



GALLERY HOURS
Friday & Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
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President's Message January 2022 Newsletter

Hello Valley Art Members, Prospective Members and all ART lovers!

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had happy and healthy holidays. Welcome new members and a big thanks to all of our members for staying with us! We certainly hope we can see each one of you during the upcoming year!

Please read this and every newsletter to stay informed about everything that is ART related in our community. You won't want to miss our February Members' Show entitled "Recipe for Romance". This is an exhibit for all VAA members, opening at the Mansion House Art Center & Gallery on Friday February 4, 2022. Members should pick up their artwork from the "Winter Wonderland" show no later than Sunday January 30th, and they may drop off their artwork for the February show the same day. Thanks again and congratulations to VAA members who brought in and/or sold their artwork and crafts during our "Winter Wonderland" show and the Mansion House Holiday Market! Please contact Gallery Director, Mary Elise Thompson, or another Board member for more information about the February Members' show (contact info in this newsletter.)

I'd also like to congratulate VAA members Anne & Don Wilson who found their hidden address in the December newsletter. And thank them for donating their winnings back to VAA! Every member, please be sure to look for your hidden address in this newsletter!

As of now our January General meeting is scheduled for Weds. January 26, 2022 at 7pm. A decision will be made soon whether the meeting will be a HYBRID meeting (that is in-person at the Mansion House along with via Zoom), or if it will still be just a meeting via Zoom. Members will be notified as soon as the decision is made.

We also will be accepting nominations and electing officers at the January meeting. Anyone interested in being an officer should contact me or another Board member. We'll be electing a Treasurer and an Assistant Gallery Director.

Everyone please stay safe and I hope to see you soon! And don't forget our motto, "Art is for EVERYONE!"

Artfully yours,
Hal Mason, VAA 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!

ALSO NEW: The bin on the library book case is there for ALL North Gallery Shows. Members can show shrink wrap items FREE during each month of North Gallery Theme shows . Please make a list of all shrink wrap paintings/ prints/photography, etc., with your name, contact info and prices, etc. for the binder in the North Gallery.

2022 North Gallery Shows

Valley Art Association presents "Winter Wonderland", an exhibit by members at the Mansion House Art Center & Gallery, 480 Highland Ave. (City Park), Hagerstown, MD. The show runs from to January 30, 2022.

Mansion House hours are Fridays & Saturdays 11am-4pm and Sundays 1pm-5pm. Admission is Free.

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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>
January 2022	Winter Wonderland	November 26-28	December 3	January 30, 2022	January 30, 2022
February 2022	Recipe for Romance	January 28-30, 2022	February 4, 2022	February 27, 2022	February 27-2022

- **Drop off and Pick Up Dates may be subject to change. Please check the above list for any updates as shows approach.*

2021 ART IN THE HALLWAY Meritus Health Center

Month	Name
January	Rhonda Albright
February	Marilyn Pontius
March	Donna and Hal Mason
April	Deveina Williams
May	Mary Thompson/Charlotte Loveless
June	Lily Ramos
July	Chelsea Butrum
August	Carol Miller
September	Gwen & Larry Bergey
October	Sue Bell
November	Chris Shingler
December	John Mulligan

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, so that you will continue receiving your newsletter 980 B St. Clair Street 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).

Congratulations to all our Valley Art Association members who were in the Washington County Arts Council's Annual Community Art Show, "The Best Local Art of 2021" ! They are as follows: Jennie Avila, David Bottini, Patricia Boyst, Margaret Clingan (won "Best of Show" for her photography), Ashley Holden-Hammond, Paulette Lee, Donna Mason, Hal Mason, Judy Melby-Robinson, Carol Wilks and Stephen Wright.

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!

FIGURE-DRAWING

Figure-Drawing sessions are scheduled for THURSDAYS, from 10 AM to 1 PM, through January at the Mansion House, except for January 20th, when there will be a slush-pewter casting workshop (see below). Professional models, shared model fees only. No instruction. Dates for January are the 6th, 13th and 27th. Contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

DC Art Models Collective Online sessions are detailed through their website dcartmodelcollective.com
Professional models, options include custom private sessions.

The New Masters Academy: Great resource for photographs of models. The website is <http://www.nma.art/>.

WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES

Marjorie Tressler offers painting classes at the Mansion House on Mondays. For details and to register for classes, please contact Marjorie for details at marjorietressler@comcast.net or call 717-762-6791.

Pewter Casting and Mold-Making Beginning in January, on January 20, February 17 and March 24, Brendan Rich will hold hands-on workshops at the Mansion House. These will be on the various methods of pewter casting and on methods of producing molds for these castings, using historical techniques. 10 AM to noon. Limited to 10 individuals, materials are provided. \$25. To register or for further details, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583.

Pam Wenger Quick Sketch Portrait in Watercolor Workshop

One day workshop with Pam Wenger whose work has been exhibited and won awards at national shows including the American Watercolor Society, the National Watercolor Society, Splash magazine, Watercolor Artist Magazine and the Baltimore Watercolor Society's Mid-Atlantic Shows. Her website is www.pamwenger.com The workshop will be held at the Mansion House on March 17, 10:30 - 4:30, cost \$75 for VAA and Museum members and \$85 for non-members. Lunch is provided. A full class description with details will be emailed to the membership shortly. To register or if you have any questions, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

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 offering Online Mentoring: see their websites for details athansguerin.com and bethedloiselle.com.

EXHIBITIONS

Pam Wenger in “Faces and Places”

Gallery 50 in Waynesboro, PA .Enjoy Pam Wenger’s work! She has thirty watercolors in a group show at Gallery 50, 50 W. Main Street in Waynesboro. The show will run through April, 2022. Gallery hours are Friday, 5 - 8 PM, and Saturday from 11:30 to 2:30.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, Hagerstown, MD

"The Secret Paris of the 1930's: Vintage Photographs by Brassai" Opening on November 14, through January 30, 2022. Especially in these times of restricted travel, enter the atmospheric world captured in Brassai's photographs of the Parisian life - in the streets, the dance halls, the bars, the places and corners - the heartbeat of the city.

Van Eyck to Mondrian

At the Morgan Library, in New York City, through January 23, 2022: 300 years of collecting in Dresden, showing works from the graphic collections of the Kupferstich-Kabinett, and including Jan Van Eyck’s “Portrait of an Older Man” (ca. 1435-1440). This is the sole venue for this show.

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.

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

New exhibit - Dee Henry will be exhibiting her art work the months of November and December. Our special opening reception, and party with Wine, Chocolates, Cake and lots of other Refreshments will be Friday November 5th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Come and join us with our Celebration and Party, with Special music with Patric Schlee "Earth Song Ensemble". Donna Bingaman, Professional Artist will be offering painting classes every Wednesday of each month from 12 - 3pm. throughout the year every Wednesday from 12 - 3pm. Each class is offered at \$15 . Come when possible. Everyone is welcome. Learn to draw and paint a beautiful painting. We paint in oil paint, watercolor, pastel. Sign up at 42 West Arts or contact Donna Bingaman 762-8394.

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