

## Art is for everyone!

MANSION HOUSE ART CENTER & GALLERY

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

Hours: Friday & Saturdays, 11 am-4pm; Sundays, 1-5 pm

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## Presidents Message

Greetings VAA members and art lovers!

VAA is a 501c3 non-profit organization with a membership of over 190 members! But you don't have to be a member to come and visit the Mansion House Art Center & Gallery located in Hagerstown's City Park! You don't have to be a member to participate in most VAA activities! And you don't have to be an artist to become a member! VAA welcomes everyone and that's why VAA's motto is "Art is for Every One!"

Please take time to read this informative newsletter! Included on this page are some important dates for VAA members to remember.

My message for everyone this time is from a quote I recently read; "Making art is not about thinking something up. It is about getting something down."

### **Successful artists usually follow these steps:**

1) Stop, look & listen 2) Take note of your feelings 3) Make your art!

Artfully yours,  
Donna Mason  
VAA President



## Keep The Dates

November 29  
11am-4pm  
Members Exhibit  
"Celebrations"  
opens at the  
Mansion House

**Dec. 6th, 5-8pm.**  
The City Park Holiday  
Lighting  
*Volunteers needed*

December 27,  
11am-4pm  
Deadline to pick up  
Holiday Crafts  
from the  
Mansion House

December 28, 6-8:30pm  
Members' Holiday Party  
at the Mansion House  
(Bring an appetizer/dessert  
to share)

January 22, 7pm  
VAA General meeting at  
the  
Mansion House & on  
Zoom

January 26, 1-5pm  
Pick up date for Jan  
members show  
& drop off date for  
Feb members show

## MEMBER NEWS

### HOLIDAY CRAFT MART

As table space for crafts is limited, 24 inches is allotted to each person on a first come first served basis. The craft items and prints will be on display from Nov. 8 – Dec. 27, 2024. *Before you bring in your items, please advise the Gallery Director, Denise Ruby, by email, phone, or text.* [denise7231@aol.com](mailto:denise7231@aol.com), 240-818-7547.

Each item should have the member's name and sales price on it. Also, the VAA will provide a form for the member to list their items for sale. The forms will be kept in the Holiday Craft Mart binder. During this period, Gallery sitters will handle sales of crafts just as they would for gallery members. The items should be picked up between December 20 and December 27, 2024.

## Workshops and Classes

**DO YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW TO FRAME EVERYTHING?** Trish Suder who is a certified conservation picture framer of 27 yrs. will be hosting a framing class on **Jan. 30th from 11am to 4pm.**

She will teach all the proper ways to do shadow box framing, pastel-charcoal, watercolor, prints, photos, canvas, needlework, conservation, etc. She needs the clients to get with her to supply items for assembly and teaching in the class, like a small baby item or memorabilia, pastel, etc. **Contact Trish ASAP at 240 313 0659** for scheduling of the items.

Pre-registration is required with \$50 fee (cash or check, no credit card) and the class will be limited. To register or to ask questions, contact **Trish Suder (240 313 0659) or Denise Ruby (240 818 7547 call/text or [denise7231@aol.com](mailto:denise7231@aol.com)).**

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.

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](mailto:denise7231@aol.com).

There's a new Program available to VAA members to display their paintings, if interested.

It's a new relationship between Valley Arts Association and Cafe Roma on Pennsylvania Ave. in Hagerstown.

It's an opportunity for artists to have a venue to hang & sell their artwork. Cafe Roma is being generous in that they are **Not** Charging our artists any commission. And, All Sales Will be handled through the VAA. ( So, VAA pays the sales tax.)

For details on the Program and Requirements ie: contract, size of painting & limits, PLEASE CALL: Coordinators;

**Rick & Julie Gottlieb- H- 240-707-6271.**

## 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 several LONG DAY session (bring your own lunch) from 10 am to 3:30 pm, plus one THURSDAY in December:

December 2, 10 - 1, December 9, 10 - 1, December 16, 10 - 1, and THURSDAY, December 19, 10 - 3:30 and December 30, 10 - 1.

Professional models, shared model fees only.

Drop in O.K., but pre-registration encouraged.

To register or to ask any questions, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call (no text) 304-261-9583.

## 40th Annual Juried Exhibition:

### Miniature Art 2024

Council for the Arts, Gallery at 103 N. Main Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201 -show dates November , with opening reception 5 - 8 pm, through December 21, 2024. Image size no greater than 4"x6". Entry fee for 1-4 works is \$30. For details and entry, please go to

<http://www.councilforthearts.net>, or call 717-264-6883.

## Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Classes

Class Schedule and Registration:

[wcmfa.org/learn/classes/](http://wcmfa.org/learn/classes/)

To register for events, contact Donna Rastelli at 301-739-5727 or email [drastelli@wcmfa.org](mailto:drastelli@wcmfa.org).

## 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. Sign up at 42 West Arts or contact Donna Bingaman (717) 762-8394, or [artsyfolks@embarqmail.com](mailto:artsyfolks@embarqmail.com)

## Nicole Troup- Art Retreat in Arroyo Grande, CA "PAINTING THE PORTRAIT IN TRADITIONAL SPANISH COSTUME"

4-day workshop April 12-15, 2025 at an artist retreat center, Willow Pond SLO in Arroyo Grande, California.

**To Register and for more info:** <https://www.nicoletroupmasterpiece.com/workshop/36789/art-retreat-painting-the-portrait-in-traditional-spanish-costume>

Questions: Contact Nicole Troup and [www.nicoletroupmasterpiece.com](http://www.nicoletroupmasterpiece.com)

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