

Valley Art Association NEWS



GALLERY HOURS

Friday & Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
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December 2020

Hello Valley Art members, prospective members and ART lovers.

Boy, November sure went fast! Our latest Zoom General Meeting on November 18th was great! It was so good to see many members and guests attending. We would like to again thank Valley Art member, Linda Barnhart, who allowed us to present her encaustic and cold wax painting video. The video was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.



I want to take a moment to also thank all of our Valley Art members, their family members & friends, who have contributed so much to helping Valley Art be successful during this difficult time. I can't begin to name each person who has played a small part and/or a large part to keep us going. With everyone's help we have increased our membership, we have promoted our members, we have had very nice sales in the Mansion House Art Gallery, we have participated in local community events & projects, and we have made charitable donations to local organizations. And what's really cool is that we have done a lot of this by keeping Valley Art & the Mansion house in the public eye virtually! For all of this, every single one of you are greatly appreciated!

Please remember to always read all of your newsletter, there is a lot going on that you won't want to miss. And don't forget, if you find part of your address hidden in the newsletter somewhere, let a board member know so that you can win a prize! Also, please contact Donna or me if you'd like to participate in our Members' Mystery Holiday Card Exchange.

The Mansion House is still following safety guidelines by requiring social distancing and wearing face masks. Unfortunately Maryland's numbers are climbing, as in other states, but we will keep the Mansion House open as long as we safely can. Special thanks to our sitters who have faithfully shown up and who have done the extra work needed to keep our visitors and members safe.

We do not have a General Meeting in December, therefore our next General Meeting won't be until Weds. Jan. 27, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom. We hope to have another great program to present for you then. Remember to mark your calendars so that we can see you there!

Meanwhile have happy & safe holidays please, and don't forget.....
ART Is For Everyone!

Don't forget to check our Facebook page regularly for any new events or artwork from our members: You can click on the link below then please "like" what you see so that we can increase our following:

<https://www.facebook.com/ValleyArtAssociation.Hagerstown.Md>

Artfully yours,
Hal Mason,
Valley Art Association President

Below are the shows for the remainder of 2020.

Month	Title/Exhibitor	Drop Off Dates	Opening	Closing	Pick Up Date
December 2020- January 2021	Dazzle*	November 27-29	December 4 2020	January 31, 2021	February 2, 2021

**2021 ART IN THE HALLWAY
Meritus Health Center**

Month	Name
January	Mary Thompson
February	Lily Ramos
March	Marilyn Pontius
April	Cory Kerr & Martin Nikirk
May	Carol Gwinn & Bonita Conry
June	Victoria Baker
July	Chris Shingler
August	Jeff Jones
September	Donna Bingaman
October	Carol A. Wofensberger
November	Nicole Troup
December	Denny Bingaman

"Holiday Market" in the Mansion House

Holiday crafts will continue to be accepted. We have tables set up for shared use. If you have specialized items like a large quilt, you should display it on a quilt rack that you provide. Make sure your items are displayed safely. We don't want anything rolling off the tables!

Have a good show!

Valley Art will now be featuring our members on Facebook! If you are interested in being the "Featured Valley Art Association Member" on Valley Art Association's Facebook page, or have an album with up to a maximum of 5 photos of your work, please email editor, JEN MARTIN at jenmartin72@outlook.com and she will be glad to work with you about your feature.

Other VAA FB editors are : Sue Parker at scp2art@gmail.com, Carol Wilks at cawilks44@gmail.com, and John Mullican at johnmullican@gmail.com. They are available to post other articles of interest to members on FB as well.

Message from Our Historian

Happy Holiday Season everyone.

Please leave clippings, photos, information or other appropriate items that you would like to have placed into our archives at the Mansion House Gallery desk. Please place your name and the date of the event unto the item. Thank you for your help. In addition, I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to participate and help shape the VAA's history by using ZOOM, the newest VAA tool. Hope to see your smiling faces soon!

Roy Tressler

Historian

The Washington Studio School is offering this free virtual figure-drawing session in conjunction with the DC Art Model Collective (DCAMC). This is a wonderful way to experience working with a model online. You will find the registration link below in addition to links with the variety of figure-drawing sessions offered by the DCAMC.

Figure-Drawing Sessions

Due to the marked surge of COVID cases, the figure-drawing has postponed figure-drawing sessions at the Mansion House until further notice.

For information about joining online sessions with professional models via Zoom, contact the DC Art Models Collective (DCAMC). You may reach them directly through LiiLii Seniura, Artist and Artist's Model, 410-412-0048 or find her online at <http://www.liliifish.com/> or Instagram @liliiarts@liliifish. They provide a wide variety of models and types of session (e.g., one hour lunchtime gesture, evening portrait, etc., individual sessions).

Zoom Classes and Online Mentoring and Other Resources

Michael Timothy Davis

Portrait/Figure Drawing on Zoom. \$35 per 3 hour session. Classes will be started once the minimum number of artists is reached. For details and to register, contact Elaine Wolfe at vallevartinfo@gmail.com or 304-261-9583 (no text).

Hans Guerin and his artist wife, Beth Loiselle, are offering Online Mentoring: see their website, <http://www.hansguerin.com/> for details. A free zoom online mentoring session is being offered. Winner to be announced December 5th. To enter, email them via their website.

The following is another resource for poses/models 403 Boyd Ave. online: The New Masters Academy. The website is <http://www.nma.art/>.

Member Activities

Selected Works of (the late) Marguerite E Cyr will be displayed for sale in the Hall Gallery of the Washington County Arts Council from January 7 - February 2, 2021. There is a tentative reception scheduled for January 7 from 5-7. Brian Truesdale will be co-exhibiting in the Main Gallery. On January 9th there will be a virtual exhibit. Please plan stop by or visit the show virtually.

Please visit our partner in the arts, the Washington County Arts Council, Inc. either in person at 34 S. Potomac St., Hagerstown, Md 21740, Phone number (301) 791-3132, <http://www.washingtoncountvarts.com/> or Washington County Arts Council, Inc. on Facebook

42 West Arts Gallery Fine Arts and Crafts 42 West Main Street is open for business!

Fridays 5 – 8 and Saturdays 10am-2pm

Come in and browse or make a purchase from local artists, and fine craftsmen. All work is handmade by local artisans. We have art classes and demonstrations every week from our artists. Donna Bingaman offers painting classes every week of the year on Wednesdays from 12 - 3pm. Classes temporarily on hold because of Covid 19. They are hoping to resume as soon as possible.

42 West is having a Book Signing by Adrienne Miller, Friday December 4th from 5:30 - 7:30! After retiring from 40 years in the field of nursing, Adrienne plunged back into the field of artwork. She has studied under a number of local artists throughout her adult life. Following the tragic death of her grandson, she decided to use her artistic skills to write and illustrate a storybook in honor of him, and to use the proceeds for his son's future.

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