

# Mansion House Art Gallery

Home of the Valley Art Association

The Mansion House  
Built by John Heyser in 1846



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**GALLERY HOURS: Friday & Saturday - 11am to 4pm / Sunday - 1pm to 5pm**

## General Membership Meeting With Bill Davis

**November 18 - 7:00PM**

Our November artist guest speaker will be Mr. Bill Davis, owner-operator of Country Gallery, Custom Art and Framing in Smithsburg Maryland. A well known local artist, Bill retired from Potomac Edison after working for them for 30 years as a graphic artist. Bill continues to take in work as a commercial artist for various local clients. He also accepts commissioned work, with 90% being portraits, and the rest landscapes. Bill works primarily in oils, however he evaluates the task at hand to determine what media is best for the what he wants to depict. He also teaches art classes in his well-designed studio in Smithsburg.

## President's Message

It doesn't seem possible, but it is already November and the beginning of the holiday season. It is time to plan for two of our focus activities: the City's annual Tree Illumination on Friday, December 4th and the collection of art supplies for patients at the VA hospital. I hope that you will sign up to participate in the Tree Illumination. Always a well-attended event, it is one of those city-sponsored activities that are an important part of the relationship between the VAA and the City. Please sign up at a meeting or let a board member know if you can help host this event. We will also be collecting gently used or new art supplies for veterans at the Martinsburg VA hospital until mid-December. Please leave them at the Mansion House when you are in the neighborhood.

November is the month when those of you who are also crafters can exhibit your work for sale at the Mansion House in time for Christmas shopping. Please let

Janie Moltrop know if you would like to do this so she can plan space accordingly.

*Sue Parker, President VAA*

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## Membership Update

All dues are past due and unpaid members will now be dropped from the list. Membership cards will be issued upon request only. If you have questions about your status please contact Donna Smith at 301-797-8761.

*Donna Smith, Treasurer*

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## Five Key Events

The Valley Art Association sponsors, hosts or participates in a variety of activities each year (classes, workshops, demos, social events meetings, etc). With all that we do, it is important to recognize that certain events are key to our identity and ability to thrive as a local community art organization. There are five of these "key" activities, three of which are done in conjunction with the City of Hagerstown, by whose good offices we have our lovely Mansion House Gallery. The three city-sponsored events are the Bluesfest (May), the Autumn Arts Festival (September), and the Tree Illumination at Christmas (December). The other two key events are the Red Cross fundraiser (June) and the collection of art supplies for veterans at the Martinsburg VA Hospital (December). The last two are ways that we can give back to the community. As you make decisions about how to allocate your time, we encourage you to include some or all of these five activities in your schedule. They are the public face of the Valley Art Association.

## Shows

### NORTH GALLERY SHOWS

- **Denny Bingaman** - NOV 6-NOV 29. Featuring wildlife and nature photography.
- **All-Member Show Winter Exhibit - "Primarily Primary"** DECEMBER 6-JANUARY 1. Members will be exhibiting their "best" piece. The VAA Holiday Tea on Sunday, December 6 will serve as the reception for this show. Artwork needs to be at the Mansion House by November 30th.
- **Member Crafts Sale and Exhibit-** NOVEMBER through DECEMBER 27. Please bring you quality hand made crafts and creations in the beginning a November for sale during the holiday season.

### ADDITIONAL AREA SHOWS

#### Washington County Hospital

- NOV Artist of the Month - **Donna Mitchell**

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

#### Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month

- NOV Artist of the Month - **Jean Strike**

Member [Dennis Clark](#) will have a solo show of his abstract at the Delaplane Art Center in Frederick opening 11/7/09 with a reception from 3-5.

## Classes and Workshops

### Old Masters Flemish Technique in Oils - Workshop with Patt Legg

Starts April 26 to 29th. For info, contact Maggie Bearse at: [maggibearse2003@yahoo.com](mailto:maggibearse2003@yahoo.com)

Patt Legg, an artist from Salisbury, North Carolina, paints and teaches the Old Master Flemish (before 1801) technique with a bit of the modern twist. She is a professional artist specializing in still life and portrait painting for over 30 years. Patt has taught this technique 14 of those years. You will work in a series of layers from the underpainting using soft hair brushes to the final pure color. This technique produces a depth and a brilliance of the Masters of Vermeer, Caravaggio and Rembrandt. Class will speak about painting procedures, still life organization, soft edges and Starving Artist paintings to how to prepare your panel and to clean your brushes.

## Awards

**Congratulations to Anna Hogbin for her Win** - Anna Hogbin for winning Best of Show and Best Watercolor in the Hampshire County, West Virginia's **FALL FINE ARTS COMPETITION** held in Romney. She also had a painting accepted for the Regional, Juried **NANCY RODIG SHOW** at the Arts Centre in Martinsburg.

## General Member News

**December Tribute to the Mansion House's Founding Members** - The Mansion House Gallery opened its doors on Friday, August 30, 1991 with a ribbon-cutting by Hagerstown's then-Mayor, Steve Sager. As a result of hard work by Clyde Roberts, the Director at the time, and other founding members, The Valley

Art Association established a relationship with the City of Hagerstown that resulted in the creation of our lovely gallery, virtually unique among area art groups. At our Christmas meeting and tea, we plan to recognize the accomplishment of these founding members and place a plaque in the gallery honoring their work.

# General Member News

**Potters' Bowl Fund Raiser** - Members are invited to contribute an original 16x20 painting of a subject in the Hagerstown area to be auctioned off at the annual Potters Bowl, a fund raiser for the City's Free Clinic. Donors will receive a free ticket to the event (worth \$50) and a bowl. Paintings should be available 1/15/2010. Please contact Lucy Ecker at 301-733-5320 if you are interested in donating.

**Schedule for the Mansion House's Annual Cleaning** - Those of us who hang our artwork at the Mansion House know that part of our annual obligation is to help with the thorough cleaning of the Mansion House. We are trying to make it easier for everyone to do this by scheduling two days to complete the tasks: Thursday, 1/7/10 and Tuesday, 7/13/10. You need sign up for only one of these dates and the jobs you would like to do on your scheduled date. The cleaning will begin at 10:00 AM on each of those dates, but you may start earlier if you wish. For those interested, we will order pizza for lunch.

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## NEXT GALLERY MEETING

### In the Spring, March 17 at 1:00 PM

Several items were voted on and discussed during the October Gallery Meeting.

1.) House cleaning will be done twice a year as stated above. All gallery members should expect to participate in the cleaning. Sign up sheets will be passed around during our general meetings and a sign up sheet will be at the reception desk area.

2.) Decorating the Mansion House for the Holiday: This year the Mansion House will begin the Decorations after the beginning of November. Please call if you would like to offer your helping hands to decorate for fall.

- The West Gallery will be decorated by the Wednesday Morning painting group.
- The East Gallery will be decorated by the Board Members.
- The Main Entrance will be decorated by Sue Parker.
- North Gallery will be decorated by the Gallery Directors, Janie and Carole.

3.) Also, people who have items for sale in the bins please remember you are to sit TWO times a year with any during our weekend hours.

*Janie Moltrop*

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**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 4 from 5-9 PM. It will be held two days before our Holiday Tea which is scheduled for that Sunday. We expect at least 100 people to visit during the ceremonies. Please contact Sue Parker or Margaret Bearse. A sign up sheet will be available at the meeting and on the information board.

**2009 Holiday Party** - Please join us for the Annual VAA Holiday Tea to be held here at the Mansion House on Sunday Dec. 6 from 1-3 PM. Light fare provided by members and entertainment will be in store for all who attend.

**Donation Needed for Veterans** - As announced at the meeting we are 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 November membership meeting, as well as at the Holiday Tea in December.

**Missing From the Library** - We are trying to locate these volumes missing from our recent collection:

1. "Painting Wildlife with John Lester"
2. "The Complete Hunter-North American Game Animals"
3. VCR Tape "Gift of painting: Sue Scheewe"
- 4 VCR Tape of Tony Couch workshop

Additionally, there are about 16 volumes missing from past holdings. We would appreciate any information anyone has regarding the location of these. Thank you for your assistance.

**Artist's Ornaments Needed** - Members are being encouraged to paint a small glass or wooden ornament for the tree at the Mansion House. Please bring your ornament to the Mansion House for the November meeting. This is your opportunity to contribute to a wonderful tree representing all of our member artists.

## Mansion House Sitters Schedule

### NOVEMBER

### DECEMBER

### JANUARY

Sun 1 Sue Parker	Fri 4 Charles Gelsleichter	Fri 1 CLOSED
	ILLUMINATION	Sat 2 Trudy Coody
Fri 6 Karen Gelsleichter	CEREMONY	Sun 3 Margaret Bearse
Sat 7 Tamara Hoffman	Sat 5 Trudy Coody	
Sun 8 Zelma Lushbaugh	Sun 6 Zelma Lushbaugh	Fri 8 Donna Mason
		Sat 9 Donna Bingaman
Fri 13 Linda Pedersen	Fri 11 Ruth Peyton	Sun 10 Sue Parker
Sat 14 Jean Strike	Sat 12 Sue Parker	
Sun 15 Ruth Peyton	Sun 13 Anna Hogbin	Fri 15 Donna Mason
		Sat 16 Ruth Peyton
Fri 20 Marjorie Tressler	Fri 18 Marjorie Tressler	Sun 17 Marie McCafferty
Sat 21 Trudy Coody	Sat 19 Ruth Peyton	
Sun 22 Anna Hogbin	Sun 20 Sue Parker	Fri 22 Donna Mason
		Sat 23 Ruth Peyton
Fri 27 CLOSED	Fri 25 CLOSED	Sun 24 <b>NEED SOMEONE</b>
Sat 28 Sue Parker	Sat 26 Donna Bingaman	
Sun 29 Denny Bingaman	Sun 27 Janie Moltrup	Fri 29 Ruth Peyton
		Sat 30 Linda Peterson
		Sun 31 Donna Mason

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**Future Events to Keep in Mind:** The Annual City sponsored [ILLUMINATION FESTIVITIES](#) are going to be held Friday Dec. 4 and WE NEED YOUR HELP for this event!!!! Please contact Sue Parker, Margaret Bearse, Carolyn Trovinger or Janie Moltrup. We will also have a sign up sheet on the hall info board.

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