

Art is for everyone!

MANSION HOUSE ART CENTER & GALLERY

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President's Message

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



Our membership is really growing, and I'd like to welcome our new members! As our members know, Valley Art Association is a 501c3 non-profit organization run by volunteer members, and whose mission is to promote the arts and artists. The organization was founded in 1938 and is now located at the Mansion House Art Center & Gallery in Hagerstown's City Park.

The Mansion House is bustling with activity every day! Please check inside this newsletter or on VAA's website at www.valleyartassoc.org. You will find Mansion House's scheduled classes and workshops, weekly meetings of painting & drawing groups, monthly General meetings with featured artists' demonstrations, and monthly and continuously running art exhibits by our members. The galleries are open to the public Fridays and Saturdays 11am-4pm, and Sundays from 1-5pm.

You can also find information about other art activities, events and artist opportunities which do involve many of VAA's members and which are taking place around our local community. One of these is the "Art in the Hallway" exhibit, which features VAA members exhibiting their paintings at Meritus Health Center each month. Participation in this gives members the opportunity to exhibit their paintings and have free publicity about their exhibit. Members can also sell their paintings at their exhibit, while contributing a portion of their sales to the Meritus Hospital Auxiliary. Please see the current list of participants for 2024 under "Art In The Hallway".

As VAA members also know, our motto is "Art is for everyone". This means that everyone is welcome to join VAA, whether they are an artist or just someone who loves art! A membership application for prospective members can always be found on the VAA website.

VAA's next General meeting at the Mansion House is Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7pm with Dore Fay Strock (Certified Ross Instructor) as the featured artist. Guests are welcome! I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Artfully yours,
Hal Mason, VAA President

Upcoming Member Activities

General Meetings' Programs 2024 (Business meetings & featured artists are in person & on zoom)

FY24 General Meeting Program Schedule

February 28, 2024 – Dore Fay Strock (**Certified Ross Instructor**)

March 27, 2024 – Kate Miller (Portrait painting demo)(Donna)

April 24, 2024 – Caleb Fuller (works in watercolor, oil, charcoal, pencils and graphic design) (Donna)

May 22, 2024 – Lynn Ferris (Watercolor painting demo) (Sue) FY24 General Meeting Program Schedule

2024 North Gallery Shows

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

2024 North Gallery Shows

Month	Exhibition Title	Drop Off Dates	Opening Date	Closing Date	Pickup Dates
February	Landscapes	Jan 28, 30	Feb 2	Feb 25	Feb 25, 27
March	Spring Fever	Feb 25, 27	Mar 1	Mar 31	Mar 31, Apr 2
April	Cat-titude	Mar 31, Apr 2	Apr 5	Apr 28	Apr 28, 30
May	In My Garden	Apr 28, 30	May 3	May 26	May 26, 28
June	Vacation Days	May 26, 28	May 31	Jun 30	Jun 30, Jul 2
July	Four-State History	Jun 30, Jul 2	Jul 5	Jul 28	Jul 28, 30
August	Animal Kingdom	Jul 28, 30	Aug 2	Aug 25	Aug 25, 27
September	Birds & Flowers	Aug 25, 27	Aug 30	Sep 29	Sep 29, Oct 1
October	Fall Colors	Sep 29, Oct 1	Oct 4	Oct 27	Oct 27, 29
November	Artist's Choice	Oct 27, 29	Nov 1	Nov 24	Nov 24, 26
December	Celebrations	Nov 24, 26	Nov 29	Jan 26, 2025	Jan 26, 28

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: Additional note: Mansion house sitters can contact Denise Ruby if they need a review of Mansion House sitting procedures.***

2024 ART IN THE HALLWAY
Meritus Health Center

February 2024	Carol Wilks
March 2024	Rhonda Albright
April 2024	Carol Miller
May 2024	Elaine Cooper
June 2024	Chris Shingler
July 2024	Sue Bell
August 2024	Lily Ramos
September 2024	Dennis Clark
October 2024	John Mullican
November 2024	Marilyn Pontius
December 2024	TBD

If you have news that you would like to have included in this newsletter, please contact Carol Wilks at cawilks44@gmail.com.

VAA MEMBER NEWS

Annual Community Art Show: The Best Local Art of 2023

The juried “Annual Community Art Show: The Best Local Art of 2023” was held at the Washington County Arts Council, Inc. from December 7, 2023 through January 2, 2024. Congratulations to the following VAA members who participated in the exhibit: Jennie Avila, Linda Barnhart, Patricia Boyst, Dennis Clark, Margaret Clingan, Dana Lyons, Donna Mason, Judy Melby-Robinson, Carol Miller, Donna Mitchell, John Mullican, Nicole Troup, Gloria Whitley, Carol Wilks, Elaine Wolfe, and Denise Womack. VAA was well represented for this exhibit with many wonderful pieces of art.

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.

Spread the word about the VAA! Business cards for you to hand out are available at the Mansion House.

WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES

A workshop committee is forming: Elaine Wolfe and Denise Ruby are seeking one or two members who would enjoy putting together one or two workshops per year. This is an opportunity for individual and independent creativity in bringing classes and workshops to the Valley Art Association and to the wider community around us.

CONTACT Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com. (or call 304-261-9583 no text) or Denise Ruby at denise7231@aol.com (or call her at 240-818-7547).

If you have specific wishes for classes or workshops, please contact Denise Ruby or Elaine Wolfe (see above).

FIGURE DRAWING

Uninstructed open studio figure-drawing sessions are scheduled at the Mansion House Art Center and Gallery for the following dates in February and March, on Mondays, from 10 am to 1 pm: February 5, 12, 19, and 26, and March 4, 11, 18 and 25. Professional models, shared model fees only. Drop in O.K. If interested, contact Elaine Wolfe for further information at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call (no text) 304-261-9583.

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David Buckley Good: Weekly Classes: Weekly classes are being held on Thursdays at the Mansion House Art Gallery, from 1:30 - 4:30 pm. David Buckley Good is a fine artist and widely experienced instructor at The Schuler School of Fine Arts, Baltimore. Please contact him for details about his fall program: David Buckley Good via call or text (preferred) at 443-794-7558 or email davidbuckleygood@verizon.net.

Michael Davis - "The Alla Prima Still Life" Workshop

One day workshop on Thursday, April 25, from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm on developing still life composition and technical skills with Michael Timothy Davis, multiple Award Winner in international Art Renewal Center (ARC) and other major competitions. The focus will be on the use of simple arrangements of 3 - 5 objects, creating dynamic and fundamentally sound paintings in one sitting, composing and breaking down the still life to its essentials, creating a finished and expressive painting within a few hours.

The cost is \$75 for VAA and Museum members and \$85 for non-members. Lunch is included in the workshop fee. To register or if you have any questions, please contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call (no text) 304-261-9583.

Brendan Rich - Pigment Workshop

Three to four Pigment Workshops are being planned for May with Brendan Rich. The participants will work up the pigment as paint and then follow up with painting on damp plaster (fresco). Other sessions might culminate with painting on dry plaster (secco); and experimenting with differing mediums: linseed oil, gum Arabic, or casein (milk paint). The focus could be on three different aspects of preparing pigments: earth minerals, chemically derived pigments or organic pigments.

Lesa Cook - "Low Relief Sculpture" Workshop

Two-day workshop with sculptor and painter, Lesa Cook, winner of many awards, instructor at the Delaplaine Art Center, Certified copyist at the National Gallery: students will create a low (bas) relief sculpture in water-based clay using their own photographic sources from animal, human subject matter, a shallow relief that can be wall-mounted after firing. The workshop will be held on Thursday - Friday, June 6 - 7, 2024, from 10:30 am – 4:30 pm each day. Included in the workshop fee is the use of sculpture stands and tools loaned by the instructor. Lunch is also included. Cost is \$150 for VAA and Museum members, and \$165 for non-members. The clay will be provided by the instructor for a \$20 supply fee. Firing arrangements may be made with her during the workshop. Minimum is 6. The lunch break will be 30 minutes. The work will be supplemented with demonstration videos and other presentations by Lesa Cook. To register, please contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call (no text) 304-261-9583.

Lynn Ferris Watercolor Classes

Six weekly watercolor classes will be held Thursdays, July 11, 18 and August 1, 8 15, and 22, 2024, 9 a.m.- noon. To register, please contact Lynn directly at ferrislynn@yahoo.com. All her workshops and exhibitions for the year are a <http://www.lynnferris.com>. These classes fill up quickly - to avoid disappointment, please register early.

A Colored Pencil Workshop A one-day workshop will be held on the techniques of colored pencil, on Thursday, October 10, 2024, from 9 am to 4 pm with Amy Lindenberger, author of five books in the Colored Pencil Surfaces Series: Volumes I, II, IV, V and VI, as well as her bestselling book "Colors: A Workbook" and "Even more Colors: Workbook2". She holds dual signature status with the Colored Pencil Society of America. Cost: \$75 for VAA members and Washington County Museum of Fine Art members, and \$85 for nonmembers. Minimum number of participants is 8 and the maximum is 12. A waiting list will be started if needed. For details and to register, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call (no text) 304-261- 9583.

42 West Arts Gallery Fine Arts and Crafts Open: Wednesday 12 – 3; Friday 5 – 8; Saturday 10am-4pm. Located at 42 West Main Street in Waynesboro, 42 West Arts Co-op is an arts and craft co-operatively owned gallery featuring the work of artists and craftsmen from Waynesboro PA and the surrounding area. Donna Bingaman, Professional Artist will be offering painting classes every Wednesday of each month 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, or artsyfolks@embarqmail.com Also, come in and browse or make a purchase from local artists, and fine craftsmen. All work is handmade along with custom framing and other services. We have art classes and demonstrations every week from our artists.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Classes

Class Schedule and Registration: wcmfa.org/learn/classes/

To register for events, please contact Donna Rastelli at 301-739-5727 or email drastelli@wcmfa.org.

If you have a wish list for classes or workshops, or if you can participate in coordinating and/or assisting in workshops, please contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call Denise Ruby at denise7231@aol.com. They would be very glad to have your assistance.

CALLS FOR ENTRY

"Dreams", at District Arts, 15 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701: email info@districtarts.com or phone 301-695-4050. A show seeking to showcase the translation of the ethereal nature of dreams into tangible works of art. Entry deadline is February 19, entry fee \$25, maximum entries 3 created since 2021. All works must be for sale; the artist receives 60% of sales price, the gallery 40%. The show dates are April 3 - April 28, 2024. For entry details, please contact District Arts (see above).

International Exhibition on Animals in Art 2024

Held by the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine - all works must be for sale and 20% commission will go to the LSU Veterinary Library and their Wildlife Hospital. The exhibition is held in the school library. Pieces must depict animals (fish and insects are considered animals for the purposes of this exhibition. The entry deadline is February 29, entry fee \$20, maximum entries 3, maximum size 60" x 60" x 48". The exhibition runs from May 11 through June 2. For details, email vetmed@lsu.edu or call 225-578-9900 or go to <http://www.lsu.edu/vetmed>

Adams County Arts Council Annual Juried Exhibition

This prestigious annual show will be held at Gettysburg College Art Gallery on June 1 - June 21, with over \$2,000 of awards: for details, please contact them at aa@adamsarts.org or call 717-334-5006 or go to their website at <http://www.adamsarts.org>.

EXHIBITIONS

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

"Picasso on Paper: The Artist as Printmaker 1923-72" November 11, 2023 - March 3, 2024. Often considered the most innovative printmaker since Rembrandt, Picasso created more than 2,400 prints over his long career. This exhibition is drawn from the collection of Timothy Collins, and was organized by Landau Traveling Exhibitions, Los Angeles, CA, and made possible with the support of Paul and Lotta Mellott.

Childhood Favorites: 100 Years of Children's Book Illustration November 25, 2023 - March 17, 2024 With more than 140 original works from over 75 books, this exhibition explores the history of children's literature and illustrations, from the works of Beatrix Potter to the digital creations of Mo Willems, and featuring works by Dr. Seuss, Maurice Sendak and Garth Williams.

The Museum's website is wcmfa.org; hours open are Tuesday- Friday, 10 am - 5 pm, Saturday 10 am - 4 pm and Sunday, 1 - 5 pm.

Museum of Shenandoah Valley

"Marvelocity" is an ongoing exhibition of the work of Alex Ross, considered one of the greatest comic book artists, from early drawings onwards through his thirty year career, through February 18, 2024. The Museum of Shenandoah Valley is on 901 Amherst Street, Winchester, VA, 540-662-1473, and hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm. There are no admission fees on Wednesdays, thanks to sponsors of the Museum. Go to their website for regular admission fees: <http://www.theMSV.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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