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MANSION HOUSE ART CENTER & GALLERY

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

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President's Message

March 2023

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I'd like to welcome all new members to Valley Art Association! Our February meeting was well attended and everyone enjoyed our featured artist & member Marguerite Cyr, who did a wonderful and informative presentation and display of her paintings about "Native Plants and Pollinators (the birds, bees and bugs who love them!) We certainly did learn a lot about how we should now be doing our gardening! Thanks Marguerite! And thanks to Sara Swacina for her wonderful refreshments for the meeting...chocolate, chocolate...my favorite!

Our next General Meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm (different time) Wednesday March 22, 2023, in-person at the Washington County Free Library downtown Hagerstown (different place.) VAA will be celebrating its 85th Anniversary and the public is invited. There will be a presentation of a documentary movie "Places You Should Know: City Park Hagerstown Maryland". This movie was created by VAA member Keith Jones and includes the history and present day info about VAA, the Mansion House and other places in City Park. There will be free refreshments. You won't want to miss this one! Zoom attendance will also be available. For Zoom sign-in information, members please read the emails that I'll be sending out to you and guests may contact me at halmasonart@myactv.net. (See this info inside the newsletter also)

I wanted to remind VAA members that the annual April meeting is the meeting at which we have nominations for Valley Art Association Board Members. Any member interested in serving on the Valley Art Association Board, please contact myself or VAA Nomination Committee Chairperson, RoyTressler at roytressler@comcast.net. Elections for these offices will be at the May meeting.

Please read all of your VAA newsletters and hope to see you soon!

Artfully yours,

Hal Mason, VAA President

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 February-June 2023

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

March 22, 2023 7pm – 85th Anniversary Meeting with Business meeting & featured artist & film maker, Keith Jones with his documentary film about the history 22842 Welty Church Rd. and present day of City Park (including Mansion House) *See details below.*

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

VAA March General meeting March 22, 2023 at the Washington County Library, 100 S. Potomac St., Room 308-309, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

The Valley Art Association (VAA), in celebration of its 85th anniversary, is inviting its members, special guests and the public to attend a free and fun evening of history, art and refreshments! Artist and filmmaker, Keith Jones will present his historical documentary film, “Places You Should Know: City Park Hagerstown Maryland”. Doors will open at 5:30 pm with refreshments available at that time. The short business meeting will start at 6pm and the movie will follow. For more information or to receive the Zoom meeting link, contact the VAA President, Hal Mason at halmasonart@mvactv.net or by calling 301-791-6719.

The Valley Art Association is a 501(c)(3) registered nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the arts and artists. Any donations to VAA will be gratefully accepted.

2023 North Gallery Shows

Please check the list below for drop off and pick up dates as shows approach.

There are new business cards on the bookcase by the desk at the Mansion House as well as in the top right drawer of the desk. Please use them for your paintings that you have on exhibit. *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>
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

March	Ronda Albright
April	Donna Ashbaugh
May	Judy Melby Robinson
June	Chris Shingler
July	Lily Ramos
August	Thompson/Loveless
September	Larry and Gwenn Bergey
October	Carol Miller
November	Nicole Troupe
December	Maggie Clingan

VAA MEMBER NEWS

If you have news that you would like to have included in this newsletter, please contact Paulette Lee at communicator07@yahoo.com.

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.

2023 Cumberland Valley Artists Exhibition (Washington County Museum of Fine Arts)

Many congratulations to **Sara Swacina**, VAA member and art teacher at the Grace Academy in Hagerstown, for receiving the *Lee Weaver Memorial Award* for her beautiful acrylic painting, "Another View from Grace". Her acrylic landscape, "Portal to Heaven" is also exhibited in the show, along with these artworks by other Valley Art Association members: "Aspen Copse" by Annette Gloomis, "Autumn near Thurmont" by Elisabet Stacy-Hurley, "Leah" by Nicole Troup, "Old Man at Plymouth Rock" by Carol Wilks and "Our Share of Days" by Elaine Wolfe. The *Valley Art Association Award* in was won by **Colette Barnett** with her fine oil painting of a bovine "Room with a View". This award is given to honor deceased VAA members whose love of art and contributions to the Association enriched the organization and the community. This year, the award is in honor of **Virginia Hair** and **Carol B. Lovell**.

13th Annual Washington County Art Educators Exhibit

Congratulations to Jennie Avila and Sara Swacina for having their paintings at the Washington County Arts Council in the annual Art Educators Exhibit. The exhibit is at the Washington County Arts Council from February 9 to March 7, 2023.

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FIGURE-DRAWING

Uninstructed open figure-drawing sessions are scheduled for the following dates in March:

Mondays from 10 am to 1 pm at the Mansion House Art Center & Gallery: March 6, 13, 20, and 27. Professional models, shared model fees only. Drop-ins welcome. For details and to request specific poses, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

Also online: **The New Masters Academy:** Great resource for **online lessons, photographs of models** and much else. Online: [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. If you can participate in coordinating and/or assisting in workshops, please contact her. She would welcome your joining in!

Mansion House Art Center & Gallery:

David Buckley Good: Fundamentals of Traditional Oil Landscape Painting

Through weekly classes, we will be exploring the techniques and materials of landscape oil paintings as practiced by European and American artists from the 16th century to the present day. Learn the fundamentals of successful traditional/realist landscape painting in oil with David Buckley 19630 Cool Hollow RD. Good, long-time instructor at The Schuler School of Fine Arts, Baltimore. Instruction will be supplemented with demonstrations. Thursdays, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Cost per class is \$30, to be paid directly to instructor. To register, and for further details, please contact David Good via the valleyartinfo@gmail.com address.

Nicole Troup: Online workshop of four weekly classes: "Draw Your Pet"

<https://www.nicoletroupmasterpiece.com/workshop> Sponsored by General's Charcoal. March 8, 15, 22, 29, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Deadline for registration is March 4. Cost is \$235 for four classes. Materials list and Zoom link will be provided after registration. Through step-by-step instruction, Nicole will teach students how to draw their pet using General's charcoal pencils and Pan Pastels. Class will be recorded each week to allow students to work on their drawing. Contact Nicole Troup at 717-331-1003 or email: nfntroup6@gmail.com

Pam Wenger: "Quick Sketch Portrait in Watercolor" Workshop

Monday, April 3, 2023, 10:00 am - 4:00 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. **The workshop is now full but a waiting list will be started, in case of cancelations, and in the expectation of holding another workshop in the future.** Deadline for registration is March 20, 2023. To register or if you have any questions, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

Lynn Ferris Watercolor Classes Six weekly water color classes Thursdays, July 6 -August 10, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. To register, please contact Lynn directly at ferrislynn@yahoo.com. All her workshops and exhibitions for the year are at <http://www.lynnferris.com>. **One space is available.**

Lesa Cook - Portrait Sculpture Workshop Three-day sculpture workshop creating a life-size, impressionistic portrait with professional model: May 18 - May 20, 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. each day. Clay, armatures, use of sculpture stands and tools, and lunch (about half an hour) are included; shared model fees and firing costs are *not* included. Cost is \$225

for VAA and MFA members, and \$250 for non-members. Minimum is 6. The work will be supplemented with demonstration videos and other presentations by Lesa Cook. Questions, or to register, please contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

Annette Gloomis - Wax Workshop

A wax painting workshop is in the planning for early this summer!

Off-Site:

42 West Arts Gallery, 42 West Main Street, Waynesboro. Open: Wednesday 12 – 3; Friday 5 – 8; and Saturday 10am-4pm. Join us Fridays for live music from 5:30-7:30. Come in and browse or make a purchase from local artists, and fine craftsmen. All work is handmade by local artisans and includes hand-woven clothing, pottery, silver jewelry, electroplated nature jewelry, shaker boxes, furniture, hand carved spoons, wind chimes, fine art, photography, oil, watercolor original paintings with prints available, hand carved decorative gourds, basketry, sculpture, sheet metal art, photo document restoration, along with custom framing and other services. We have art classes and demonstrations every week from our artists. Seth Holmes is the featured Artist March and April. Opening reception on Friday, March 3rd from 5:30- 8:00pm.

Donna Mitchell - Pastel Painting Classes

Pastel painting classes Thursday, March 23 - April 13, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, for ages 16 to senior adults, at the Art Center & Galleries, 18 Artcraft Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050; email artcenter@verizon.net; phone 717-697-7072 or for details or private lessons at her studio, contact Donna Mitchell via email at DonnakArt@aol.com or call or text her at 717-258-0459. www.DonnaMitchellPastels.com.

Michael Davis Figure-Drawing Workshop

At his studio, the Badgerhound Gallery, 110 W. German St., Shepherdstown. *When a date for this workshop is established, an email notice will be sent to the membership.* Six-hour workshop with a professional model. Minimum five participants, maximum seven. Cost is \$125 plus separate \$25 model fee. Contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Classes *Making Photographic Portraits in Natural Light*, led by Cumberland Valley Photographers Exhibition first-place winner Jillian Abir MacMaster. Saturday, March 25, 2 - 4 p.m. Bring your camera or phone for a hands-on workshop. \$50 members; \$60 nonmembers. Register by contacting Donna Rastelli at 301-739-5727 or drastelli@wcmfa.org.

Watercolor Workshop with Cumberland Valley Artists Exhibition winner Nancy Kautz. Hands-on watercolor workshop Saturday, April 1, 1 - 4 p.m. at the museum. Participants will be guided through the process and led through various watercolor techniques, and will complete a pastoral landscape painting that they will take home. Registration - see above. Cost is \$50 for museum members, and \$60 nonmembers. A supply list (about \$25) will be provided upon registration.

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

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Schuler School of Fine Art

The annual "From Fur to Feathers" juried animal exhibition may depict animals or feature the presence of animals in our world, be they wild or domestic, 2-D or 3-D art only. Deadline for submission is March 13; show runs March 25 - April 1, 2023. The online show will run April 2 - April 30. *Entries may be made for the virtual online show only*, but please note that the judge, Jerome Atherholt, likes to see the work in person for his final decision. For prospectus and entry details, go to the Schuler School website, schulerschool.com. To submit, use the entry link on the school's website, or email your images. If you have questions, please email: schulershow@gmail.com or schulerschool@gmail.com, or call 410-685-3568.

Delaplaine Arts Center: 2023 National Juried Exhibition 40 S. Carroll St., Frederick, MD. All media eligible, with no size restrictions. Deadline is April 2, 11:59 p.m., notification April 14, delivery by April 28. Exhibition May 6 - July 9. The juror is Foon Sham. Fee is \$35 for up to 3 entries (\$25 if member of Delaplaine). Eligibility: work completed in last 2 years. For entry details, go to delaplaine.org, click on Exhibitions and then on Opportunities. You will process your entry via EntryThingy Portal. The Exhibitions Manager is Corey Frey, 301-698-0656 x 108.

Adams County Arts Council

The Annual Juried Art Exhibition will be held June 1 - 23 at the Schmucker Art Gallery, Gettysburg College. The deadline for entries is **March 10**. Artists may enter up to three works completed in the last three years. More than \$2,000 in awards will be made. For an entry form and instructions, go to <http://www.adamsarts.org> or contact the Arts Council at 717-334-5006 or email at aa@adamsarts.org.

Additional opportunities: See Washington County Arts Council website:
<https://www.washingtoncountyarts.com/calls>

EXHIBITIONS

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts: 2023 Cumberland Valley Artists and Photographers Exhibitions, City Park, Hagerstown Through April 23. wcmfa.org. For further information, call 301-739-5727 or email drastelli@wcmfa.org.

MESSAGE FROM OUR HISTORIAN: ROY TRESSLER

We understand that It is difficult to attend every one of the meetings, events and significant happenings associated with your VAA. And with that being said, since there is no designated VAA photographer, photos of these events are less plentiful than the clippings and notices. So here is how you may help. Please forward any photos to me that you have taken and are willing to share. Your efforts will be appreciated and become a part of the VAA legacy. 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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