

## Art is for everyone!

MANSION HOUSE ART CENTER & GALLERY

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

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

[www.valleyartassoc.org](http://www.valleyartassoc.org)

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### President's Message

January 2023

Happy New Year Valley Art Members, Prospective Members and all ART lovers!

I'd like to welcome all new members to Valley Art Association! I hope everyone had nice Holidays! Several jolly people attended a very enjoyable "Happy Holidays Party" for VAA members and their guests at the Mansion House on Wednesday, December 28, 2022! Cheerful folks were able to spend a fun evening making new friends and seeing old friends who they haven't seen in a while! Thanks again to all of those who helped set up for the party that night, brought super delicious refreshments to share, and helped clean up afterwards!

Our next General Meeting is scheduled for 7 pm Wednesday January 25, 2023, in-person at the Mansion House and also via Zoom. For Zoom sign-in information, members please read emails that I'll be sending out to you. Interested guests may also attend in-person, or via Zoom by contacting me at [halmasonart@myactv.net](mailto:halmasonart@myactv.net). After a short business meeting and light refreshments, members & guests will be entertained with a wonderful oil painting demonstration by artist David Buckley Good.

The North Gallery Members' Show "Winter Nights, Winter Lights" continues through January 29, 2023. The February Members' show "The Magic of Threes" will open Friday February 3, 2023. See inside this newsletter for more information about the members' shows and other important art events and activities. You may also contact a Board member for any information about VAA, by using their contact information located in the back of this newsletter.

I hope to see you all soon! Members, remember to look for your address hidden in this newsletter to win a prize! And please continue to spread the word about us to your friends and to people everywhere!

Why? Because "ART IS FOR EVERYONE!"

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 the title 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!

**Upcoming Member Activities**

**General Meetings' Programs October 2022-June 2023**

**(Business meetings & featured artists are in person & on zoom)**

**January 25, 2023 7pm - Business meeting followed by Demonstration by David Buckley Good**

**February 22, 2023 7pm - Business meeting & featured artist, Marguerite Cyr speaking and showing artwork about "Native Plants & Pollinators"**

**March 22, 2023 7pm - Business meeting & featured artist & film maker, Keith Jones with his documentary film about the history and present day of City Park (including Mansion House)**

**April 26, 2023 7pm - Business meeting & featured artist David Bottini with an acrylic painting demonstration**

**May 24, 2023 7pm - Business meeting & featured artist, Lynn Ferris with a watercolor painting demonstration**

**June 28, 2023 6pm - No Business meeting – members & guests picnic on porch**

**2022 North Gallery Shows**

*Please check the list below for drop off and pick up 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><u>Month</u></b>	<b><u>Title/Exhibitor</u></b>	<b><u>Drop Off Dates*</u></b>	<b><u>Opening</u></b>	<b><u>Closing</u></b>	<b><u>Pick Up Date*</u></b>
January 2023	Winter Nights, Winter Lights		12/2	1/29/23	1/29/23
February 2023	The Magic of Threes	1/29/23	2/3	2/26	2/26/23
March 2023	Animal Kingdom		3/3	3/26	
April 2023	Native Plants & Pollinators		3/31	4/30	
May 2023	May Flowers		5/5	5/28	
June 2023	Time		6/2	6/25	
July 2023	Every Picture Tells a Story		6/30	7/30	
August 2023	Tickle Me Pink		8/4	8/27	
September 2023	Gratitude		9/1	9/24	
October 2023	Memories		9/29	10/29	
November 2023	Cornucopia		11/3	11/26	
December 2023	Happy Holidays		12/1	1/28/2024	

**2023 ART IN THE HALLWAY**  
**Meritus Health Center**

<b>January</b>	<b>Sheri Enderlea</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Marilyn Pontius</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Ronda Albright</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Donna Ashbaugh</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Judy Melby Robinson</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Chris Shingler</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Lily Ramos</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Thompson/Loveless</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Larry and Gwenn Bergey</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Carol Miller</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Nicole Troupe</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Maggie Clingan</b>

**VAA MEMBER NEWS**

VAA has a great new way to share information about our organization, thanks to Membership Chair Denise Ruby's idea: We now have VAA "business cards"(with our new logo and all pertinent contact information. Be sure to ask for some the next time you're at the Mansion House, and keep them handy to give out!

**Membership Recruitment**

The VAA 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 email address to our membership chair, Denise Ruby at: denise7231@aol.com.

**The Winning Works of Valley Art Members:**

Washington County Arts Council *Community Best of Local Art 2022* exhibit (through January 3):

Winning VAA members are **Nicole Troup**, *First Place 2D* with her painting, "Hibiscus"

and **Margaret Clingan**, *First Place Photography* with "Feelin' It". Also with artworks in this show are VAA members Dennis Clarke, Elaine Cooper, Gloria Whitley, Jennie Avila, Keely Neubauer, Katherine Peterson, Sara Swacina, Carol Wilks and Elaine Wolfe. Their work can be viewed virtually on the Washington County Arts Council website:

<http://www.washingtoncountyarts.com>

**FIGURE-DRAWING**

**Uninstructed Open Life-Drawing Sessions** at the Mansion House: weekly for five weeks, three-hour sessions, Thursdays, January 12 through February 9, 2023, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Professional model, shared model fees only. Contact Elaine Wolfe at [valleyartinfo@gmail.com](mailto:valleyartinfo@gmail.com) or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

ALSO, uninstructed open figure-drawing sessions are scheduled for the following Mondays from 10 am to 1 pm, at the Mansion House Art Center: January 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. Professional models, shared model fees only. Contact Elaine Wolfe at [valleyartinfo@gmail.com](mailto:valleyartinfo@gmail.com) or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

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

WSS website: <https://washingtonstudioschool.org/drop-in-figure-drawing>. Their sessions are on Monday evenings from 7-9 pm.

Also online: **The New Masters Academy**: Great resource for online lessons, photographs of models and much else: <https://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 wants to know what - or with whom - you would like the opportunity to study. If you would like to participate in coordinating and/or assisting in workshops, please contact her.

### Mansion House Art Center & Gallery:

#### **David Buckley Good – “Fundamentals of Traditional Oil Landscape Painting”**

Weekly classes exploring the techniques and materials of landscape oil paintings as practiced by European and American artists from the 16th century to the present day. 19751 Tranquility Circle David Buckley Good is a long-time instructor at The Schuler School of Fine Arts, Baltimore. Instruction will be supplemented with demonstrations. Thursdays, 1:30 - 4:30, January 5, 12, 19, 26, and February 2, 9, 16, and 23. Cost per class \$30, to be paid directly to instructor. To register, and for further details, contact Elaine Wolfe at [valleyartinfo@gmail.com](mailto:valleyartinfo@gmail.com) or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

#### **Pam Wenger "Quick Sketch Portrait in Watercolor" Workshop**

Monday, April 3, 2023, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm One-day workshop with Pam Wenger, whose work has 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 <http://www.pamwenger.com> Cost is \$80 for VAA and Museum members and \$90 for non-members. All materials are included. Lunch is provided. Minimum 7, maximum 12 artists. Deadline for registration is March 20, 2023. 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).

#### **Lynn Ferris Watercolor Classes**

Thursdays, July 6 – August 10, 2023, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. To register for next year, please contact Lynn directly at [ferrislynn@yahoo.com](mailto:ferrislynn@yahoo.com). All her workshops and exhibitions for the year are at <http://www.lynnferris.com>.

### Off-Site:

**Michael Davis Figure-Drawing Workshop:** At his studio, the Badgerhound Gallery, 110 W. German St., Shepherdstown (postponed from previous date). Six-hour workshop with a professional model. Minimum 5, maximum 7 participants. Cost \$125 plus separate \$25 model fee. 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**

Class Schedule and Registration: [wcmfa.org/learn/classes/](http://wcmfa.org/learn/classes/) To register for events, call (301) 739- 5727, or email [info@wcmfa.org](mailto:info@wcmfa.org).

## **CALL FOR ENTRIES**

You are invited to participate in the next Art For Food Exhibit which will be held at the Clock Tower Gallery in Williamsport, MD on Saturday, Jan. 21, 10AM-4PM, 2023. This presently is a one day pop up show, but may be extended into a gallery showing open on several sequential Saturdays. Any theme is eligible. Artists donate 30% of their sales to the Maryland Food Bank, and will be handled by the organizer. We will be hanging the Exhibit on Friday, Jan. 20th from 2-4pm. To register and for further details, please contact Katherine Peterson at [kat.petersonstudio@gmail.com](mailto:kat.petersonstudio@gmail.com) or 240-422-1285. If the hanging/exhibit should need to be postponed due to bad weather, Katherine will contact the registered artists.

## EXHIBITIONS

### Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

*Joseph Holston: Color in Freedom, Journey along the Underground Railroad*, through January 14. More than 50 large-scale paintings arranged in four “movements”, delineating the struggle of black enslaved people. (Note: VAA member *Paulette Lee* is an MFA docent and will be leading a free, drop-in tour of the Holston exhibit Sunday, January 8, 2 p.m. Also, *From the Pages of PAN: Art Nouveau Prints, 1895-1900*, through January 29: more than 80 prints from the Berlin-based art, literature, and applied art periodical *Pan*, whose 21 issues were published in three editions of increasing luxury. Website: [wcmfa.org](http://wcmfa.org), or call 301-739-5727 or email: [drastelli@wcmfa.org](mailto:drastelli@wcmfa.org) for further information. (Note: *Paulette's* drop-in tours of this exhibit are at 3 p.m. Sunday, January 8; Thursday, January 19; and Sunday, January 22.)

### Washington County Arts Council

VAA member **John Neal Mullican** has a one-man paintings and sculpture show January 5- February 7, 2023, with a “meet the artist” reception at the gallery Thursday, January 5, 2023, 5-7 p.m., 34 S. Potomac St. #100, Hagerstown. To see the show virtually, go to [www.washingtoncountyarts.com](http://www.washingtoncountyarts.com). For more information, contact the gallery manager, Chris Brewer, at [gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com](mailto:gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com) or call 301-791-3132.

### **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,

### Board of Directors

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