



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 big thanks to all of our present members for staying with us! I hope this finds everyone well and still enjoying the ART in their lives!

We do have lots of ART to share with you! So please read this entire newsletter so you will know what's going on won't miss anything. And remember, if you find your address hidden in this newsletter, let a Board member know so you can win a prize. No one found their address in the August newsletter, so sadly they missed out on their prize last month!

We have a great Art Exhibit going on now in the North Gallery. To celebrate the founding of the Mansion House Art Center & Gallery 30 years ago, we are honoring the Mansion House's founders by exhibiting some of their artwork in the "Founders' Show". The show runs through September 26. Please don't miss this wonderful art exhibit!

I'm sorry to have to report at this time that our September "in person" General meeting and picnic on the porch must be cancelled due to the upsurge of COVID numbers in Washington County. The health and safety of our members, their families and guests are first and foremost during these difficult times. Therefore our September 22nd General meeting will be via Zoom again, at 7pm on that date. We will follow up with an email to members with the Zoom sign-in and any other information about a program for that meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE, PLEASE READ!

Bonnie Elgin has just resigned from the Board position of Gallery Director of the Valley Art Association, due to unexpected circumstances with regard to her other business activities. With that announcement, Valley Art Association's Assistant Gallery Director, Marjorie Tressler, has agreed to move to the position of Gallery Director per the Association's By-Laws. This will then leave a vacancy in the position of Assistant Gallery Director. The By-laws also state that "if an ELECTED office (i.e. Apprentice Gallery Director-aka Assistant Gallery Director) becomes vacant for any reason before the term expires, it will be filled by election at the next regular meeting." Therefore nominations are now being accepted for Assistant (Apprentice) Gallery Director. Nominations for that position will be accepted now, up to and including at the September 22, 2021 7pm Zoom General Meeting, at which time the election of Assistant Gallery Director will take place.

The By-laws state that the duties of the Assistant Gallery Director are as follows: "It shall be the duty of the Apprentice Gallery Director to learn the job of the Gallery Director. The Apprentice Gallery Director shall move to the position of Gallery Director when the Gallery Director leaves office."

The By-laws state that the duties of the Gallery Director are as follows: “The Gallery Director shall be in charge of the operation of the gallery which includes overseeing the hanging of art and the scheduling of those to be on duty at the gallery on the days when the gallery is open to the public.”

Anyone interested in accepting the nomination for Apprentice (aka Assistant) Gallery Director should contact the Nomination Committee Chairperson, Roy Tressler, by email: roytressler@comcast.net, or call/text: 240-217-3022. You may also email a reply to me or call/text me at 301-491-2894 .

Thank you all and hope to see you soon,

Artfully yours,
Hal Mason
President

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Noted on the Header at the top of this page, The Mansion House address has now been changed (per the city.) The new address for the Mansion House is now 480 Highland AVE., Hagerstown MD 21740 PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS!

2021 North Gallery Shows

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

<u>Month</u>	<u>Title/Exhibitor</u>	<u>Drop Off Dates*</u>	<u>Opening</u>	<u>Closing</u>	<u>Pick Up Date*</u>
August/September	Founders' Art Exhibit (See note above)	August 1	August 6	August 29	August 26
October	Driven to Abstraction* (changed from August)	October 1-3	October 8	October 31	November 7
November	Memories Disappearing	October 29-31	November 5	November 28	December 3-5
December 2021 January 2022	Winter Wonderland	November 27-29	December 3	December 26	January 2

- **Drop off and Pick Up Dates may be subject to change. Please check the above list for any updates as shows approach.*
- *The August N. Gallery Show will no longer be the members' show "Driven to Abstraction", so please don't bring in any artwork for that show. The "Driven To Abstraction" members' show will now take place in October 2021 instead.*

Fall Fest in Hagerstown City Park Saturday, September 18th from 11-3, participate in Fall Fest in City Park. VAA will be providing crayons and coloring books to pass out to kids in lieu of a children's art activity on the porch. Members are invited to paint on the porch. (If you have new art supplies or other art-materials you would like to contribute, please contact Sue Parker (304) 258-4046.)

2021 ART IN THE HALLWAY
Meritus Health Center

Month	Name
September	Donna Bingaman
October	Carol A. Wolfensberger
November	Nicole Troup
December	Denny Bingaman

Member News and Activities

Members, if you haven't paid your dues that were due in July 2021, please do so as soon as you can, 8840 Lemar Road 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).

Clock House Gallery Opening

The Clock House Gallery opened at 10:00 am August 27 as the Williamsport Canal Days festival was on going in the park in Williamsport, MD. At the close of that day at 4:00 PM, 35 plus visitors had stopped in and we had over \$300 in sales. More importantly was the excitement and welcoming from the community. Comments included, we are "happy that the gallery is here." Visitors from "friends of the tavern" came by and made purchases. They love their Williamsport, the canal and towpath. As Mr. Ed, owner of the tavern and the Clocktower building said, "I am happy beyond measure". Many commented on how the space lends itself to a gallery. Special thanks to Mr. Ed Kave who gave us the space, and Mrs. Mary Shurz and son Nick who provided much encouraging support. Special thanks to VAA members, Chris Shingler and Sue Parker who were steadfast in helping to pull all this together. Residents are looking forward to future shows and activities there.

Publicity News—VAA Partners with Hagerstown Hopes

VAA and Hagerstown Hopes are joining forces to highlight and support the local arts community! 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.

Message from Our Historian: Roy Tressler

I trust that you enjoyed a safe and memorable summer. Thanks to everyone for contributing to the VAA archives. The collection continues to grow and should make for interesting reading as well as being a source usable for local art-related research. The collection contains varied items such as photos, business cards & brochures, programs, bulletins, and magazine & newspaper clippings. All of this confirms that the VAA members are both talented and engaged with their community and art. Unfortunately, I have been having great difficulty obtaining printable notices or articles from our local newspaper. These difficulties are caused by multiple issues including lack of reliable delivery of the paper. The request from this corner is that you redouble your efforts in providing archival material. Thanks again my friends. Be well & hope to see you soon,

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:

Figure drawing sessions are scheduled through September at the Mansion House: **Mondays, from 10 AM - 1 PM.** Professional models, shared model fees only. No instruction. Dates are **September 13th, 20th and 27th**, with a long pose session on the 27th. Contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583. **NOTE:** In October, the figure-drawing sessions will be held on Thursday mornings from **10 - 1.**

DC Art Models Collective: Online sessions: a weekly schedule of these sessions is detailed through their website dcardmodelcollective.com. Subscribe for their weekly update via the website or email dcardmodelcollective@gmail.com. Wonderful selection of models and options including custom sessions, very well organized, price of sessions \$7/1 hour, \$14/2 hours, \$20/3 hours.

WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES:

Marjorie Tressler will begin classes at the Mansion House beginning Monday, October 4. They will be scheduled for Mondays. Please contact Marjorie for details at marjorietressler@comcast.net or call 717-762-6791.

Michael Davis, on Thursday, September 16, at the Mansion House, from 10:30 - 4:30 PM "From Grisaille to Color": we will discuss and work the techniques of applying color to a finished grisaille (monochrome underpainting) as well as different approaches to handling the grisaille itself. This is about bringing a painting to a resolution and finishing: a demonstration with the opportunity to paint alongside. Copies of the subject matter will be available. Minimum number of participants is 5, maximum 9. Lunch is provided. Cost is \$70 for VAA and Museum members, \$80 for non-members. Contact Elaine Wolfe for further details at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583.

Pewter Casting I - Join Brendan in an introduction to Pewter casting. A hands-on workshop to produce pewter tokens and badges using Historical techniques. Limited to 10 individuals, materials provided, 2-hours - \$25. September 23, from 10 AM to noon. To register, contact Elaine Wolfe, as above. It is expected that a series of workshops involving historical techniques will follow.

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 Loisselle Skilled teachers of the Schuler School of Fine Arts offering Online Mentoring: see their websites for details at hansguerin.com and bethedloisselle.com

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

CALL FOR ENTRIES:

"Art for The Animals"

This show is a fundraiser, all proceeds going to "For Otis Sake-Rescue, Rehab, Rehome". To enter, pick up artboards at Howard's Art and Frames, 1256 Dual Hwy., Hagerstown, 301-733-2722 or www.howardsarts.com for a \$5 donation (cash or check), and bring your created work to Howard's by September 18 for framing and hanging. Silent Auction is from October 2 - October 23, opening reception October 2, 6:30-8:00, "Tail-end" reception and awards ceremony on October 23, 6:30-8:00, Popular Choice voting October 2 - 16.

37th Annual Exhibition Miniature Art 2021

Council for the Arts - deadline for entry is September 10, show dates October 1 - November 6. Image size no greater than 4"x6". Entry fee for 1-4 works is \$30. For details and entry, please go to <http://www.councilforthearts.net>, or call 717-264-6883.

2021 Botanical Art and Illustration

Las Laguna Gallery presents Botanical Art and Illustration. For this artist opportunity the gallery is seeking works that explore plants. Any works that show flowers, plants, trees, leaves, cactus, succulents, etc. will be considered. Online and Gallery exhibition. Email: laslagunaartgallery@gmail.com. Deadline November 7, 2021. Exhibition: December 2 to December 31, 2021. Entry fee \$31.00, up to 20 images. Commission: 65% Artist, 35% Gallery. Wide range of media including traditional photography. Note: All artists who submit to this show will be accepted and have at least one of their submitted works posted and promoted on our website and to our client list. A select number of artists will be selected to send their work to our gallery for our in-person exhibition at our brick and mortar gallery in Laguna Beach, California.

EXHIBITIONS:

The Washington County Arts Council: "Symbolizing the Hope in Recovery through Purple". The juried community art exhibit will be on display virtually and in the gallery from August 26, 2021 through September 28, 2021. As a community we work at preventing addiction, eliminating stigma, and building a strong support for those in recovery. Visit this moving show virtually at <http://www.washingtoncountyarts.com/washingtongoespurple> and visit the show Tuesday - Friday 11 AM - 5 PM, and Saturdays, 10 AM - 4 PM.

The Washington County Museum of Fine Art - "Bernini and the Roman Baroque" through September 19, 2021. This is a large-scale exhibition of Old Master paintings and artworks: more than 50 works by 40 artists, including several by the major Baroque master, Gian Lorenzo Bernini (1598-1680) and other Baroque painters whose work has rarely left the Palazzo Chigi in Ariccia. This exhibition is an uncommon opportunity, all the more so because the National Gallery of Art's proposed exhibition of "A Superb Baroque: Art in Genoa, 1600 - 1750, scheduled for September 26 - January 9, has had to be canceled due to multiple factors related to the worsening COVID-19 crisis.

The Baltimore Watercolor Society has an online exhibition showing work of remarkable quality: go to <http://www.baltimorewatercolorsociety.org> to visit the 2021 Online Mid-Atlantic Regional Exhibition.

42 West Arts Gallery, 42 West Main Street, Waynesboro, PA.

New exhibit - The students of Donna Bingaman will be exhibiting their art work entitled " Enjoying Art" the month of September and October. Our special opening reception and party with wine, chocolates, cake and lots of other refreshments will be Friday September 10th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Come and join us with our celebration and Party. Waynesboro's own Al Good Trio will be providing music including jazz standards with keyboard, drums, and trombone from 5:30 to 7:30 Friday September 10th.

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