



**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

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

Welcome new members and a big thanks to all of our members for their participation in Valley Art! 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. Thanks again and congratulations to VAA members who brought in and/or sold their artwork during our much publicized "Winter Wonderland" show at the Mansion House. This exhibit just closed on January 30th. We're happy to announce the present members' show titled "Recipe for Romance", opening on Friday February 4th and closing on Sunday February 27th. Please contact Gallery Director, Mary Elise Thompson, or another Board member for more information about the members' shows at the Mansion House (contact info in this newsletter.)

Unfortunately we did not have a winner find their hidden address in the January newsletter. Please be sure to look for your hidden address in this February newsletter as well as future newsletters!

We'd like to thank our guest speaker for the Zoom January 26th Valley Art General Meeting, Crystal Schelle. Crystal is an award winning journalist, writer, photographer, videographer and designer and she is now the Marketing and Communications Director for the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. Everyone enjoyed seeing and hearing her presentation very much. A decision will be made soon whether the next General Meeting on February 23rd 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, as well as what the program for that meeting will be.

We also held elections of new Officers at the January 26th meeting. Congratulations to our new Assistant Gallery Director, Katy Costa-Randall! We did not receive any nominations for Treasurer as yet. We would like to thank both Sue Parker and Elaine Wolfe again for filling in on Treasurer duties temporarily, until such time that a new Treasurer is elected.

Everyone please stay safe and I hope to see you soon! Until then, 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 "Recipe for Romance", an exhibit by members at the Mansion House Art Center & Gallery, 480 Highland Ave. (City Park), Hagerstown, MD. The show runs from February 4 to February 27, 2022 1203 Wintercamp Trail. Mansion House hours are Fridays & Saturdays 11am-4pm and Sundays 1pm-5pm. Admission is Free. [www.valleyartassoc.com](http://www.valleyartassoc.com) 301-797-2867.

*Please check the list below for dates as shows approach.*

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

<b>Month</b>	<b>Title/Exhibitor</b>	<b>Drop Off Dates*</b>	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Closing</b>	<b>Pick Up Date*</b>
February 2022	Recipe for Romance	January 28-30, 2022	February 4, 2022	February 27, 2022	February 27-2022
March 2022	Mansion House Tuesday Artists Group				
April 2022	Weather				
May 2022	Pretty As A Peach				
June 2022	Music & Dance				
July 2022	Bird Watching				
August 2022	Paradise				
September 2022	The Magic of Threes				
October 2022	It's a Fright				
November 2022	Cityscapes				
December 2022/January 2023	Winter Nights, Winter Lights				

### **2022 ART IN THE HALLWAY Meritus Health Center**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Name</b>
February	Marilyn Pontius
March	Carol Miller
April	Deweina Williams
May	Mary Thompson/Charlotte Loveless
June	Lily Ramos
July	Chelsea Butrum
August	Deborah Lee
September	Gwen & Larry Bergey
October	Sue Bell
November	Chris Shingler
December	John Neal Mullican

## **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 and so that you can participate in upcoming Valley Art events, such as the Mansion House members' shows in the North Gallery.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:scp2art@gmail.com), Carol Wilks at [cawilks44@gmail.com](mailto:cawilks44@gmail.com), and John Neal Mullican at [johnmullican@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto: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!

### **The Clocktower Gallery**

This gallery continues to transform into a welcoming space despite its limitations. Local folks are taking an interest and offering help. Asking all members who think and paint whimsically to join us. No fees. What you sell is yours. We ask you to be on site to conduct your own sales.

In April we will open a Gallery exhibit entitled "Whimsically Yours," April 1 through April 3 and the following weekend April 9 through April 12. Artists can choose to participate either weekend or both. The show will be put in place Thursdays March 31 and April 8. (for those who choose the 2nd weekend). Hours open to hang the show will be 10 am - 12:00. It will be open to the public 10am to 4 pm Friday through Sunday. Questions call or text Charlotte at 301 733 7611 email [charlove288@gmail.com](mailto:charlove288@gmail.com).

### **FIGURE-DRAWING:**

Figure-Drawing sessions are scheduled for THURSDAYS, from 10 AM to 1 PM, through February at the Mansion House, except for February 17th, when there will be a pewter casting workshop (see below). Professional models, shared model fees only. No instruction. Dates for February are the 3rd, 10th and 24th. Contact Elaine Wolfe at [valleyartinfo@gmail.com](mailto:valleyartinfo@gmail.com) or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

### **DC Art Models Collective in Conjunction with the Washington Studio School:**

Online sessions are detailed through their website [dcartmodelcollective.com](http://dcartmodelcollective.com)

The website for the WSS is <https://washingtonstudioschool.org/drop-in-figure-drawing>

and their sessions are on Monday evenings from 7-9 PM. Professional models, Cost is \$7 for 1 hour, \$14 for two hours and \$20 for 3 hours.

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

## **WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES:**

If you have a wish list for classes or workshops, please contact Elaine Wolfe at [valleyartinfo@gmail.com](mailto:valleyartinfo@gmail.com) or call 304-261-9583 (no text). She really wants to know what - or with whom - you would like the opportunity to study.

**Marjorie Tressler:** painting classes at the Mansion House on Mondays. For details and to register for classes, please contact Marjorie for details at [marjorietressler@comcast.net](mailto:marjorietressler@comcast.net) or call 717-762-6791.

**Pewter Casting and Mold-Making** - On 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](mailto:valleyartinfo@gmail.com) or call 304-261-9583.

## **Pam Wenger Workshop "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](http://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](mailto: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/](http://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](mailto: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](http://athansguerin.com) and [bethedloiselle.com](http://bethedloiselle.com)

## **CALLS FOR ENTRY:**

### **2022 Spring Art at The Mill**

Clarke County Historical Association at the Burwell Morgan Mill, 15 Tannery Lane, Millwood, VA. Show is from April 24th through May 8th, at the Mill and also with a Web Gallery online from which purchases can be made by calling the Mill at 540-837-1799 during show hours. All work must be for sale. Commission is 35%. \$35 registration fee covers up to 7 entries per artist. Go to their website - [artatthemill.artcall.org](http://artatthemill.artcall.org) - to email enter online; their email address is [artatthemill@gmail.com](mailto:artatthemill@gmail.com). Submissions open on February 7 and close on February 28 at midnight. Great opportunity to show a body of work!

### **ART RENEWAL CENTER (ARC)**

The 16th ARC Salon is an international competition, the 15th Salon last year having over 4,000 entries. Their website [artrenewal.org](http://artrenewal.org) contains a huge database of realist paintings by past and present masters, and you will be able to view the work of literally hundreds of artists at work today in what appears to be a modern "golden age" for fine art. The prospectus for this year's Salon competition will be available on the website on March 1, 2022. The deadline for entries is June 16, 2022. There are 11 categories of artwork. The work does not need to be for sale, and the work does not need to be available for live exhibition to compete and win.

All semi-finalists will be published on the website and all finalists and winners will be published in the 16th ARC Salon Book as well as the website. Contact [kara.ross@artrenewal.org](mailto:kara.ross@artrenewal.org) if you have questions or concerns not covered by the website.

### **EXHIBITIONS:**

#### **Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, Hagerstown, MD -- The Cumberland Valley Artists and Photographers Exhibitions**

showing works from artists in MD, VA, WV, PA and Washington, DC. February 19 - April 24, 2022. An announcement on the Virtual Reception will be forthcoming on the Museum website, <http://www.wcmfa.org> and for further information, you may contact the Museum [info@wcmfa.org](mailto:info@wcmfa.org) or call 301-739-5727.

#### **Pam Wenger “Faces and Places” at 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.

### **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**

Thanks to everyone for contributing to the VAA archives. The collection continues to grow and 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,

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

**New exhibit - Featured Artist, February--Roy McCauley** will be having his first opening reception on Friday the 7th from 5:30 - 8:00pm.

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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