

GALLERY HOURS

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

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

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Greetings Valley Art Association members, prospective members and ART lovers!

A great big welcome to our new members! I hope this finds everyone well and enjoying spring! There is a lot of ART news in this newsletter, so please take time to read it! And if you find your address hidden in the newsletter, be sure to let a board member know so that you can win a prize. Unfortunately no prize was claimed for the hidden address in the April newsletter!



The Valley Art Association Zoom General meeting was held on Wednesday, April 28th, with members enjoying a video by member, Janie Moltrup. Her video included interviews of Schuler School of Art's instructors, Fritz Briggs & David B. Good. During the business part of the meeting, nominations were accepted for new VAA officers, with elections to be held at the May 26th Zoom General meeting (see inside for more election information.)

The program for the May 26th Zoom General meeting will be a discussion & video by David Bottini. He will talk about "the process of building your landscape painting from composition through grisaille foundation and glazing step by step". The meeting will begin at 7pm sharp starting with the business meeting and the election of officers followed by the program by David Bottini. Please arrive a few minutes early if you can, so that you will not interrupt the meeting while in progress. I will be sending out the Zoom invitations via emails to all VAA members. If anyone else would like to attend as guests, please contact me at halmasonart@myactv.net so that I can email you the Zoom meeting invitation.

Valley Art's Publicity Chair Person, Brittany Clark, has been very busy getting the word out about the activities of our artists at the Mansion House. As indicated by the number of visitors and sales at the Mansion House lately, her promotions thru local groups and public media have really worked! But Brittany needs help, she can't do it alone. VAA needs an entire Publicity Committee of reporters, and is therefore asking for volunteers who are interested in helping, to please contact Brittany at britclark10.4@gmail.com. Many hands definitely can make for smaller tasks!

Thanks again to ALL of our volunteers! It's because of you that Valley Art Association is the largest and most fun ART community in the area!

I'm looking forward to seeing you and everyone soon! Meanwhile don't forget that "Art Is For Everyone"!

Artfully yours,
Hal Mason, 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>
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

*Additional note: Mansion House Sitters can contact Donna Mason if they need a review of any Mansion House sitting procedures. **REMEMBER: ALL Sitters MUST wear Masks!***

2021 ART IN THE HALLWAY Meritus Health Center

Month	Name
May	Carol Gwin & Bonita Conry
June	Victoria Baker
July	Chris Shingler
August	David Bottini.
September	Donna Bingaman
October	Carol A. Wolfensberger
November	Nicole Troup
December	Denny Bingaman

Member News and Activities

Elections for Valley Art Association Board of Directors for 2021-2022

The following were the nominations of Officers at the April General Meeting:

- 1. President – Hal Mason has accepted the nomination for President**
- 2. Vice President – Donna Mason has accepted the nomination for Vice President**
- 3. Recording Secretary – Jennifer Martin has accepted the nomination for Recording Secretary**
- 4. Corresponding Secretary – Carol Wilks has accepted the nomination for Corresponding Secretary**
- 5. Treasurer – Dan Elgin has accepted the nomination for Treasurer**
- 6. Assistant Treasurer – Sue Parker has accepted the nomination for Assistant Treasurer**
- 7. Assistant Gallery Director – Marjorie Tressler has accepted the nomination for Assistant Gallery Director**

Bonnie Elgin, the current Assistant Gallery Director, will automatically move up to Gallery Director per the By-Laws.

Elections to the Valley Art Association Board of Directors will be held at the May 26, 2021 General Membership Meeting. New terms of office will begin July 1, 2021 and run thru June 30, 2022. 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).

Publicity News—VAA Partners with Hagerstown Hopes

VAA and Hagerstown Hopes are joining forces to highlight and support the local arts community! 589 Dunn Irvin Dr. Much like our own featured artist page on Facebook, Hagerstown Hopes has generously offered to feature individual artists as well as illustrate our monthly, North End Gallery Exhibit and theme for monthly shows, explain a little about VAA, and promote the Mansion House Art Gallery on their social media pages! If artists want to get involved, they can reach out to Hagerstown Hopes liaison Brian Hose at bhose@hagerstownhopesmd.org for a feature including a short biography and photos of the work being shown in the North Gallery as well as the Mansion House!

And, of course, feel free to reach out to me with any questions or suggestions at britclark10.4@gmail.com on how to broaden VAA community outreach and publicity! Thank you!

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 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

Live figure-drawing sessions at the Mansion House will recommence in May. We will be limited to a small group, and at this point all the artists will be fully vaccinated, so we will be complying with regulations regarding small groups meeting indoors. Dates/times: May 10, Noon to 3PM, and May 17, June 7 and June 14 from 10 AM to 1 PM. Model fees shared by artists. Limited space available. For details and to register, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com.

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.

David Bottini Demonstration

At the Valley Art General Meeting on May 26th, meeting starting at 7 PM via Zoom:

David will discuss the process of building your landscape painting, from composition through grisaille foundation and glazing, step by step: working through basic composition details that assist choosing a landscape subject, he will detail the basic studio process with a focus on isolating the 3 big challenges: Drawing, Value range, Color. The process of building a painting using Grisaille will be described using step-by-step images and discussion, as well as the use of the glazing process.

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.

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. Work 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.

Lynn Ferris - Live 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. Covid considerations permitting, a couple of additional spaces may become available. If so, this information will be emailed to the membership in June.

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>

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Classes

For Art Class Schedule and Registration, click here: wcmfa.org/learn/classes/ To register for events, you may contact the Museum on-line, by calling (301) 739-5727, or via email at info@wcmfa.org

Hans Guerin and Beth de Loiselle Skilled teachers of the Schuler School of Fine Arts Online Mentoring: see their websites for details at hansguerin.com and bethedloiselle.com

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

The Washington Street Artists' Cooperative

A well-established cooperative gallery located in the heart of downtown Charles Town, WV the WCAC now has several openings for new 2-D artists!!! Accepted artists can display art in the gallery 24/7, and in all-members shows; \$30/month membership, with a 20% commission on sales. Check the website for the membership application at <https://washingtonstartists.org/membership/> or phone 304-724-2090 for information on applying for membership.

Call for Entries

Floyd Center for the Arts 2021 Juried exhibition with watercolorist, Z.L. Feng: All fine arts and fine craft media including painting, sculpture, graphics, ceramics, textiles, mixed media, photography, time-based/new media, and installation are accepted. Artist may submit up to three (3) artworks. The entry fee of \$35 is for up to three works and is non-refundable. rate of \$25. Their website is www.FloydArtCenter.org. If paying by check, please make checks payable to: The Floyd Center for the Arts and mail it to: 220 Parkway Lane South, Suite 1, Floyd VA, 24091. Visit www.callforentry.org to submit your images.

Member Activities

Schuler School of Art presently has a virtual show called "Fur and Feathers" which can be viewed on the Schuler School of Art website through mid-May. On the website, click on the tab "Shows" and go to 2021 Fur and Feathers. Valley Art Association artist, teacher and Corresponding Secretary, Carol Wilks, was honored with the award of 3rd prize for her "Wise One" owl pastel in this show. Congratulations, Carol!

Current and Future Exhibitions

The Museum of Shenandoah Valley in Winchester, VA: One ticket provides entry to their lovely gardens and also to the Museum where, until August 8, 2021, an outstanding show of Norman Rockwell's work is on display. This is a must see: in addition to what appears to be all of the Saturday Evening Post covers, there are original oil paintings to study "nose to nose" and studies including full-scale studies. Their website is <http://www.themsv.org>

The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

The WCMFA has honored the Valley Art Association with a show of members' work from April 28 through May, 2021. Over 30 artists will have work on display, paintings, drawings, sculpture and ceramics.

WCMFA also brings together the work of Joshua Johnson (ca.1763-1824) for the first time since 1988, in their Groh Gallery from April 17 to October 24, 2021. Often considered the first professional African-American artist, Johnson was a freed slave who achieved a remarkable degree of success as a portraitist in his lifetime by painting affluent patrons in his native Baltimore.

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! Open Fridays from 5pm-8pm, and Saturdays from 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, and are hoping to resume as soon as possible. New show opening for the months of May-June are four notable photographers sharing their fine art photography: Beth Guyer Doyle, Jamie Cournoyer, Stephen Berte, and Johnny Kauffmann. The Artists will be having a Reception Friday May 7 from 5pm-7:30pm with music by Patric Schlee and Friends.

Valley Art Board of Directors

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