

Art is for everyone!

MANSION HOUSE ART CENTER & GALLERY

480 Highland Avenue (City Park), Hagerstown, MD 21740

Hours: Friday & Saturdays, 11 am-4pm; Sundays, 1-5 pm

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President's Message

June 2022

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

The May North Gallery show "Pretty as a Peach" has ended and the June members' show titled "Music & Dance" opens Friday June 3, 2022. The July members' show will be titled "Bird Watching" and will be opening July 1, 2022. For questions or more information about the members' North Gallery exhibits, please contact Gallery Director, Mary Elise Thompson.

Our May General Meeting, held in-person (and on Zoom) at the Mansion House on May 25th featured artist Lynn Ferris. Thanks to Lynn for a wonderful watercolor demonstration! Thanks also to members Gwen Bergey & Dianna Basile for providing refreshments at the meeting. Elections were also held for Board members at the May meeting. Please see inside this and future newsletters for VAA Board names and for their contact information.

We will not be having another General Meeting until September 28, 2022 at 7 p.m. Our featured artist for that meeting will be VAA member Jennie Avila, who will do a musical presentation of her Civil War music.

On June 22, 2022 at 6 p.m. VAA will be hosting a picnic on the Mansion House Porch for VAA members and their guests. Members will be free and guests are \$5 each. VAA will be providing the food, drinks etc. Members are welcome to bring a dessert or dish to share. Please contact me at halmasonart@myactv.net with your head count for the picnic (by June 12, 2022) or for more information. Till we meet again, please keep reading this and all of your newsletters for "the rest of the story"!

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 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>
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	"Art for Food" (by Katherine Peterson & group of participating members)	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
February 2023	The Magic of Threes				

2022 ART IN THE HALLWAY

Meritus Health Center

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

The annual VAA membership picnic is back!

May was the last VAA general membership meeting of the current fiscal year. The next general membership meeting will be September 28, 2022. This month (June) we will again be having **our annual picnic for members – in appreciation of them -- and their guests June 22, 6 p.m., on The Mansion House porch.** The VAA is providing the mains -- fried chicken and sides -- plus plates, utensils, etc. and beverages, but if you'd like to bring a dessert or a dish to share, you're more than welcome to do so. Members: please let Hal Mason know **by June 12** if you will be attending and if you will be bringing a guest (phone: 301-797-4933, email: halmasonart@myactv.net) . Members free, guests \$5.00 each to be paid at the picnic. Hope to see you on June 22!

A big thank you to Sue Parker for taking on two additional big jobs for the VAA: working with our volunteer webmaster Hunter Tuttle (and thank you to him!) on upgrading our website, AND negotiating an upgrade in our Mansion House insurance policy at no additional cost to us. Well done, Sue, and much appreciated.

VAA member Katherine Peterson's "Art for Food" project has been approved by the Board of Directors. If you choose, as a VAA member artist you may donate 30% of the sale of any artwork exhibited at a VAA venue, to the Maryland Food Bank, Western Branch. Special tags will designate the participating artist and work. All member artists are invited to participate in this worthy cause. For details, contact Katherine at kat.petersonstudio@gmail.com or call (240) 422-1285. A future event is being planned to publicize this project.

Membership Recruitment

The VAA now has a system in place for reaching out **4118 Toodletown Lane** 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 email address to our membership chair, Denise Ruby at denise7231@aol.com.

FIGURE-DRAWING

At the Mansion House:

Figure-Drawing sessions Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 2, June 9, June 16, June 23 and June 30. Professional models, shared model fees only. No instruction. Contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no texting).

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](#)

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 for details 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>.

Nicole Troup "Painting Darker Skin Tones from a Photo"

A painting workshop on how to mix darker skin tones and what colors to use, focusing on mixing, blending skin tones and value relationships. Late August, with details to be emailed to membership by Elaine Wolfe (valleyartinfo@gmail.com and telephone/no text 304-261-9583).

Pam Wenger "Quick Sketch Portrait in Watercolor"

A second workshop has been scheduled for September 1, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. \$75 for VAA and Museum members, \$85 for non-members. Minimum number of participants is seven, maximum is 12. Fully booked, contact Elaine (see above) to be put onto a waiting list.

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*).

Brendan Rich "On Pigments and Paint-Making"

Brendan Rich will conduct a four-part series of workshops on Pigments and Paint-making this winter. More information will follow in later newsletters.

Annette Gloomis "Glazing Techniques with Oils"

Hoping to schedule a workshop with her sometime in October. TBD.

Off-Site

Berkeley Art Works

"Printing with Nature"-- Participants will learn nature printing to create a beautiful journal. The outside and inside of the book will be printed using leaves. Thursday and Friday, June 23 - 24, 10am - 3pm both days (total of 10 hours). Berkeley Art Works, 116 N. Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV. All participants will be required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination and wear masks while in class. <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. 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*).

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

Online mentoring: athansguerin.com and bethedloiselle.com

CALLS FOR ENTRY:

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.alleghenyartscouncil.org/>

Clocktower Gallery

The next Clocktower Gallery opening will be June 10,11, & 12. Hours: June 10 & 11, 10 a.m., Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Theme is "Adventures in Abstracts & Impressionism", to be installed Thursday, June 9 from 10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., unless you arrange a separate time. There is wall space for approximately 35 paintings no larger than 3'x3', plus table space for arts and crafts. Calling all artists interested in a weekend adventure! Contact Charlotte Loveless by email at charlotteloveless72@gmail.com or text (301)733-7611.

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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