

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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January 2021

Happy New Year to Valley Art Association members, prospective members and ART lovers!

I'm sure most of you are happy to say good-bye to 2020! As we move into the new year, we would first like to welcome all of our new Valley Art members! At this time the Mansion House Art Gallery is still open to the public, albeit with safety precautions such as properly worn masks and social distancing still being practiced. We are also continuing to have our meetings on Zoom, and sharing many of our activities on Facebook and our website.



Our newsletter is probably our most important information source for all of our members right now, since many of our members are not able to use the virtual platforms. Carol Wilks, our Corresponding Secretary, works very hard putting the newsletter together each month. So please do read all of it because it always offers a wealth of ART related information. And while reading it, look for your address hidden somewhere in the newsletter. If you find it, let a board member know so that you can win a prize. Congratulations to member, Marguerite Cyr, who won \$10 for finding her address in the December newsletter!

We didn't have a Zoom General Meeting in December, but our next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom. I will be sending out Zoom invitations to all members by email, so please watch for it so that you can join in. Our program for that meeting will be a short video trailer of an upcoming documentary film made by Valley Art member, Keith Jones. The film will be about Hagerstown's City Park, its history and the history of sites and buildings in the park, including our very own Mansion House. We hope that you can join us for this wonderful movie preview on January 27th!

Please keep taking care, stay in touch when you can, and I hope to see everyone soon! Meanwhile have happy & safe holidays please, and remember..... ART Is For Everyone!

Don't forget to check our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyArtAssociation.Hagerstown.Md> regularly for any new events or artwork from our members. You can click on the link above then please "like" what you see so that we can increase our following. This month a beautiful slide show of our current show, "Dazzle" resides under the tab, "Videos". Check it out!

Artfully yours,
Hal Mason,
Valley Art Association President

Below are the shows for the remainder of 2020. Dates for 2021 are to be determined.

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
February	Love (life, person, place)				
March	Spring Fever				
April	Oil and Water*				
May	Favorite Pets				
June/July	Summer's Dream				
August	Driven to Abstraction				
September	Ann Williams' Garden				
October	Three Gals and a Guy (Hal and Donna Mason, Carol Miller, Marilyn Eavey)				
November	Memories Disappearing				
December 2021- January 2022	Winter Wonderland				

***Waynesboro Studio Arts Club group show - workshop students of David Good and Fritz Biggs**

**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

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.

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.

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.washingtoncountyvarts.com/> or Washington County Arts Council, Inc. on Facebook. Recently in the Washington County Arts Council Community show, 11 Valley Art members' works are featured through January 5th. Elaine Wolfe won " Best Of Show". Congratulations to you all! Following are the Valley Art members who participated:

Linda Barnhart
Patricia Boyst
Eric Carter
Brittany Clark
Vern Danielson
Marilyn Eavey
Laura Lewis Shindle
Marilyn Pontius
Chris Shingler
Elaine Wolfe
Stephen Wright

Figure-Drawing Sessions

Due to the marked surge of COVID cases, live figure-drawing sessions at the Mansion House have been postponed. The professional art models group, the DC Art Models Collective (DCAMC), is offering to work with the Valley Art Association to have **custom online figure-drawing session or sessions**. If you are interested in our organizing customized online sessions, please contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

In order to join in the DCAMC's regular sessions, contact them directly through LiiLii Seniura, Artist and Artist's Model, 410-412-0048 or find her online at <http://www.liiliifish.com/> or Instagram @liiliarts@liiliifish. 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

Michael Timothy Davis Figure Drawing/portrait 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 valleyartinfo@gmail.com or 304-261-9583.

Nicole Troup

Evening Zoom classes will be offered this March/April. Details will be available soon. For information/to register, contact Elaine as above.

Hans Guerin and his artist wife, Beth Loiselle,

Offering Online Mentoring: see their website, <http://www.hansguerin.com/> for details.

The New Masters Academy. Another resource for poses/models online: The website is <http://www.nma.art/>.

Current and Future Exhibitions

The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts currently has two exhibitions ongoing which offer huge pleasure - and there is absolutely *no* problem in regard to social distancing, as I found when visiting the Museum twice in recent weeks:

The Dutch Golden Age - prints by Rembrandt and his Contemporaries, until January 24, 2021 - a rare treat to study Rembrandt's work, and the work of other artists including some beautiful studies by other artists of Rembrandt's work.

Jan Brett - Children's Book Illustrator and Writer, until January 10th - this exhibit was a revelation and pure delight in every respect! Stunning.

The Museum of Shenandoah Valley in Winchester, VA. February 20-August 8, 2021: Norman Rockwell's America - from the National Museum of American Illustration, Newport, RI, including original works spanning six decades along with the Four Freedom posters and vintage Saturday Evening Post covers.

Message from Our Historian

Happy Holiday Season everyone.

I would like to extend a welcome to the members that have newly joined the VAA in 2020. Also, a thank you to all of the long-term members that have hung in there during this most unusual year. Let us appreciate our VAA Officers that did such a remarkable job of guiding our Association through this difficult journey called 2020.

All of you are demonstrating 21130 Roy's Lane your passion to create art and support each other. Well done!

Let's put this one in the book, call it history and launch a new chapter for our Valley Art association.

Should you have any art-related articles, notices of awards, photos or other information that you feel is pertinent to the VAA and your artistic endeavors, please let them at the Mansion House Gallery desk. Place your name and date upon the item and I will enter them into the VAA archives. 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 onto 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

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 are temporarily on hold because of Covid 19. They are hoping to resume as soon as possible. Guest Artists are Evie Cook, whose work is in still life subjects, birds, animals and studies in oil painting; and Jean Harshman, whose subjects range from landscapes to florals and animals in watercolor, colored pencil and acrylics. Evie and Jean will be doing a two person featured artists' show for the months of January and February. They will be having an opening reception Friday January 8th from 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

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