

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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Hello everyone,

With the March winds comes a promise of spring at last. We all should be looking forward to the beauty of what comes with the renewal of mother nature and the endless bounty of scenes, flowers and inspiration to paint, filling our canvasses with what makes our hearts sing!!!

Please be sure to come out to our next VAA General Meeting March 23 at 7pm (business meeting and refreshments, then demo), and welcome our own Carol Wilks who promises to give us a spectacular demo of pastel on velour. We missed her demo due to nasty winter weather in January and she has graciously agreed to come to replace Donna Mitchell who has family matters to take care of.

Carol is an excellent pastel animal portrait master, capturing the likeness and personality of her subjects. She has been working in pastels off and on for about 30 years and has used animals as subjects in other media such as oils and acrylics to name a few. However, she has currently been introduced to the craft of using pastels on velour which works very well when painting animals. Her works have been featured in galleries in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Virginia, as well as in Maryland. This work has attracted a lot of

interest in the community and resulted in several commissions and sales in these areas.

Also, we are sorry for any inconvenience because of the last minute cancellation of our February meeting, which was due to our demo artist cancelling because of the nasty weather.

Be sure to check out the next few All Membership North Gallery shows we have planned and get your masterpieces ready!!!

Thanks to all who support our Board of Directors in making sure our art club keeps running smoothly. We still need a person to fill the Treasurer's positions and time is running out. We need someone to step forward by April so we can announce the slate of officers. We also need a new VP, and Assistant Gallery Director as well. Please contact any board member or Donna Mason and Lucy Ecker who are helping us find those special folks for these very important positions.

*Thanks again,
Marjorie Tressler,
President of the VAA*

Treasurer Position on the VAA Board of Directors

The Valley Art Association is still looking for a treasurer, a key position in the continued functioning of the organization. It involves collecting and depositing proceeds, disbursing payments to artists and paying VAA bills. This position also comes with a role on the VAA Board of Directors, that meets every fourth Wednesday at 4pm just before the regular membership meeting. We usually have dinner delivered to us while meeting for a relaxed time in between the two meetings. This is a wonderful social set of meetings that will only take place one day a month. Please consider this key position and contact Marjorie Tressler our current President or Sue Parker our Recording Secretary and transition treasurer. For more information concerning this position, please contact Sue Parker at susanparker@frontier.com. She has agreed to bring anyone interested up to speed with everything needed to know about the position.

Member News

I would like to welcome all of you to take part in our North Gallery Shows. I am writing this since I noticed that originally, the February Art In The Heart Show was relatively thin until a few people stepped up to add paintings.

This gives all of our members plenty of opportunities to show their work and take an active part in the Valley Art Association. Please refer to the list of All Member Shows in this newsletter. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



New Member

We have another new member, Linda McGrillies or “Magill” as her friends call her. Following is a little about her: “As I am only exploring myself as an artist (which is to say I hesitate to refer to myself as one) I don't have a biography of myself as an artist, but I can tell you that creating things that my mind's eye sees has always been my avocation. I retired from Wolters Kluwer Health medical publishing nearly 3 years ago, and now work in my home studio. I've attached a photo of a small watercolor I did after a workshop at the

Touchstone Center for Crafts in Farmington PA, (the tape is still on the paper) so you can see watercolors challenge me, and I want to spend more time with them.” Welcome, Magill!

Membership Dues

Membership dues are due for the 2015-2016 fiscal year (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016) if you have not already paid.

North Gallery News

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.

Special considerations:

Shrink-Wrapped Two Dimensional Artwork

The conditions above 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.

(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.

2016 Shows

- 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 – All Member Show of Abstract Paintings
- 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

Wednesday Night Art Class

Beginning January 6, 2016, Marjorie Tressler will be teaching a class in both oil and acrylic the 1st and 3rd Wednesday night of each month from 6:30 to 9pm. Location: Mansion House. Tuition is \$65.00 for 6 classes. Classes are continuous and will be 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. The class is very unique where the students are taught in a very friendly and 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 painting materials, table or floor easel. For more information please contact Marjorie at 717-762-6791 or marjoriertressler@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.

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 Through the Lens and Beyond 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 marjoretressler@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



CAROL WILKS' FIRST PASTEL ON VELOUR WORKSHOP

April 1-3, 2016 10:00 am - 4 pm Lunch Break Noon-1pm

Carol's Home: 213 Tiger Way, Boonsboro

Contact Carol at: cawilks44@gmail.com or 240-818-3851

Have fun learning to paint adorable animals that literally "jump" off the page and invite you to reach in and "touch" them! All you need is a few materials to start: Pastels, Velour Paper, A Pencil and LOTS OF ENTHUSIASM!!!!

Registration is \$175 for the weekend plus materials. Space for 6 students total. Enroll now. Only 3 spaces left!

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

Valley Art Association 2016 Meeting Schedule

March 23, 2016 – Carol Wilks (pastel on velour artist)

April 27, 2016 – Donna Housel

May 25, 2016 – Lynn Ferris (water color)

June 22, 2016 – Picnic

2016 Meritus Art In The Hallways Schedule

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

2016 Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month Schedule

March

Roy Hoffman

April

Barbara Petrucci

May

Viktoriya Hoover

June

Cindy Barker

July

Sylvia Troust

August

Donna Bingaman

September

Denny Bingaman

October

Jean Harshman

November

Kent Roberts

December

Lynda Cook

North Gallery Shows for 2016

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)

2016 Valley Art Board of Directors

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