

Mansion House Art Gallery

Home of the Valley Art Association

The Mansion House
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General Membership Meeting with John Cook January 28 - 7:00PM

We are pleased to have John Cook of Waynesboro, PA as our guest speaker for the January membership meeting. John is a retired Senior Project Manager of Grove Worldwide Engineering Department with a career that spanned over thirty years. John, along with his wife Evie, are the owners of A+ HOME TOWN FRAMES. The framing studio is located in their home. Upon retirement in 1999, he started the framing business with the guidance of artists Virginia Hair and Becky Dietrich. With a strong mathematical and design background, the framing business has been a perfect fit. The business was started mainly to give purpose and focus in retirement life. The business has survived to this day with only "word of mouth" referrals, especially mine!! John is great to work with and his finished product beautifully enhances the art perfectly. His training is from the PPFA. John's topic for the evening will be titled: Practical Framing Solutions for the Artist. I am looking forward to hearing John's talk and I am sure this will be helpful to all of us. What a wonderful way to start the new year!! Merry Christmas and Happy New Art Year!

Marjorie Tressler, President VAA

Information for this Spring's Valley Art WCMFA Show

The 2009 Valley Art Association show at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts is scheduled for March 28 through May 17, 2009. In keeping with the recently approved change in the VAA Bylaws, please

let Sue Parker know by January 1, 2009 whether you are interested in submitting a painting for the show. Once we determine how many people are interested in submitting, we will determine the maximum number of works each member can enter to meet the museum limit. Members can take advantage of voluntary critiques at sessions to be offered prior to the regular membership meetings in January and February.

Show Specifications from WCMFA

- Total number of works should not exceed 35 – 40 with the minimum number of works being 25. (Special Sculpture restrictions: No more than 3 sculptures can be accepted. Three-dimensional pieces should be no larger than 18" Round and no taller than 36" Height. They should be able to be displayed on a pedestal. Pedestals will be supplied by the Museum.)
- Two-Dimensional Works should be no larger than 24" x 36" including frame (inches are continuous, i.e. a 24" x 36" work is the same as 120 continuous inches around the perimeter of the painting)
- Works must be properly framed and have screw eyes on both sides of the back of the frame.
- The following information should be on the back of each piece: Artist's name, Address, Phone number, Title of Work, and Medium
- The Valley Art Association will provide the Museum with a complete list of pieces in the exhibition including the following information: Title of Work, Artist's Name, Artist's Home City & State, Any photos or digital images of works in the exhibition are also helpful to the Museum when sending out publicity.
- Artists should submit business cards with their works. These will be placed in the exhibition space.
- The Valley Art Association and the Museum will work out a suitable time for all works to be brought to the Museum and a time for pieces to be picked up at the end of the exhibition.

Shows

NORTH GALLERY SHOWS

- **All-Member Show - "BEST OF THE BEST"**
DECEMBER 5-JANUARY 11, 2009. Members will continue exhibiting their "best" pieces. The tree lighting on Friday, December 5 will serve as the reception for this show.
- **All-Member Show - "WINTER EXHIBIT"**
JANUARY 16-MARCH 1, 2009. Artwork needs to be at the Mansion House by Sunday, January 11th.

ADDITIONAL AREA SHOWS

- **Linda Pedersen Solo Show -**
"THE RHYTHM OF LIFE" Presently running through December 13 at the Wallspace Gallery on Rte 30 in Chambersburg. The hours are: M-F 10-5, Sat. 10-2. For more info go to www.wallspace.com.
- **Tina Stonestreet Solo Show -**
"COLOR DREAMSCAPES" featuring abstract acrylic and mixed-media. **NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 30, 2008.** This show is at Ranazul Gallery and Restaurant (Formerly: blue frog), 8171 Maple Lawn Blvd., Suite 170, Maple Lawn, MD. A champagne and food

reception will be offered December 14 from 4-5PM. If anyone is interested in contacting this space to have a show please contact Chad Price, Marketing Director, at 1-301-498-9666 (www.ranazul.us). Ranazul Gallery handles the art sales, has a 20% commission, sends out 500 invitations per show, and provides receptions.

Art in the Hallways at the Washington County Hospital

- **DECEMBER** Artists of the Month are **Ted and Lucille Murray.**
- **JANUARY** Artist of the Month is **David Ross.**

Questions on Art in the Hallways should be directed to Lucy Ecker at: 301-733-5320 or a1nanaecker@aol.com.

Waynesboro Hospital Art Works

- **DECEMBER** Artist of the Month is **Evie Cook.**
- **JANUARY** Artists of the Month are **Chris and Joan Fries.**

Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month

- **DECEMBER** Artist of the Month is **Virginia Hair.**
- **JANUARY** Artist of the Month is **Cindy Smith.**

Twentieth Century Still Life and American Watercolors at the WCMFA

The Museum's Smith Gallery will display examples of stilllife paintings from the Twentieth Century. On view **November 22, 2008 through February 8, 2009.** Also, the exhibition American Watercolors: 1860-1930 from the Lewis C. Allen Collection showcases the evolution of watercolor painting in America. This exhibition will be on view **November 15, 2008 until January 25, 2009.**

Awards

Congratulations to Donna Mason for Her Honorable Mention-

Donna Mason recently won Honorable Mention for her painting "What's Your Favorite Color" at the National Arts Program Exhibit for Johns Hopkins Medicine in Baltimore, MD. The Exhibit runs from November 5 to December 31, 2008 at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Campus, Turner Auditorium, and displays 300 works of art. At the close of the show Donna's painting will be permanently exhibited at the new Hackerman-Patz Patient and Family Pavilion of the Kimmel Cancer Center.



Awards Continued

Congratulations to LaVerne Hill for Her Multiple Art Accomplishments-

LaVerne Hill's painting acrylic gouache painting "Wolves" has been selected for the Small Works of North America 2008 Exhibition and Sale at the Greenwich Workshop Gallery in Fairfield Connecticut, as well as, online. The Greenwich Workshop event invites the top 40 artists selected to have their entries published in the spring 2009 small works fine art edition catalogue, which will be distributed through fine art dealers network across North America.

General Member News

Annual City Illumination Festivities - The Mansion House Gallery will be open in conjunction with the Hagerstown's City Park Illumination and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 5 from 7-9 PM. It will be held the day before our Holiday Party which is scheduled for that Saturday. We expect at least 100 people to visit during the ceremonies. Therefore, we need your help for this event!!! Please contact Marjorie Tressler or Sue Parker.

Mansion House during the day (11AM - 4PM) or brought with you (prior to 7PM) that evening.

Donation Needed for Veterans - We are still asking for donations of art materials, brushes, paint (all types), clay, canvases, and water type paper for the military veterans at the Martinsburg Veterans Center. These supplies will be collected at the Holiday Party. Instead of gifts for exchange with our own members, we are asking that you bring art supplies to place in the box that will be sent to the patients.

GALLERY MEETING

All gallery members are asked to attend the Gallery Meeting the evening of Thursday, January 15th at 6:30PM.

Thank You to Meredith Design for the spectacular Christmas Decor that Laurie put together this year. We had numerous nice responses and compliments during our open house. We also need to give many thanks to Janie Molthrup and Marie McCafferty for all of their long hours helping Laurie pull this off for our club. It is dedication like this that makes a club like ours work so well and keeps the true "art spirit" alive!!!! You can't help but feel the Christmas Spirit when you enter the doors of the Mansion House this year.

2008 Holiday Party - Please join us for the Annual VAA Holiday Party to be held here at the Mansion House on Saturday Dec. 6 from 6-9 PM. Light fare provided by members and entertainment will be in store for all who attend. Food can be dropped off at the

"WINTER EXHIBIT" Member Show Registration

Name - _____ Phone Number - _____

Painting Title - _____ Size - _____ Price - _____

If you plan to participate, send this form to Marie McCafferty at: 11029 Eastwood Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742 with this form **OR** bring it to the November meeting. **ALL ARTWORK NEEDS TO BE AT THE MANSION HOUSE BEFORE SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH!**

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

DECEMBER		JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
Fri 5	Marie McCafferty ILLUMINATION CEREMONY	Fri 2	Marjorie Tressler	Sun 1	Lucy Ecker
Sat 6	Charles Gelsleichter	Sat 3	Trudy Coody	Fri 6	Donna Mason
Sun 7	Anna Hogbin	Sun 4	Donna Bingaman	Sat 7	Terry Shotten
Fri 12	Linda Pedersen	Fri 9	Donna Mason	Sun 8	Ruth Peyton
Sat 13	Trudy Coody	Sat 10	Linda Pedersen	Fri 13	Donna Mason
Sun 14	Clyde Roberts	Sun 11	Donna Bingaman	Sat 14	Linda Pedersen
Fri 19	Marjorie Tressler	Fri 16	Marjorie Tressler	Sun 15	Sue Parker
Sat 20	Ruth Peyton	Sat 17	Ruth Peyton	Fri 20	Donna Mason
Sun 21	Terry Shotten	Sun 18	Donna Bingaman	Sat 21	Ruth Peyton
Fri 26	CLOSED	Fri 23	Donna Mason	Sun 22	Anna Hogbin
Sat 27	Sue Parker	Sat 24	Sue Parker	Fri 27	Lucy Ecker
Sun 28	Chris Shingler	Sun 25	Anna Hogbin	Sat 28	Trudy Coody
		Fri 30	Marie McCafferty		
		Sat 31	Lucy Ecker		

Valley Art Assoc 2008 Officers

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Corresponding Secretary:	Keely Neubauer
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Asst Gallery Director:	Janie Moltrup

Future Events to Keep in Mind: Members please keep the first Saturday in May (the 2nd) in mind for a special show during the Museum Ramble. Look for more details in the next newsletter !!!!

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