

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 Association members, prospective members and ART lovers,

We are wishing everyone a very happy and healthy spring! Please take time to read this newsletter, because there is a lot of information in here that you will want to know about. Thanks to Michael Davis for a very nice oil painting demonstration and discussion at the March 24th zoom General Meeting. It was very much enjoyed by all. We are working on our program for the April 28th 7pm zoom General Meeting and will share information about that with everyone soon.

The April 28th 7pm zoom General Meeting is also when we will be holding nominations for new officers of the Valley Art Association. The elections of officers will be held at the May 26th 7pm zoom General meeting. The nominations will be accepted for President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Gallery Director. The present Assistant Gallery Director will automatically move into the position of Gallery Director, per the by-laws. New terms of office will begin July 1, 2021 and will run until June 30, 2022.

At this time the following people have said that they will accept the nomination for the following offices: Hal Mason, again for President (Donna Mason does not wish to move up to President), Donna Mason again for Vice President, Carol Wilks again for Corresponding Secretary, Dan Elgin will accept the nomination for Treasurer (Elaine Wolfe does not wish to run for Treasurer again), Sue Parker for Assistant Treasurer, Jen Martin has said that she will accept the nomination for Recording Secretary (Rachel Stevenson does not wish to run for Recording Secretary again), and Marjorie Tressler said that she will accept the nomination for Assistant Gallery Director. Again, the present Assistant Gallery Director, Bonnie Elgin, will automatically move into the position of Gallery Director. If anyone else is interested in being nominated for any of these positions, please notify the Nominating Committee Chairperson, Roy Tressler, by emailing him at roytressler@comcast.net or call him at 240-217-3022. Please ask a board member if you would like to know the job descriptions of any of these positions.

Don't forget if you find your address hidden somewhere in this newsletter, let a board member know and you will win \$10. Congratulations to Denise & Dale Ruby for reading the March newsletter and finding their address!

Don't forget "ART Is For Everyone" and hope to see you soon!

Artfully yours,
Hal Mason
Valley Art Association President

2021 North Gallery Shows

<u>Month</u>	<u>Title/Exhibitor</u>	<u>Drop Off Dates</u>	<u>Opening</u>	<u>Closing</u>	<u>Pick Up Date</u>
April	Oil and Water* Janie Moltrup	March 29-31	April 2	April 25	April 26-30
May	Favorite Pets	April 25-26	April 30	May 30	May 31
June/July	Summer's Dream	May 30-31	June 4	July 31	August 1- 2
August	Driven to Abstraction	July 30-August 1	August 6	August 29	August 30-31
September	Ann Williams' Garden	August 30	September 3	September 26	September 27-30
October	Three Gals and a Guy (Hal and Donna Mason, Carol Miller, Marilyn Eavey)	September 27-30	October 1	October 31	November 1
November	Memories Disappearing	October 31- November 1	November 5	November 28	November 29-30
December 2021/January 2022	Winter Wonderland	November 28-29	December 3	December 31	January 2-3

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

Additional note: Mansion House Sitters can contact Donna Mason if they need a review of any Mansion House sitting procedures.

2021 ART IN THE HALLWAY Meritus Health Center

Month	Name
April	Carol Wilks
May	Carol Gwinn & Bonita Conry
June	Victoria Baker
July	Chris Shingler
August	Jeff Jones
September	Donna Bingaman
October	Carol A. Wolfensberger
November	Nicole Troup
December	Denny Bingaman

Member News and Activities

Please do consider serving on the board or on a committee. We would welcome all of your ideas, advice and help anytime! Valley Art is only as strong as its members, and we do appreciate each one of you!

Members, if you haven't paid your dues that were due in July 2020, please do so as soon as you can, so that you will continue receiving your newsletter, and so that you can participate in upcoming Valley Art events, such as the Mansion House members' shows in the North Gallery. In addition, as a member you can be featured on VAA's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyArtAssociation.Hagerstown.Md> as "member of the month". Or you can have any other information posted about your outside art exhibits, classes and other art activities. Just contact VAA's Facebook editor, Jen Martin. (see inside for her contact info).

DID YOU KNOW...?

Dick Blick Icon on the VAA Web Page

If you are buying art supplies from Dick Blick, and go to the Dick Blick web site by clicking on the Blick link on the VAA web site, VAA 8511 Wilderness Way will receive a commission of 10% on your total order. There is no difference in cost to you, and it is "free" money to VAA. Blick pays this to VAA for the privilege of advertising on our web site. (Note that this payment will only occur when you use the VAA link; otherwise, Blick will not connect your order to VAA.)

Valley Art is now being added to the Cultural Trail. There will also be new plaques at locations around the park including at the Mansion House.

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, have an album with up to a maximum of 5 photos of your work, or if you have any other information posted about your outside art exhibits, classes and other art activities, 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.washingtoncountyarts.com/> or Washington County Arts Council, Inc. on Facebook.

Figure-Drawing Sessions

Tentatively, live figure-drawing sessions at the Mansion House will recommence in May. A number of interested artists will have been fully vaccinated, so we will be complying with regulations regarding small groups meeting indoors. A separate email regarding the dates/times for May - June sessions will be sent to the Valley Art membership in April. Online sessions are available through the DC Art Models Collective: a weekly schedule of these sessions is detailed through their website dcardmodelcollective.com. Subscribe for their weekly update via the website or emailing dcardmodelcollective@gmail.com. Wonderful selection of models and options, very well organized, price of sessions \$7/1 hour, \$14/2 hours, \$20/3 hours.

Live Summer Workshops:

Acrylic Glazing Workshop with David Bottini Thursday, June 17, 2021, six hour workshop from 10 - 4.

Cost \$70 for VAA and Museum members, \$80 for non-members. Lunch included. To register and for details, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583. Working from direct observation of landscape in the park and using the lovely outside porches of the Mansion House. Learn from a master of the acrylic glazing process who is a generous, kind and expert teacher.

Two-day Portrait Workshop with Michael Davis (Live Model)

Monday-Tuesday, July 26 - 27, 2021, twelve-hour workshop from 10:30 to 4:30. Cost: \$140 for VAA and Museum members, and \$160 for non-members. Lunch is included in the workshop fee. There is an additional model fee of \$20. This is an in-depth opportunity for close observation and practice of the portrait process from initial sketch, composition, underpainting, and layering techniques. To register and for details, contact Elaine Wolfe as above.

Lynn Ferris Watercolor Classes

Lynn Ferris has scheduled six weeks of watercolor classes at the Mansion House during July-August. These classes are currently booked with members who had signed up in 2020 for these classes, which were canceled because of the pandemic. If spaces open up, this information will be emailed to the membership.

Zoom Classes and Online Mentoring and Other Resources

Drawing the Child Portrait with Nicole Troup using Charcoal Pan Pastel Techniques

April 1, 8, 15 Cost \$110 Thursday evening Zoom classes, 7:00 - 8:30 PM Her website contains information and links to a wide range of teaching opportunities for groups, online mentoring and also private lessons live or online. Critiques will take place in the beginning of each class and through email correspondence.

Registration/details here: <http://www.nicoletroupmasterpiece.com/workshops> or email nfntroup6@gmail.com or 717-331-1003

Michael Timothy Davis 2021 Art Renewal Center Award Winner with still life, "Art of the Imagination"

"Creating The Still Life" Online classes, \$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.

Painting Best Practices Excellent online resource for technical paint handling (problem resolution/primer/varnish, paint-making, etc.) classes can be found at this website. Some classes are free, others \$35. Just click on the following link: <http://paintingbestpractices.com>

Hans Guerin and his artist wife, Beth Loiselle

Offering Online Mentoring: see their websites for details at hansguerin.com and bethedeloiselle.com.

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

Call for Entries

The Schuler School cordially invites you to enter paintings, drawings and sculpture for their annual From Fur to Feathers Contest and Exhibition. There will be a digital show online and also a limited physical show. Online show deadline April 3, live show April 5. Great chance to have your animal or bird artwork seen by a worldwide audience. Please go to the Schuler School website for further instructions and application forms, or if you have other questions: 410-685-3568, <http://www.schulerschool.com> or email to schulershow@gmail.com

DISTRICT Arts, Frederick, MD: "Ordinary Objects, Extraordinary Times" A juried themed exhibition of works that reflect changes made in the past year. Any 2-D or 3-D work created within the past year is eligible. Submissions accepted until April 12. Show is from May 5 through 30. For details, go to website districtarts.com, or email info@DistrictArts.com or 301-695-4050.

Member Activities

Washington Post Article, by Mark Jenkins, on March 19

In this article about the print show, "Relief, currently at the Pyramid Atlantic Art Center", spotlighting the work of 15 artists from across the country, is packed with meticulously etched whimsies and reveries, mostly based on the natural world. Mr. Jenkins speaks of the work of Valley Art Association member, Dee Henry in this show: Dee Henry's "1976 Version 2," actually printed from jeans she wore to high school that year. Henry's is personal, inventive and pretty funny. Relief Through April 4 at Pyramid Atlantic Art Center, 4318 Gallatin St., Hyattsville. Online through April 10 at Ink It.

Current and Future Exhibitions

The Museum of Shenandoah Valley

The Museum of Shenandoah Valley in Winchester, VA, until 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 www.themsv.org

The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

The Cumberland Valley Artists and Photographers Exhibitions are on display until April 4th. Photographer, Evan Perkins, with "Heron, Taking Flight" won the **Valley Art Association Award**. This 2021 award honors our members whose love of art and whose contribution to the Association have enriched the organization and the community: *Elizabeth Altman, Michael Cresswell, Karen Gelslechter, Carole Harding, Melanie Shoemaker and Gordon Sanders*. Valley Art members whose work is in the Cumberland Valley exhibitions are: **Photographers Exhibition** - new member, Ryan Wilson **Artists Exhibition** - Phillip Grove (past member), Dee Henry, Guy Kuhn and Elaine Wolfe (2nd Place Juror Award).

Monterey Pass Battlefield Park and Museum

"First Annual Monterey Pass Art in the Park!" will be held July 17, 2021 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at our park in Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania. Artist and artisan participants will show and sell their work to our guests, and all who attend will enjoy music and food. Registration and attendance for the event is free. Participants will be assigned locations on a first-come-first-serve basis. More details will follow on registration, and will be posted at montereypassbattlefield.org and our social media sites. Questions can be directed to montereypassbattlefield@gmail.com. Save the date - July 17th. See you there.

The Louvre

The Louvre has been working on expanding its online database to include ALL of its artworks. Their database now holds 482,000 artworks, three-quarters of which are already labelled with information and pictures. Included are not only the works on public display but also the works in storage, and those in storage at the new state-of-the-art facility at Lieven. Now we may all explore: <http://collections.louvre.fr/>

Metropolitan Museum is showing "Graphic Imagination" for those who wish to see a rich show of graphic work by Goya: you may join in the virtual reception without charge by going to <http://www.metmuseum.org>. It is also available via Facebook and YouTube (no login required).

Message from Our Historian

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 leave 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 4-7 and Saturdays 10am-4pm Come in and browse or make a purchase from local artists, and fine craftsmen. All work is handmade by local artisans. 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 February. Patrick Schlee will return to play music as well.

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