

Valley Art Association NEWS



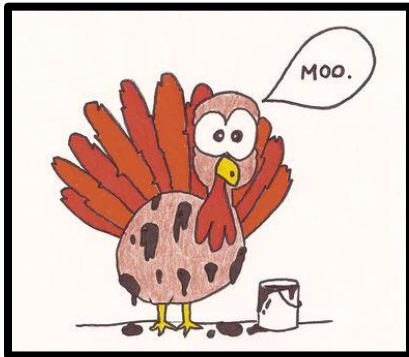
GALLERY HOURS:

Friday & Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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The Holidays are almost HERE!

Hi everyone,

I am hoping everyone is enjoying this beautiful fall weather, and taking advantage of all of everything it brings by painting some of what nature gives us. You will have opportunities to show off that work in several of our upcoming north gallery member shows. Those dates can be found in this newsletter.

This past meeting was very well attended and the demo by Mikkey Tarantino was spectacular and warmly received by all of the members and guests.

We have several upcoming and exciting events at the Mansion House for the enjoyment of our members and we invite all to attend. Please try to come out Friday night, December 4 and enjoy the annual Tree Lighting in the City Park. We also invite all of our members to attend our annual Christmas Tea that will be held Sunday, December 6 from 2-4pm. Information for these 2 events can be found in this current newsletter and please feel free to contact Janie Moltrup with any

questions you might have concerning the shows and our tea.

PLEASE NOTE that our next membership meeting will be held on November 18 at 7pm, one week early due to Thanksgiving. Our guest speaker is Christopher Lowery from Waynesboro, PA.

Chris was born and raised in the low country coastal region of South Carolina. He graduated from Flager College in St Augustine, FL with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. He is primarily a self-taught graphic illustrator that utilizes several software applications including: Bryce, Photoshop and Lightroom to accomplish his computer created designs. His range of subjects varies from "Interstellar Landscapes" to human beings and mechanics. All of his creations are designed to fool the human eye into believing they are photographs. The exciting part of his work is that they are completely created by Chris through his creative methods utilizing common software. Chris plans to show us his work with a power point presentation on how he goes about creating his exciting work. He has shown his work in New York City and Seattle, Washington and currently is showing in Gallery 50 in Waynesboro, Pa.

Please come and join us for what will be a very beautiful and interesting talk and demo.

*Respectfully submitted by
Marjorie Tressler,
President of the VAA.*

Member News

Sadly this year, two of our long standing members lost their husbands. June Savannah lost her husband September 12 this year and Tamara Hoffman's husband, Dow, passed away earlier this month. Our condolences go out to both of them and VAA has sent sympathy cards.

New Members

The VAA continues to have many new and very talented members join our ranks. We want to again feature those who would like to tell us a little bit about themselves for our monthly newsletter. Those who have joined recently, please contact our President, Marjorie Tressler at marjoriertressler@comcast.net with a short paragraph about your interest in art.

Annual 2016 Membership Dues of \$25 are now due. Make checks payable to: Valley Art Association and mail to:
Mansion House Gallery
501 Highland Way Hagerstown, MD 21740
Attention: Donna Smith, Treasurer

North Gallery News

During the months of November and December, members may, at no cost, and on a first come, first-served and space-available basis, as determined by the Gallery Director, place crafts for sale at the Mansion House. VAA members in good standing who wish to exhibit crafts do not need to be paid Gallery members, but do need the approval of the Gallery Director prior to placement of their work. Exhibiting members shall take responsibility for cataloging the items they place at the Mansion House, and shall maintain a list of their items at the desk in the place designated. Each shall also have a folder for receipts of any sales. During this period, Gallery sitters will handle sales of crafts just as they would for gallery members.

Special considerations:

Shrink-Wrapped Two Dimensional Artwork

The conditions above for Christmas crafts apply to shrink-wrapped artwork with the following additional provisions. Each member will be limited to 5 shrink-wrapped items at a time (sold pieces may be replaced), and they will be placed in designated Valley Art shrink-wrap bins. Because of space limitations, individuals may not bring in their own bins unless asked by the Gallery Director to contribute one as one of the common, shared bins.

Christmas Shop

Janie Moltrup has invited people to bring items for the Christmas shop.

Tree Lighting

The Tree Lighting will be on December 4 at 6 pm. We will be needing volunteers from 5-8 pm that evening. Janie will contact the City about providing a Santa, and music. If they don't, we will provide recorded music. We will need cookies and punch for the visitors. Janie is asking for volunteers for music. Donna Bingaman is checking with The Barbara Ingram School for student musicians that might be available.

Christmas Tea

The tea will take place December 6 from 2 to 4pm. Members will be asked to contribute a dish for the Christmas Tea (heavy hors d'oeuvres.)

Sign-up sheets are available for cookies for the Tree Lighting and dishes for the Christmas Tea.

(See Opening and Closing Dates under North Gallery Shows)

Hanging Miniatures

To all members that are interested in hanging miniatures on the miniature rack, there will be a small fee. Contact Janie Moltrup for details.

2015 Shows

Sue Parker: Winner of the October Hospice Show with the following painting:

“Destiny in a Dandelion”



Our own Sue Parker was announced as the winner of the October Hospice Show's "Transformation" with the above entry at the Hospice's 35th Anniversary Reception at the Fountain Head Country Club on October 18, 2015. Way to go, Sue!!

- October/November – Carol Miller “A Mixed Bag”
- December, 2015 to January 2016 --
The Winter All Member show “My Favorite Things.

2016 Shows

- February -- Art in the Heart. Members will be asked to create heart themed work.
- March -- All Member Show: My Heritage reflecting our personal heritage. Janie Moltrup has a series of old glass slides from her family that she can convert to images for display.
- April -- “All Member Show, “ Springtime on My Mind ”
- May – Open
- June/July -- All Member and Miniature Show in conjunction with the Blues Fest. “Feeling The Heat?” Start painting!
- August -- Tamara Hoffman Solo Show: “Reflections of Light”.
- September – Carol Miller Solo Show.
- October – Potomac River Artists Guild (PRAG)
- November – Sherry Kemp solo show.
- December – Winter All Member Show

Call for Artists: Annual Community Art Show: The Best Local Art of 2015

The Washington County Arts Council, Inc. invites local artists working in any medium to submit their best new works for WCAC's "Annual Community Art Show: The Best Local Art of 2015." The juried community art exhibit will run from December 4, through December 30, 2015 with an opening reception on Friday, December 4 from 5pm to 7pm. The Jurors are: Benjamin Jones and

Benita Keller. Further details on this artists' call can be found on the WCAC website:
www.washingtoncountyarts.com/calls

The Washington County Arts Council is also pleased to invite visual artists, including local artists of Western Maryland and the surrounding area, to answer a "Call to Artists" for the opportunity of becoming the 2016 Blues Fest Poster Artist.

The 21st annual Western Maryland Blues Fest is scheduled for June 2, 3, 4, and 5, 2016. Your original work of art will be commissioned by the WCAC and the City of Hagerstown, and will be used to create posters, t-shirts, programs and promotional materials. A raffle is conducted for the original piece throughout the 4-day festival to help raise funds for the Western Maryland Blues Fest.

For further information, please contact WCAC Gallery Manager, Chris Brewer at 301-791-3132 or email at gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com.

Destination Arts, Waynesboro

This is a news flash to our members for an opportunity to visit and maybe consider showing their work at Destination Arts in Waynesboro. Destination Arts continues with 5 permanent galleries and more in the works!!! "Gallery 50", the Arts Alliance's flagship gallery, has maintained a following featuring: Wind Down Fridays with music and Uncorked Inspiration Paint nights. Artists demo every Thursday with Marjorie Tressler and music every weekend at Gallery 50. Also, there are writers' and song writers' forums once a month. With over 80 artists and artisans represented in Gallery 50, it is joined by 42 West Arts, a co-op gallery with 17 artists; The Ceramic Center, a co-op of potters; and The Contemporary School and Gallery plus Gallery 20. Hours of operation are: Thursday 1-4pm, Friday 5-8pm, Saturday 12-6pm, and Sunday 1-4pm. For more information, contact Gallery 50 Curator, Marjorie Tressler at marjorietressler@comcast.net.

42 West Arts Gallery

Located at 42 West Main Street, Waynesboro, 42 West Arts Gallery is accepting 3D artists-sculptures, fine art crafters, etc. to join the art gallery.

Contact:

Denny & Donna Bingaman

717-762-8394

artsyfolks@embarqmail.com

Artists Looking for Artists and Models for Wednesday Portrait Group

Hagerstown YMCA

Wednesday Mornings 9:30am—12:30pm

Contact: Donna Mason: 301-791-6719 or

donnamasonart@yahoo.com

Inspiration Tuesdays

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

Marjorie Tressler is facilitating a weekly painting session in oil, acrylic, watercolor or mixed media for intermediate and advanced 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.

There are some critiques, but most of all, inspiration. The artists supply their own materials, still life set-ups and resource photographs, etc. The only requirement is that the artist needs to be self-motivated and able to work independently. For more information or to sign up, please contact Marjorie at 717-762-6791 or marjorietressler@comcast.net.

Wednesday Art Group

The Wednesday Art Group invites you to join us. We meet every Wednesday from 10am to 2pm. Bring your lunch and paints, any medium. For more information call Audrey Mentzer at 301-739-8112 or Ruth Peyton at 304-274-3465.

Wednesday Night Art Class

Beginning January 7, the dates are as follows: Continuous Day: Wednesday 6:30-9pm Location: Mansion House Tuition: \$65 per 6 week session. Marjorie Tressler is teaching a class in both oil and acrylic every Wednesday night except the fourth Wednesday of each month. These classes are for all painting levels. Each student gets individual attention and is encouraged to work on any subject they are interested in and wish to paint. This class is very unique where students are taught in a very friendly, relaxed atmosphere with fun conversations, where everyone is enjoying the experience of creating a beautiful painting. The only requirement is for students to provide their own materials and come to have fun!! For more information please contact Marjorie at 717-762-6791 or marjoretressler@comcast.net.

Valley Art Association 2015-2016 Meeting Schedule

November 18, 2015 – Chris Lowery (landscape and figural graphic design on the computer.)

December 6, 2015 – Christmas Tea

January 27, 2016 – Carol Wilks Pastel on Velour Demonstration

February 24, 2016 – Rebecca Pearl Watercolor Demonstration

March 23, 2016 – Donna Mitchell (pastel artist)

April 27, 2016 – Donna Housel

May 25, 2016 – Lynn Ferris (water color)

June 22, 2016 – Picnic

2015 and 2016 Meritus Art In The Hallways Schedule

2015

November Eileen Pollock
December Bob Wantz

2016

January Carol Gwin
February John Mullican
March Nicole Troup
April Ruth Peyton
May Rhoda Albright
June Audrey Mentzer
July Donna Ashbaugh
August Marjorie Tressler
September Donna Bingaman
October Sharon Benoit
November Carol Miller
December Bill Davis

2015 Chambersburg Art In The Hallways Schedule

November Bette Rae Gallenger
December Cindy Smith

2015 Waynesboro Hospital Schedule

Betty Koontz Oct. 26th
Anita Snively Nov. 30th
Chris/Joan Fries Dec. 28th

“North Gallery Shows for 2015 and 2016”

2015 Shows

October/November 2015 -- Carol Miller Solo Show, “A Mixed Bag”—Opening October 23—Closing November 29. (Drop Off October 19 and Pick up November 30)

2016 Shows

December 2015/January 2016 – All Member Show, “My Favorite Things”—Opening December 4, 2015 Closing January 31 2016 (Drop off December 1 and Pick up February 1)

February 2016 -- “All Member Show” Art in the Heart (All Member Show)—Opening February 5, 2016—Closing February 28, 2016. (Drop off February 2 and Pick up February 29)

March 2016-- All Member Show, “My Heritage” Images reflecting our person heritage (All Member Show) Opening March 4—Closing March 27. (Drop off March 1 and Pick up March 28)

April 2016 All Member Show, “Springtime On My Mind” Opening April 1 Closing May 1 (Drop Off March 29 and Pick Up May 2)

May 2016— All Member –Abstracts Opening May 6—Closing May 22 (Drop Off May 3 and Pick Up May 23)

June & July 2016-- “Blues Fest and Miniature Show” Opening- May 27—Closing July 24 (Drop Off May 24 and Pick up July 25)

August 2016 -- Tamara Hoffman Solo Show

September 2016 -- Carol Miller Solo Show

October 2016--Potomac River Artists’ Guild (PRAG) Show—Opening September 30—Closing October 30. (Drop off September 27 and Pick Up October 31)

November 2016 Sherry Kemp Solo Show

December 2016 Winter All Member Show—Opening December 2—Closing January 29, 2017. (Drop Off November 29 and Pick up January 30)

2015 Valley Art Board of Directors

President	Marjorie Tressler
President Elect	Donna Bingaman
Treasurer	Donna Smith
Corresponding Secretary	Carol Wilks
Recording Secretary	Sue Parker
Gallery Director	Janie Moltrup
Asst. Gallery Director	Marilyn Eavey