

Valley Art Association NEWS



GALLERY HOURS:

Friday & Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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President's Message

I would like to welcome you back to activities at the Mansion House Art Gallery and Valley Art Association.

I hope you all had a fun and artistically productive summer. We have a lot of new members who are excited about sharing their art works and participating in all that we have to offer at Valley Art Association.

Our board of directors has many wonderful things planned for the upcoming year. Please keep checking your newsletter and our website for information.

The city of Hagerstown has given great support to the arts. This past summer we had a visit from the city management of Hagerstown. Rodney Tissue brought the city managers and leaders to discuss Valley Art Association and its participation in the community. Look for the article by Sue Parker for details of the partnership with the city and the arts.

Our September speaker and demo artist is Shepardstown painter Ralph Basford, an Oil painter. His work is currently on display at The Bridge Gallery in Shepardstown. Shelley Aikens, Program Director, The Art Centre, Martinsburg, WV wrote:

"His mastery of oil painting can be seen in almost any genre; landscapes, street scenes, still lifes, and portraits. He captures light and color in a manner that is both naturalistic and ethereal. Eschewing post-modern theories of conceptual art, he focuses on the formalistic concerns of light, shadow, form, color and texture. Never overworked or fussy, his paintings capture an atmospheric mood which elevates them from mere reporting of physical presence."

Look for upcoming demo artists, classes and events at the Mansion House in our newsletters and on our website.

I would like to give a huge "thank you" to our outgoing President, Janie Moltrup, for her continuous help and guidance throughout this past year. I had many questions and she was always ready to be of assistance to me. I continue to ask questions of her and she is still my rock of information. So, thank you Janie from all the members of Valley Art Association.

Thank you,
Liz Altman

Gallery Director's Notes

Once again I am amazed at how quickly the summer has passed and I haven't had time to enjoy it yet!

I hope you all had a great summer and enjoyed (and can remember) all that you did.

I welcome you all as new Gallery Director to a busy and wonderful year. We start with our Fall Color All member exhibit now hanging in the North Gallery. I am always amazed at the level of talent that we have within our membership.

I will gratefully depend on everyone's help with learning the ropes of this "Gallery Director" position. If something is missed, it is not due to lack of interest. Lack of knowledge is the culprit!

Please help me fill the huge shoes left by Marjorie Tressler. I hope you all will thank her for her tireless hours given, her knowledge that she shares freely, and lots of toilet paper and paper towels, etc. she donated.

I will enjoy getting to know you all and work with everyone to achieve a stellar year.

Thank you,
Carol Miller

Reminder

Annual 2014 Membership Dues \$25

Make checks payable to:

Valley Art Association
and mail to

Donna Smith,
Treasurer, Valley Art Association,
501 Highland Way,
Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Payment can be made at the September 25, 2013,
Meeting..

Questions:

Call Donna Smith 301-797-8761.

Destination Art in Waynesboro, Pa.

Launched on July 19, Destination ARTS features diverse, high quality art in various mediums by established artists from around the country as well as talented local artists alike. It takes place from 5-8pm Fridays- 11am to 6pm Saturdays and 12-4pm Sunday, located in seven galleries located on Main Street in downtown Waynesboro, Pa. This show will run until Sunday Oct. 27. The event also features live music every day opened and children's activities on Saturday. Featured art includes paintings, sculpture, pottery, photography, fiber arts, ceramic sculpture and jewelry plus many other surprises!!!

The shows Lead Curator/Gallery Director is VAA member and former gallery director Marjorie Tressler, who helped lead the effort in opening 7 galleries in less than 6 weeks. This enormous effort was achieved with the help of several VAA members, Denny Bingaman, Janie Moltrup, Liz Hurley, David Moltrup, Roy Tressler and Donna Bingaman. Joining Marjorie are more than a hundred volunteers who are acting as docents during this exciting and ambitious event. Please come and see the beautiful art and enjoy the wonderful music by professional musicians as well as local talent.

Those artists from the VAA included in the show are Donna Bingaman, Denny Bingaman, Virginia Hair, Becky Dietrich, Liz Hurley, Janie Moltrup, Ruth Durbin, John Mullican, Carol Miller, Christine and Joan Fries, Sue Parker, Shirley Snyder, Thom Tholen Jackie Shaw, Nicole Troup, Eliane Ambrose, Bob Wantz, Lin Pederson, Donna Mitchell, and Marjorie Tressler. just to name a few!!! Also in the show is Brad Cleaver, who just won best of Show in the Cumberland Valley show at the WCFA in City Park. Included in this show are: David Buckley Good, Fritz Briggs, Jeff Barnhart, Ben Jones, David Jones, Kevin Kutz and Hilda Eiber-McCabe and Steve Nevada, among many other very talented professional artists. Marjorie is also doing painting demonstrations every Saturday during this event until it closes Oct. 27. There will be another opening of new art on Friday night September 6 from 5-8pm.



Sculpture by Paul Rhymer

“The Fishing Lesson”

The City of Hagerstown is pursuing an exciting initiative to place art in public spaces.

During the summer, we were part of a group (which included Mary Anne Burke, Director of the Washington County Arts Council; Rodney Tissue, City Engineer for the City of Hagerstown; Rebecca Massie Lane, Director of the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts; and Dr. Teresa Roberts, Lead Teacher for Visual Arts for the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts) that explored options toward this end. In August, the Washington County Arts Council (with the capable assistance of Kathleen Maher, Planning Director for the City) applied for a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council to help fund the installation of a sculpture in the lake in City Park.

After considering a number of possibilities, the group settled on a concept by Paul Rhymer, a local sculptor (who was a member of Valley Art,) for a life-size bronze of two bears, a mother and a cub, on a rock jutting out of the lake. He prepared a maquette of the sculpture (which will actually be adapted to the specific rock that is chosen), and Paul's wife, Carolyn Thome, then Photoshopped an image of the sculpture onto a picture of the lake where the sculpture will be placed, in the cove in front of the Museum.

The sculpture will feature black bears, indigenous to Western Maryland, in a family group, teaching a lesson on self-sufficiency. We think it has inherent appeal, and suits the setting perfectly.

Valley Art will be helping to raise funds to make this wonderful work of art a reality, and, if we reach our goal, Valley Art will be memorialized on the donor plaque to be placed on the walkway near the sculpture. This would be a great way to celebrate Valley Art's Diamond Jubilee.

We hope you find this prospect as appealing as we do and will work with us to make it a reality.

Sue Parker

Out and About with Lucy

Saturday Oct. 5:

Tour of Scott Carwood Metal Sculpture Studio, from 12 Noon - whatever. Studio closes @ 5 p.m.
Leave as group from Mansion House @ 11:30 a.m. SHARP, unless you wish to meet us there.
Address: 3829 Harpers Ferry Road out of Sharpsburg, MD.

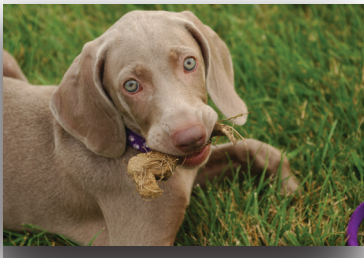
It's Time for ART FOR THE ANIMALS!

This is the 8th year that we will have our Art for the Animals Fundraiser. We are raising money for Guiding Eyes for the Blind which is where Hank & Ellie May, our store dogs, came from.

Everyone:
Support the Guiding Eyes for the Blind!
Bid on original artwork.
Vote for your favorite artwork in the exhibit.

Artists:
Donate \$1.00 to Guiding Eyes and receive a 5x7 canvas
Paint your artwork on the canvas.
Return canvas to the store, where Howard's will frame it.
Win a Howard's gift certificate in one of six categories.

--Canvas available at Howard's--
--Canvas Entry Deadline: Sept. 21, 2013--
Silent Auction runs from Oct. 5th to Oct. 24th.
-Opening Reception at Howard's is Oct. 5th at 6:30pm-8pm.
*Leashed pets welcome at opening reception.
-Popular Choice voting runs from Oct. 5th to Oct. 19th.
-Tail-end Reception will be Oct. 24th at 6:30pm-8:30pm.
-Silent Auction closes on Oct. 24th at EXACTLY 7:30pm.
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO
Guiding Eyes for the Blind
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A Reminder to Gallery Artists

Sign up sitters book:
Gallery members with wall spaces, sit 8 times per year.

Baskets, pottery, sculpture, sit 2 times per year.

Miniatures, Shrink Wraps and regular members who exhibit in All Members North Gallery Shows sit 2 times per year with a Gallery Member Show 2 people in galleries at all times when open.
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North Gallery News

" FALL HARVEST COLORS EXHIBIT" , all members North Gallery, runs till Sunday Sept. 29. Pick up your paintings please.

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Next meeting September 25, 2013, 7 p.m.

Inspiration Tuesdays with Marjorie Tressler

Dates: Continuous Day: Tuesday Time:10-2pm
Location: Mansion House Tuition: Free

Marjorie Tressler is facilitating a weekly painting session in oil, acrylic or mixed media for intermediate or above painters each Tuesday. These sessions are free and open to all members of the VAA. The artists share ideas, experiences, knowledge, and use of materials, some critiques but most of all inspiration. The artist supplies their own materials, and still life set ups etc. The only requirement is the artist needs to be self-motivated and able to work independently. For more information or to sign up, please contact Marjorie directly at 717-762-6791 or marjoriertressler@comcast.net.

Acrylic Painting with Marjorie Tressler

Dates: September 3 starting for 6 Wednesdays
Time:6:30 - 9:00 pm Location: Mansion House Tuition:\$65.00

A beginner/intermediate class is being held the First and Third Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 9:00pm at the Mansion House Art Center. This class will be starting again, Sept. 4, 2013. Please be prepared to have your own materials. For more information please contact Marjorie Tressler 717-762-6791. Cost \$65 for 6 week course.

Special Interest Links for Valley Art Members

Sign up for Donna Mitchell newsletter.
<http://donnamitchellpastels.com/email-newsletter>



ARTISTS looking for ARTISTS and MODELS for the **WEDNESDAY PORTRAIT GROUP**

TIME: 9:30am-12:30pm
PLACE: Hagerstown YMCA
STARTING: September 18, 2013

COST FOR 12 SESSIONS: \$15
MODEL FEE EACH SESSION:\$4

CONTACT
Donna or Hal Mason
301-791-6719
donnamasonart@yahoo.com

Mansion House Sitters Schedule

September

6 Marjorie Tressler
 7 Carol Wilks
 8 Chris Shingler
 13 Carol Miller
 14 Jean Strike
 15 Someone
 20 Donna Mason
 21 Tom Tholen
 22 Ruth Peyton
 27 Carol Miller
 28 Eliane Ambrose
 29 Jeff Driscoll

October

4 Jean Strike
 5 Ruth Durbin/Virginia Hair
 6 Eliane Ambrose
 11 Marjorie Tressler
 12 Donna Bingaman
 13 Lessie Whalley
 18 Donna Mason
 19 Becky Dietrich
 25 Carol Miller
 26 Ruth Peyton
 27 Eliane Ambrose

November

1 Donna Mason
 2 Jean Strike
 3 Becky Dietrich
 8 Marjorie Tressler
 9 Lesley Whalley
 10 Eliane Ambrose
 15 Carol Miller
 16 Becky Dietrich
 17 Jeff Driscoll
 22 Donna Bingaman
 23 Lesley Whalley
 24 Eliane Ambrose
 29 Donna Bingaman
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