

Valley Art Association

NEWS



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

May 2022

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

The April North Gallery show "Weather" has ended and the May show, which is an all members' show with the title "Pretty as a Peach" opened Friday April 29. The June members' show will be opening June 3rd and will be titled "Music & Dance". For questions or more information about the members' shows please contact Gallery Director, Mary Elise Thompson.

Our April General Meeting, held in-person (and on Zoom) at the Mansion House on April 27th, was a "Welcome Back" to members & guests. Everyone enjoyed refreshments provided by VAA, seeing old friends again, and making new.

Nominations were also taken for Board members at the April meeting, to be elected at the May 25th meeting. Any additional nominations will be taken at the May meeting before the elections. The offices again are: President, President Elect, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Gallery Director, and Assistant Gallery Director.

The May meeting will also be featuring artist Lynn Ferris doing a watercolor demonstration.

Please read this and every newsletter because "ART IS FOR EVERYONE" and the newsletter always has lots of ART news! Besides if you find your address hidden inside it, you can win a prize!

Look forward to seeing you soon!

Artfully yours,
Hal Mason, VAA President

P.S. The Mansion House refrigerator is 30 years old, not frost free and the shelf is broken,does anyone have one they'd like to donate?

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!

2022 North Gallery Shows

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.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Title/Exhibitor</u>	<u>Drop Off Dates*</u>	<u>Opening</u>	<u>Closing</u>	<u>Pick Up Date*</u>
May 2022	Pretty as a Peach		4/29/22	5/29	5/29
June 2022	Music & Dance	5/29	6/3	6/26	6/26
July 2022	Bird Watching	6/26	7/1	7/31	7/31
August 2022	Paradise	7/31	8/5	8/28	8/28
September 2022	The Magic of Threes	8/28	9/2	9/25	9/25
October 2022	It's a Fright	9/25	9/30	10/30	10/30
November 2022	Cityscapes	10/30	11/4	11/27	11/27
December 2022/January 2023	Winter Nights, Winter Lights	11/27	12/2	1/29/23	1/29/23

2022 ART IN THE HALLWAY

Meritus Health Center

May	Mary Thompson/Charlotte Loveless
June	Lily Ramos
July	Chelsea Butrum
August	Debra Lee
September	Gwen & Larry Bergey
October	Sue Bell
November	Chris Shingler
December	John Neal Mullican

VAA MEMBER NEWS

A NEW GRAPHIC IDENTITY

Special thanks and sincere gratitude to VAA member **Ashley Holden Hammond** for her superb work on developing a new Valley Art Association logo! Ashley, whose creative motto is "Passion Meets Purpose", is a Hagerstown resident who works as a senior graphic designer 11841 Greenhill Dr. and art director for a Washington, D.C. advertising agency. She holds a B.A. from The Art Institute of Pittsburgh and in addition to being an accomplished graphic artist, is also an acclaimed painter and caricaturist. Her connection to the VAA literally spans generations: her great grandfather, A. Les Gardner, was an artist and early VAA member.

In donating her time and skills, Ashley engaged us in a comprehensive and professional approach to logo design – seeking to understand what "message" the organization's graphic identity should convey. From responses to a questionnaire, Ashley determined, "The new brand should be friendly, welcoming, kind, inspiring, and fun, with a focus to help connect artists of all levels and mediums as well as art lovers." She then developed several design concepts that underwent a review and culling process by the VAA Board and Advisors, with the Board ultimately selecting the winner, one version which will be revealed soon!!

VAA MEMBER NEWS

VAA members **Dee Henry**, **Donna Bingaman** and **Donna Mason** are among the 17 artists to be featured in the Gallery 50 show, "From Realism to Abstraction" through July. Opening reception is Friday, May 6, 5:30-8 p.m.; gallery is open Fridays, 5-8 p.m. and Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 50 W Main St, Waynesboro, PA 17268
contact@ArtsAllianceGW.org

VAA member, Donna Mitchell, has one of her China series pastels, "Wisteria Garden", juried into the 2022 Maryland Pastel Society "Shades of Pastel" National Exhibit, being held in the Strathmore Mansion in North Bethesda, Maryland. The opening reception is on May 15th, 1:30 PM. Congratulations, Donna!

VAA member **Paulette Lee** hosts a weekly podcast, [Woman Worthy: Real Talk About Real Issues for Women Over 60](http://womanworthy.podbean.com) (womanworthy.podbean.com) and now writes a column for the quarterly *Herald-Mail* publication, *At Home Places*. Free copies of the Spring issue are available at the Mansion House. Paulette is also the VAA public relations chair.

Membership Recruitment

The VAA now has a system in place for reaching out and inviting prospective members. If you know of someone who is an artist or is interested in the arts, please send his/her name and mailing address to our membership chair, Denise Ruby at denise7231@aol.com.

FIGURE-DRAWING

At the Mansion House:

Thursdays in May, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.: May 5, May 12, and May 26. May 19 will be a workshop - see below; an additional figure-drawing session may be scheduled from 1-4 p.m. Professional models, shared model fees only, no instruction. May 26 will be a single pose portrait session. Contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

Professional life-drawing model with Avid Light

Series of online and live figure-drawing sessions, some model-hosted, some hosted by other groups. Email him at avid@avidlightmodel.com or go to <http://www.avidlightmodel.com>

In Conjunction with the Washington Studio School - The DC Art Models Collective:

Online sessions are detailed through their website <http://www.dcartmodelcollective.com>. WSS sessions are Mondays, 7-9 p.m.: <https://washingtonstudioschool.org/drop-in-figure-drawing> Professional models, \$7 for one hour, \$14 for two hours and \$20 for three hours.

The New Masters Academy

Great online resource for photographs of models. Website: [New Masters Academy | The Ultimate Art Education](http://NewMastersAcademy.com)

WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES

If you have a **wish list for classes or workshops**, please contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text). She wants to know what - or with whom - you would like the opportunity to study. Also, if you would like to become involved in coordinating workshops, please let her know!

Mansion House

Marjorie Tressler painting classes on Mondays

For details and to register for classes, please contact Marjorie at marjoriertressler@comcast.net or call 717-762-6791.

Lynn Ferris Watercolor Classes

Six weeks, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, July 7 - August 11. For details, costs, and to register, please contact Lynn directly at ferrislynn@yahoo.com. All her workshops and exhibitions for the year are at <http://www.lynnferris.com>.

Lesa Cook Two-Day Sculpture Workshop

September 15-16, bas-relief workshop with award winning and internationally exhibited artist and teacher: 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. both days. Cost, including all materials: \$165 for VAA and MFA members \$180 for non-members. <http://www.lesacook.com> For details, class description and to register, contact Elaine Wolfe (*see above*).

Pam Wenger "Quick Sketch Portrait in Watercolor"

A second workshop has been scheduled for September, 1st, from 10:30 to 4:30, \$75 for VAA and Museum members and \$85 for non-members. Minimum number of participants is 7, maximum is 12. Due to an extensive waiting list for this workshop, there are only a couple of spaces available. Details will be available later in May. To register, contact Elaine Wolfe (as above).

Off-Site

Berkeley Arts Council

"Let's Make a Japanese Stab Binding Journal" - Create a unique design on paper to use for book covers, then construct a hinged journal to learn a technique called Japanese Stab Binding. Friday May 13, 10am - 3pm. Tuition \$45. "Collage for Self Discovery" is a guided exercise in self-awareness, Saturday, May 21, 1:00 – 3:00pm. Tuition FREE. Berkeley Art Works, 116 N. Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV. Pre-registration is required, visit <https://berkeleyartswv.org/instruction>.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Classes

Class schedule and registration: wcmfa.org/learn/classes/ To register for events, call (301) 739- 5727, or email info@wcmfa.org.

Michael T. Davis monthly classical techniques workshops

Badgerhound Gallery, Shepherdstown. May 24, June 28, July 26, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. CLOSED (maximum five students). To be placed on a waiting list, contact Elaine Wolfe (*see above*).

Annette Gloomis

Hoping to schedule a workshop with her on her glazing techniques with oils for some time in October. TBD

Hans Guerin and Beth de Loiselle, Schuler School of Fine Arts

Online mentoring: athansguerin.com and bethedloiselle.com

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

May and June Mary Alice Baumgardner Featured Artist. Reception May 6, 5:30 - 8:00

May Demonstration Fiber artist Pat Beard will be demonstrating spinning yarn between 1 and 3 pm on Saturday, May 14, and May 21. May 7, and May 28.

Sewist Karri Benedict will demonstrate sewing on her vintage Singer 99 sewing machine between 1 and 3 pm on April 30, May 7, and May 28

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 . 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 or artsyfolks@embarqmail.com

CALLS FOR ENTRY:

Berkeley Arts Council

Contemporary Printmaking, an exhibit of works in various printmaking techniques, on display June 29 -August 6, 2022 at the Berkeley Art Works, 116 North Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV. Deadline for entries midnight May 17, 2022. Cash awards. For more information: <https://berkeleyartswv.org>.

Allegheny Arts Council Juried "23rd Annual Wills Creek Exhibition"

September 9-24, 2022, Saville Gallery in Cumberland, MD." Contemporary, thoughtful work that uniquely portrays the world where we live." Submission deadline, July 14, 2022. <https://www.alleghanyartscouncil.org/>

EXHIBITIONS

The Berkeley Arts Council's 12th Annual Art & Earth Juried Art Exhibit

Through May 14 at the Berkeley Art Works, 116 North Queen Street, Martinsburg. *Art and Earth: My Art – My World* features 37 pieces in variety of media.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Thank you for your continuing contributions to the VAA archival scrapbooks. VAA members may leave their art-related photos, notes of accomplishment and awards, bios, brochures, magazine/newspaper articles and other appropriate materials at the Mansion House desk. Be sure to place your name and any other information that you wish to share on the item. The scrapbooks will be on display at selected VAA events. Thank you! Be well and stay safe,

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