

Art is for everyone!

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President's Message

Greetings Valley Art Association members, prospective members and all ART lovers! Please check out all of the important & informative news inside this newsletter under VAA Member News on Page 2 of this newsletter, to learn more about VAA and to find out about other exciting art related groups, events & activities in the area!



VAA, a 501c3 non-profit organization which was founded in 1938, will be starting another fiscal year July 1, 2024. We welcome anyone interested in promoting art and artists (VAA's mission) to become a VAA member! Membership information can be found on VAA's website www.valleyartassoc.org, or by contacting a VAA Board member listed in the back of this newsletter.

VAA's motto is; "Art is for everyone", and we hope to see YOU at the Mansion House Art Center & Gallery soon!

Artfully yours,
Hal Mason, VAA President

VAA MEMBER NEWS

For those members who sell at the Mansion House Art Center and Gallery, there have been some changes made already, and some changes to be made in the new Fiscal Year, beginning July 1, 2024. If you have not heard about these changes, please contact Denise Ruby, Hal Mason, or Donna Mason. Thanks to Lynn Ferris for a great Watercolor demonstration at the May 22nd General Meeting. Board of Director elections were held at the May 22nd General Meeting. If you were not at the meeting, keep an eye out for announcements concerning the elections.

Some Important upcoming dates & actions for members to remember:

- Tuesday June 18, 2024 10am. Gallery members' wall changes and new contracts/payments for gallery spaces, and dues renewals. Please pay with cash or check if possible. Contact Denise Ruby , Gallery Director for questions.**
 - Tuesday June 25, 2024 at 6pm members picnic on the Mansion House porch in lieu of a General meeting in June. For VAA members and their guests. VAA will provide chicken from AC&T and beverages. Members are asked to bring a dish or dessert to share. (Free for members and \$5.00 for a member's guest) Volunteers to help set up or clean up appreciated. Contact Carol Gwin, Social chairperson.**
 - July 1, 2024 members' dues renewals are due for new fiscal year. (Can pay at picnic on June 25....please pay with cash or check if possible.)**
 - August 10, 2024 second Plein Air Event at the Hager House.**
 - September 21, 2024 Fall Fest... Members can set up to paint, display on the porch. We'll have children's activities on the porch again. Volunteers always appreciated!**
 - September 25, 2024 7pm First General meeting for new fiscal year at the Mansion House**
 - Month of October 2024 VAA exhibit at WCAC – Coordinator/Curator TBD dates TBD**
 - October 23, 2024 7pm General meeting at the Mansion House**
 - November 20, 2024 7pm General meeting at the Mansion House**
 - December 6, 2024 City Park Lighting – need volunteers**
 - November & December 2024: members' holiday crafts in the Mansion House, dates TBD**
 - December 2024. Holiday party for members at the Mansion House in lieu of General meeting, date TBD**
- NOTE: Dates for monthly North Gallery members shows TBD**

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Cumberland Valley Artists Exhibition

Congratulations to VAA members who were accepted into the Cumberland Valley Exhibitions at the MFA: Margaret Clingan was accepted into ,the photographers' portion and Pattie Boyst, Annette Gloomis, Donna Mason, Sandra Shuster, Shannon Thomas, Carol Wilks and Elaine Wolfe were accepted into the paintings portion. The paintings portion opens at an opening reception June 15, 2024 1-3pm, and the show runs through August 26th. Congratulations to Pattie Boyst, whose painting, "Time to Circle Around", won the Clyde Roberts Award For Best Watercolor in that exhibit! The Valley Art Association Award (of \$250 donated by VAA) in honor of recent year's deceased VAA members, was awarded to Susan Shalowitz of Rockville MD for her oil on canvas painting "Sonata". The Exhibition will open on June 15, and continues through August 25, 2024. In this year's competition , 65 works by 62 artists were accepted. "The reception will be on June 15, from 1 - 3 pm: to register, please contact Donna Rastelli at 301-739-5727 or email drastelli@wcmfa.org. This quad-state exhibition is supported by Hugh and Mary Talton, the Washington County Arts Council, the Delaplaine Foundation, and Conservit, Inc. 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."

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.

Upcoming Member Activities

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

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
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

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

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.

FIGURE DRAWING

Uninstructed open studio figure-drawing sessions are scheduled at the Mansion House Art Center and Gallery for the following dates in June and July. These are on Mondays, with regular sessions from 10 am to 1 pm, and with two LONG DAY sessions (bring your own lunch) as listed below:

June 3, 10 - 1, June 17, 10 - 1, June 24 (10 am to 3:30 pm), July 8, 10 - 1, and July 15 (10 am - 3:30 pm). Professional models, shared model fees only. Drop in O.K., but pre-registration encouraged. To register or with questions, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call (no text) 304-261-9583.

Brendan Rich - Working with Mineral pigments to make both Oil and Watercolor Paints

Brendan Rich will hold two 60 minute classes on Thursday June 20th & 27th from 10 to 11 am. The cost is \$60 per person for the two classes or one may choose to attend one class for \$30. There will be space for 6 people (8 if there is interest). Materials are included in the class price and some brushes will be provided. This is a materials exploration workshop discussing the techniques of making paint. We will work with Earths to make both oil and watercolor paints. We may explore additional binding mediums and, as time permits, we may explore Secco or Fresco painting. While materials are provided for these classes, please bring a smock or other covering, and a few brushes suitable for oil painting.

To register, please contact Denise Ruby via phone, text or email: 240-818-7547 or denise7231@aol.com. For payment, please make out check payable to Robert Rich and put in Denise Ruby's folder at the Mansion House or mail to The Mansion House Art Center and Gallery, Attention: Denise Ruby, 480 Highland Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Lesla Cook - "Low Relief Sculpture" Workshop

Two-day workshop with sculptor and painter, Lesla 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 Lesla 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.

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.

OFF-SITE

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 at 42 West Arts Gallery, 42 West Main Street, Waynesboro. All work is handmade by local artisans, 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, contact Donna Rastelli at 301-739-5727 or email drastelli@wcmfa.org.

CALLS FOR ENTRY

The Pittsburgh Watercolor Society Aqueous Open 2024 Annual International Exhibition is open to all artists 18 or older working primarily with water-based media on paper. This year, this exhibit will be online via the Gallery on their website, <http://www.pittsburghwatercolorsociety.com>. from September 7 through October 25, 2024. This year's Aqueous Open will be in person at the Stifel Fine Arts Center in Wheeling, WV as well as online via our website gallery. The entry fee is \$45, with the entry deadline being August 2. Enter online [via http://www.callforentry.org](http://www.callforentry.org) and for the full prospectus, go to pws_prospectus_AqOpen24_fnlc.pdf.

Washington County Arts Council

6th Annual Washington Goes Purple -- 2024 Call for Artists

The Washington County Arts Council, Inc. (WCAC) and Washington Goes Purple invites local artists working in any medium to submit their art for the September 2024 exhibit, "Happiness by Choice - ReStory Your Life." "Happiness by Choice - ReStory Your Life - Exploring themes of recovery from substance use and mental health challenges through the transformative power of art. Deadline for submission is August 9, 2024. The juried community art exhibit will be on display in the gallery from September 5, 2024 through October 1, 2024 and virtually beginning, September 7, 2024. The Opening Reception will be Thursday, September 5, from 5-7pm. For further details on entering the show, go to their website:

<https://www.washingtoncountyarts.com/washingtongoespurple>

The Washington County Arts Council, Inc. invites local artists working in any medium to submit their best new works for WCAC's Juried "Annual Community Art Show: The Best Local Art of 2024." Deadline to submit artwork: October 12, 2024 <https://www.washingtoncountyarts.com/annual>. The juried community art exhibit will be on display in the galleries from December 12, 2024 through January 7, 2025 and virtually beginning Saturday, December 14, 2024. Artists are encouraged to submit up to three entries. No works previously shown at WCAC will be considered. *Submissions are FREE!* Online Submissions only! The Opening Reception will be held Thursday, December 12, 2024 from 5-7pm.

EXHIBITIONS

David Buckley Good: A Retrospective

David Buckley Good is having a solo exhibition at the Washington County Arts Council Gallery in June, with the Opening Reception being held on Thursday, June 6, 2024 from 5 pm to 7 pm. The exhibition will run until Tuesday, July 9, 2024, and the Virtual Exhibit will be available online on Saturday, June 8, 2024. The Gallery is located at 34 S Potomac St, Ste 100, Hagerstown, MD 21740. The hours are Tuesday through Friday from 11 am to 5 pm, and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to see a gathering of his artwork!

Franklin County Art Alliance 2024 Annual Exhibit

This is a rich and exciting exhibition of members' works located at the Calvary UM Church, 150 Norlo Drive in Fayetteville, PA. The opening reception is on Sunday, June 9, from 2 - 5 pm, with the Awards ceremony at 3 pm; show hours during the following week are from Monday through Thursday, June 10 - 13, from 2 - 7 pm.

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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