

Valley Art Association NEWS



**MANSION HOUSE
ART GALLERY**
VALLEY ART ASSOCIATION

GALLERY HOURS:

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

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

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..and so are all of our EXCITING Activities! READ ON.....

Welcome back from our summer vacation!! Hope you have many exciting inspirations from your vacation to paint.

We will be starting the New Year with our Fall Festival on September 17th at the City Park with Art on the Porch and a tea, our ever popular bake sale and many children's activities. Marylyn Eavey will fill you in on the particulars.

Our speaker for September is renowned artist, Rebecca Pearl. Rebecca received her formal art training at the Schuler School of Fine Art and the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. She began her career as a portrait painter at the age of 25 and gradually accepted commissions for animal and architectural subjects, florals and figures. Her media includes watercolor, pastel and oil and is characterized by a soft interpretation of reality.

She has been a member of the prestigious Baltimore Watercolor Society since the 1980s, and has exhibited widely on the East coast receiving many awards for her painting. Her work can presently be seen and enjoyed in fine art galleries throughout the region as well as in private and corporate collections. The University of Maryland at College Park and the Washington County Museum of Fine Art include her drawings and paintings in their permanent collections. In June of 2004, she was honored to personally present a work honoring Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton to Pope John Paul II in Vatican City.

Her current focus is to preserve and portray the farms, bridges, and other historic places around Thurmont and Emmitsburg. Included in these images are the numerous old churches in the region which Rebecca finds interesting historically and architecturally. Currently, Rebecca teaches painting at her Gallery in Emmitsburg. She will conduct workshops upon request and enjoys taking her students outdoors to paint during the summer months.

She maintains The Rebecca Pearl Gallery in its new location, 24 West Main Street, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

We are looking forward to watching this very talented artist. Welcome all of our new members and visitors to our always inspirational meetings!!

*Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bingaman,
VAA President*

Membership News

Fall Festival

The date of the Fall Festival—Saturday, September 17, 2016 10am-4pm, is rapidly approaching!

The Fall Fest Committee has met and is working on getting things lined up. We will be having a complimentary tea inside the Mansion House during the day as well as an all member bake sale. We are asking all members to provide a baked item, portioned into plastic bags or saran wrap and marked with a \$1.00 or more amount. This worked extremely well at the Blues Fest and the club earned a good sum of money. All baked goods should be brought to the Mansion House before 11:00 am on September 17th. If the items do not need refrigeration, they can be brought in on Friday.

Liz Altman has graciously agreed to handle the children's activities again this year. She needs three volunteers to assist with painting and printing. We have decided not to do the clay table as it is extremely messy and difficult to clean up. Cider and cookies will be provided for the children as we have in the past. If you are willing to volunteer to work with the children, please call Marilyn Eavey at 301-393-8512 as soon as possible.

Please call Marilyn Eavey at 301-393-8512 if you will be setting up on the porch so we have an idea of how many to expect. This is a great opportunity to show some of your work and to work among friends for the day.

Please come out and support Valley Arts as well as enjoying a day in the park where there will be activities for all ages.

The activities include: Members painting on the porch; Children's art activities include painting and printing.

1. Artists painting on the porch: PLEASE join us to paint on the porch. If there happens to be more demand than space, we will need to limit it to the right and left sides of the door to the porch because we will need the north and south ends of the porch for tables for kids' arts and crafts.

2. Cider and cookies between 1:00 and 3:00

By the way, the festival will feature a community art project. In the pavilion down below the Mansion House, an artist will have prepared 4x8 sheets of plywood for kids and adult visitors to paint. The finished sheets will be mounted and displayed as a temporary (1 yr) installation at the park end of the art walk (Hagerstown Cultural Trail) now under construction.)

Artists' Call

We are now hanging our art for sale at Maloos Restaurant at Park Circle. Everyone is invited to contact Marilyn Eavey at 301-393-8512, The owner likes landscapes, seascapes, portraits and that type of work. She prefers not to have animals, civil war items or bar related items (like pool players, etc.) Submissions must have your business card on the back and a VAA card on the front with the price and for safety sake, write your name, the name of the painting and the cost on the back of the painting. We try to take a fairly large variety of paintings so Marylou can make a choice as to what goes on the wall. Not every submission may be used and should not be considered a rejection. Please stop by and see our first hanging and support Maloos by having lunch or dinner.

Blue Star Museum

Lucy registered us as a Blue Star museum (for veterans.) She would like docents to ask visitors to sign in and Lucy can report them for a count that Maryland tracks.

North Gallery News

A short business meeting to complete the election of officers for the FY 2017 operational year preceded the June gathering of the Valley Art Association. After establishing that a quorum was present, motion was made to accept the following slate of officers, which will complete the roster of officers for FY 2017: Vice President – Hal Mason; Corresponding Secretary – Carol Wilks; Treasurer – Elaine Wolfe. The motion was seconded by Donna Bingaman, and the proposed slate of officers was accepted with a majority vote by a show of hands.

Retiring president, Marjorie Tressler, handed to gavel to the incoming president, Donna Bingaman, who presented Marjorie with a card signed by the membership and a white rose plant for all her work on behalf of the organization.

The business completed, the formal meeting was adjourned and the members enjoyed a potluck picnic on the porch, with chicken and drinks provided by Valley Art, and delicious side dishes and desserts furnished by the members. Valley Art would like to thank Marian Bielobocky for donating handcrafted jewelry to Valley Art at the Mansion House to use as a fundraiser. It is lovely and has generated money for the treasury.

NOTICE: Because of BB&T's more convenient locations, The Valley Art Association has moved its bank account to BB&T beginning in FY 2017 (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017.) If you are holding a Valley Art Association check from The Columbia Bank in Hagerstown, please process it as soon as possible. Thanks

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.

Participation in the North Gallery shows 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 continue to be greatly appreciated.

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 Marilyn Eavey for details.

2016 – 2017 Shows

Month	Opening	Closing	Title / Exhibitor	Drop off date	Pick up date
August, 2016	7/29/16	8/28/16	Tamara Hoffman	7/26/16	8/29/16
September, 2016	9/2/16	9/25/16	Thom Tholen	8/30/16	9/26/16
October, 2016	9/30/16	10/30/16	Potomac River Artists Guild (PRAG)	9/27/15	10/31/16
November, 2016	11/4/16	11/27/16	Sherry Kemp	11/1/16	11/28/16
December, January 2017	12/2/16	1/29/17	Winter all member show	11/29/16	1/30/17
February, 2017	2/3/17	2/26/17	All Member show - Just Monkeyin' Around	1/25/17	2/26/17
March, 2017	3/3/17	3/26/17	Open (for individual solo show)	2/28/17	3/28/17
April, 2017	3/31/17	4/30/17	Just Ducky (all member show)	3/22/17	4/30/17
May, 2017	5/5/17	5/28/17	VAA Teacher - Student show, Reception 5/7/17. 2-4	4/26/17	5/28/17
June, July 2017	6/2/17	7/30/17	Just Chillin' (all member show)	5/24/17	7/30/17

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 marjoretressler@comcast.net.

Wednesday Night Art Class

Marjorie Tressler is conducting a painting class for both oil and acrylic painters the first and third Wednesday nights each month from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm.

Location: Mansion House Art Center. 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 301-223-8688.

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 marjoriertressler@comcast.net.

The Artist Connection—Gallery 50 --next date Sept. 12, 2016 6:30-8:30

Marjorie Tressler Gallery 50's curator and gallery director, is facilitating a new group for all artists/artisans, musicians and authors called "The Artist Connection." This gathering gives all artists a chance to come together once a month on every second Monday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in Gallery 50 located at 50 West Main Street Waynesboro, PA. After just 3 gatherings the object of the Artist Connection has expanded into a group of artists representing all of the arts. Artists now have the opportunity to share ideas, discuss art and the newest techniques they have learned and or using, new songs, and books they are working on, sharing news of regional shows, mentoring younger artists and generally giving inspiration to each other. Artists, if they so choose, will be encouraged to bring in their latest art project and we will provide easels and tables ready for your work to be displayed on for all in attendance to enjoy.

There is no cost or dues. This is not a club, but an opportunity for artists to come together and connect. Thanks to everyone who attended our last gatherings and am looking forward to seeing you again!!!

For more information contact either Marjorie at 717-762-6791 or email marjoriertressler@comcast.net to let us know if you interested in attending.



After several requests for a day class in addition to her current Wednesday evening class; on Thursdays, Marjorie Tressler has decided to conduct a new oil and acrylic class in Gallery 50, located at 50 West Main St. Waynesboro,, PA.

This class will be held on Thursday mornings from 9am to 11:30 and be continuous throughout the year. The cost is the same as her current class: \$65 for 6 classes and are for ALL painting levels. The only requirement is for students to provide their own painting

materials and table easels. We have floor easels available. For more information please contact Marjorie at 717-762-6791. marjorietressler@comcast.net



42 West Arts Gallery

A spin off of Destination Arts is located at 42 W. Main Street, Waynesboro, Pa is now accepting 3D artists, sculptures, and fine art crafters etc. to join our Art Gallery call 717-762-8394

Music and Wine offered every Friday night 5 - 8pm during the Gallery Walk at 42 West Arts. Art, and craft demonstrations by member artists every Saturday afternoon.

Donna Bingaman will be teaching oil and acrylic painting classes every Wednesday at 42 West Arts, Main Street Waynesboro from

12 - 3pm. The cost is \$15 per class. Sign up for as many as you like or continue as long as you like. Easels, tables and chairs available. Paint in a relaxed, fun, and casual atmosphere. All skill levels welcome.

For more information contact: Denny & Donna Bingaman 717-762-8394
artsyfolks@embarqmail.com

32nd Annual Exhibition Miniature Art 2016

The location is:

Council for the Arts

81 N. Main Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201

Contact 717-264-6883 or gallery@councilforthearts.net for information.

The website address is www.councilforthearts.net.

Deadline for entries is September 30.

The Bettie Jane Cancer Foundation Fifth Annual Dinner and Silent Auction Gala

Date: November 12

Location: Dutch's Daughter Restaurant in Braddock Heights, MD.

They are seeking donations for silent auction. Tickets for the dinner are \$55 per person.

Contact 301-473-5354 or bj@bettiejaneccancerfoundation.com for information.

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 – 2017 Meeting Schedule

September 28 – Rebecca Pearl
October – Michael Davis
November – Laura Shindel -- Printmaking

January the “Parade” presentation
February – Jody Wright
March -- ?
April -- ?

2016 Meritus Art In The Hallways Schedule

August	Marjorie Tressler
September	Donna Bingaman
October	Sharon Benoit
November	Carol Miller
December	Bill Davis

2016 Chambersburg Hospital Artist of the Month Schedule

August	Donna Bingaman
September	Denny Bingaman
October	Jean Harshman
November	Kent Roberts
December	Lynda Cook

2016 Valley Art Board of Directors

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