

Art is for everyone!

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Presidents Message

Greetings to all ART Lovers!

Please take time to read this very informative newsletter, which many of our talented Valley Art Association members have worked hard to contribute to! Thanks to each one of them! And a special thanks to VAA's newsletter editor, Janie Moltrup, for putting it all together for us!

My message for you in this newsletter is from a quote by writer, Julia Cameron; **"Making art is making love with life"**

.So until we meet again, let's remember to keep creating "from the heart!"

Artfully yours,

Donna Mason

VAA President

Hagerstown Community Art Project: Colors of Unity

At the 2024 Hagerstown City Park Fall Fest, the community joined local artist and VAA member Jenny Angle to create a collective masterpiece titled Colors of Unity.

Hosted at the Mansion House Art Gallery, the event invited participants of all ages to add their own unique mark to the canvas, symbolizing the power of collaboration, creativity and connection within the community.

The finished artwork stands as a tribute to Hagerstown's unity, showing that each artists unique mark on the canvas plays an important role in the larger picture.

Visit the Mansion House Art Gallery for the final reveal of this collaborative masterpiece!



Keep The Dates

Oct 3 to Nov. 5, 2024

VAA Vibrant Visions

Member show

Reception at WCAC

Oct. 3, 5-7pm)

October 23, 2024

7pm General

Meeting (Hybrid)

Bill Hergenroeder

featured artist

November 8, 2024

Members to set up holiday crafts in the MH for Nov& Dec.

November 20, 2024

1 week earlier) 7pm

General Meeting

(Hybrid)

Amanda Taylor

featured artist

December 6, 2024

City Park Lighting Event. (Volunteers needed!)

December 28,
 Member Holiday Party!

Exhibits

Vibrant Visions by Valley Art Association Members Exhibit

October 3 through November 5, 2024

VAA is having a show at Washington County Arts Council

34 South Potomac Street, Suite 100 Hagerstown, MD.

•• **Reception date/time:**

Thursday, October 3, 2024 from 5pm to 7pm

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

"Floating Beauty: Women and the Art of Ukiyo-e"
September 21, 2024 - January 12, 2025. This exhibition examines historical perspectives on women and their depiction

in art from Edo Period Japan (1615 - 1858).

Organized and drawn from the collection of the Reading Public Museum, this features over 50 woodblock print by ukiyo-e masters.

For further information, please contact Donna Rastelli at 301-739-5727 or email

drastelli@wcmfa.org. The Museum's website is wcmfa.org; hours open are Tuesday- Friday, 10 am - 5 pm, Saturday 10 am - 4 pm and Sunday, 1 - 5 pm.

The Washington County Arts Council

Invites local artists working in any medium to submit their art for the Annual Community Art Show: "The Best Local Art of 2024". The deadline for entry is October 12. The exhibit will be on display from December 12, 2024 through January 7, 2025, and virtually from December 14.

Enter up to three works with no entry fee. **Works must be for sale and the WCAC, a non-profit agency, retains 30% commission on sales.**

For prospectus/submission details, go to <http://www.washingtoncountyarts.com> or contact

Chris Brewer at 301-791-3132 or via email at gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com with questions or if you need help regarding submissions.

Just a reminder that the next North Gallery show is "Fall Colors" although that doesn't mean it has to be a fall scene.

VAA MEMBER NEWS

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.

HOLIDAY CRAFT MART

Beginning Sunday, November 3, 2024, all members can bring in their craft items and up to 10 shrink wrap prints to sell at the Holiday Craft Mart in the Mansion House. 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, 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.

VAA members in Washington Goes Purple

Show (and award winners) Congrats to all!

VAA member participants are Jennie Avila, Mike Dawson, Rick Gottlieb, Donna Mason, Judy Melby-Robinson (2nd place 2D award winner), Matt Penrod, Chris Shingler (1st place winner 2D), Sara Swacina

Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Patricia Boyst! Her painting, "Time to Circle Around", which won the Clyde H. Roberts Memorial Award for Best Watercolor in the 2024 Cumberland Valley Artists Exhibition was not only accepted into the online International show, "Woman in Watercolor", but also won another award. The Exhibition received 1,970 entries and accepted 240, one of which is her watercolor, "Time to Circle Around" and her beautiful painting has won an Honorary Award! Many, many congratulations!!

Valley Art Association member, Elaine Wolfe, will have a solo show, "About Face", from September 25 through November 19, 2024, in the Cofrin Gallery, Burgin Center for the Arts, at the Mercersburg Academy, 100 Academy Drive, in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania 17236. The reception will be held on the evening of Friday, October 4, from 6:30 - 8 pm.

Gallery hours are weekdays from 10 am to 3 pm, weekends from 1 pm to 6 pm, or by appointment - please call Director of Galleries, Syd Caretti, 717-328-6206. This show will be of figurative and portrait work, of life-drawing, of life - human and animal and bird.

Workshops and Classes

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:

October 7, 10 - 1, October 14, 10 to 3:30, October 21, 10 - 3:30, October 28, 10 - 1, and November 4, 10 - 1, November 11, 10 - 3:30, November 18, 10 - 1, 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.



Lesla Cook - Two Day "Low Relief Sculpture" Workshop

Two-day workshop with sculptor and painter, Lesa Cook, winner of many awards, instructor at the Delaplaine Art Center, Certified copyist at the National Gallery: students will create a low (bas) relief sculpture in water-based clay using their own photographic sources from animal, human subject matter, a shallow relief that can be wall-mounted after firing. The workshop will be held on two consecutive Fridays, October 25 and November 1, 2024, from 10:30 am – 4:30 pm each day. Included in the workshop fee is the use of sculpture stands and tools loaned by the instructor. Lunch is also included.

Cost is \$150 for VAA and Museum members, and \$165 for non-members. The clay will be provided by the instructor for a \$20 supply fee.

Firing arrangements may be made with her during the workshop. Minimum is 6. The lunch break will be 30 minutes. The work will be supplemented with demonstration videos and other presentations by Lesa Cook. To register, please contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call (no text) 304-261-9583.

A Colored Pencil Workshop



with Artist and Author, Amy Lindenberger

Thursday, October 10, 2024, from 9 am to 4 pm one-day workshop will be held on the techniques of colored pencil, Amy

Lindenberger, author of five books in the Colored Pencil Surfaces Series: Volumes I, II, IV, V and VI, as well as her bestselling book "Colors: A Workbook" and "Even more

Colors: Workbook2". She holds dual signature status with the Colored Pencil Society of America.

Cost: \$75 for VAA members and Washington County Museum of Fine Art members, and \$85 for nonmembers. A waiting list has been started.

For details and to register, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call (no text) 304-261- 9583.

If you have a wish list for classes or workshops, or if you can participate in coordinating and/or assisting in workshops, please contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call Denise Ruby at denise7231@aol.com. They would be very glad to have your assistance.

Call For Entries:

Off Site Continued

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.

Her future workshops/art retreats include teaching abroad in Italy and France. Check with her website for more information on Nicoles upcoming events.

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

40th Annual Juried Exhibition:

Miniature Art 2024

Council for the Arts, Gallery at 103 N. Main Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201 - deadline for entry is October 12, 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/

To register for events, contact Donna Rastelli at 301-739-5727 or email 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.

Donna Bingaman, Professional Artist will be offering painting classes every Wednesday of each month from 12 - 3pm. Each class is offered at \$15. Come when possible, everyone is welcome. Learn to draw and paint a beautiful painting. We paint in oil paint, watercolor, pastel. Sign up at 42 West Arts or contact Donna Bingaman 762-8394, or artsyfolks@embarqmail.com

Also, come in and browse or make a purchase from local artists, and fine craftsmen at 42 West Arts Gallery, 42 West Main Street, Waynesboro. All work is handmade by local artisans, along with custom framing and other services. We have art classes and demonstrations every week from our artists.

Exhibits

North Gallery Shows 2024

Month	Exhibition Title	Drop Off	Opening	Closing	Pick UP
October	Fall Colors	Sep. 29, Oct 1	Oct 4	Oct 27	Oct 27-29
November	Artist's Choice	Oct 27, 29	Nov 1	Nov 24	Nov 24, 26
December	Celebrations	Nov 24, 26	Nov 29	Jan 26,2025	Jan 26, 28

Holiday Craft Mart 2024

Month	Exhibition Title	Drop Off	Opening	Closing	Pick UP
Nov-Dec, 2024	Holiday Craft Mart	Nov. 3-8	Nov. 8	Dec 27	Dec 27

2025 North Gallery Shows

Month 2025	Title/Exhibitor	Drop Off	Opening	Closing	Pick up
Jan	Celebrations	Nov, 24 26	Nov 29,2024	Jan 26, 2025	Jan 26, 28
Feb	Birds, Bees Butterflies & Blossoms	Jan 26, 28	Jan 31	Feb 23	Feb 23, 25
March	Art in the Wild	Feb 23, 25	Feb 28	March 23	Mar 23, 25
April	A Few of My Favorite Things	Mar 23,25	March 28	Apr 27	Apr 27. 2p
May	Fluffy & Fantastic	Apr 27, 29	May 2	May 25	May 25
June	Follow the Sun	May 25, 27	May 30	Jun 22	June 22, 24
July	Reflections	Jun 22,24	June 27	July 27	July 27, 29
August	Just Trippin	July 27, 29	August 1	Aug 24	Aug 24, 26
September	It's Fall Again	Aug 24, 26	Aug 29	Sep 28	Sep 28, 30
October	Seasons of the Witch	Sept 28, 30	Oct 3	Oct 26	Oct 26, 28
November	It's A Colorful World	Oct 26, 28	Oct 31	Nov 23	Nov 23, 25
December	A Creative Celebration	Nov 23, 25	Nov 28	Jan 25, 2026	Jan 25, 27

Art In the Hallways Meritus Health-1

October 2024 John Mullican
 November 2024 Marilyn Pontius
 December 2024 TBD

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