Mansion House.

The Board has been meeting regularly during this pandemic each month via Zoom to discuss how best to handle day to day operations at the Mansion House. The August show in the North Gallery will be called, "Vacay Days" and is a general membership show, again with no reception.

In keeping with the reopening of the Mansion House, we would like to introduce monthly General Membership Meetings once again. The first meeting would take place on September 23rd. However, since we can't meet personally, we would like to use Zoom, an online application specifically for meetings, demonstrations, workshops, etc. I will be sending out an email closer to the 23rd with further details, instructions and names of contacts to assist anyone with using this format.

We received good news! Valley Art Association has been accepted as a non profit organization! This makes us eligible to receive grants and tax deductions on non taxable donations and pay no taxes on income above that needed for day to day expenses.

We hopefully are on the road to a more normal future at Valley Art.

Again, thank you for your patience and understanding. We look forward to seeing everyone very soon!

Artfully yours,
Hal Mason

In the meantime, we thought it would be fun to have a contest among the VAA membership choosing themes for our upcoming All Member shows in the North Gallery for 2021! You can send your ideas by the **deadline date of September 1**, to President Hal Mason at hamason@myactv.net or to Carol Wilks at cawilks44@gmail.com. The Board will choose the best entries and the top 3 will be eligible to win a prize (to be determined). Below are the shows for the remainder of 2020.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Title/Exhibitor</u>	<u>Drop Off Dates</u>	<u>Opening</u>	<u>Closing</u>	<u>Pick Up Date</u>
August 2020	Vacay Daze* (Vacations)	July 24-26	July 31	August 30	September 1
September (Labor Day Show) 2020	Working Life: Hands, Mind & Heart*	August 28-30	September 4	September 27	September 29
October 2020	"Earth, Wind and Fire"*	September 25-27	October 2	November 1	November 3
November 2020	Teachers/Students Show* (see note below)*	NA	November 6	November 29	NA
December 2020- January 2021	Dazzle*	November 27-29	December 4 2020	January 31, 2021	February 2, 2021

(The "Teachers/Student" Show will feature Valley Art members who are teachers exhibiting with their students.)

Figure-Drawing Sessions

Figure-drawing sessions resumed at the Mansion House in July, the number of artists restricted to four. The necessary COVID precautions are observed. Professional models. Shared model fees only. No instruction. The sessions in August are on Mondays: 3rd, 10th and 24th, 9:30 - 12:30. To book a space, please contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583. A waiting list is maintained, as needed.

Upcoming Workshops and Demonstrations

Monthly Demonstration/Lesson with Michael Timothy Davis via Zoom:

Friday, August 27, 10 AM (2-3 hours)

An excellent opportunity to discuss and study closely the art of portrait painting. Cost \$35.00. Minimum number is 4. To sign up and for more details, contact Elaine.

Fall Workshops

September 10 One-day "Drawing the Portrait in Charcoal" (child) with Nicole Troup

October 15 One-day Still-Life Workshop with Scott Royston

More details to follow.