



#### GALLERY HOURS

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

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

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**June 2021**

Greetings Valley Art Association members, prospective members and ART lovers!

Welcome to new members! June is the last month of Valley Art Association's fiscal year. There are a lot of upcoming VAA happenings planned for the new year, so you'll want to read ALL of this in this and future newsletters to stay informed. And don't forget that if you find your address hidden somewhere in the newsletters, let a board member know that you are a cash winner!

The last Valley Art Association Zoom General meeting was held on Wednesday, May 26th. We'd like to thank David Bottini for his great painting video and discussion at that meeting. We'd also like to announce our new Board members who will be serving during the next fiscal year, along with the Board members who were re-elected at the May meeting. A great big welcome to the following new Board members; Jen Martin as our new Recording Secretary, Dan Elgin as our new Treasurer, Bonnie Elgin as our new Gallery Director and Marjorie Tressler as our new Assistant Gallery Director. Thank you again to Rachel Stevenson, Elaine Wolfe and Carol Miller for their dedicated service on the Board the past fiscal year. It was a challenging year for VAA and we could not have survived without them!

Due to the postponement of the annual June VAA/Mansion House porch picnic for members & guests, we will be having another Zoom General meeting on June 23rd at 7pm. Our featured demo artist for that meeting will be Lynn Ferris, who will be showing a video of a watercolor demonstration entitled "Capturing the Light", after which she will take questions. If we don't have your email address and you would like to attend, please contact me at [halmasonart@myactv.net](mailto:halmasonart@myactv.net) and I'll add you to the Zoom meetings invitation list.

Members, please remember to renew your dues (include coupon below) before July 1, 2021 for the next fiscal year. For Gallery Members, gallery fee renewals are also due before July 1st and can be paid on June 22, which is the date of the Gallery wall changes & the annual mandatory Gallery Meeting. Please see more information about the wall changes and the meeting inside this newsletter. You may also contact the Gallery Director or a Board member for more information.

Hopefully we will be able to have our porch picnic later in the summer, so please stay tuned for more information about that. Until then enjoy your summer and hope to see you soon!

Artfully yours,  
Hal Mason  
President

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Dues Amount: \$30**

**Due Date: June 30.**

**Please make checks payable to: Valley Art Association**

**Mail to: Valley Art Association, Attention Treasurer,  
501 Highland Way, Hagerstown 21740.**

**Please include this coupon with your payment.**

**Attention Mansion House Gallery Members:** The Gallery wall changes will take place on Tuesday June 22, 2021. Those with wall spaces may come to the Mansion House at 10am on that date to begin to move their artwork clockwise to the next wall space of the same size. At 11am any wall changes in progress will pause for a Gallery meeting. All Gallery members are required to attend this meeting, whether they have a wall space or another space where they sell their artwork. That includes people who are displaying and selling in shrink wrap bins, cabinets, cases, miniature rack, tops of bookcases, or on pedestals (cards & bookmarks are excluded). The meeting will provide updated Gallery Policy information, which includes space prices and updated information about sitting requirements and Gallery practices. You will also be able to sign up for your required sitting dates, pay for your space, and sign your yearly Gallery Contract. After the meeting, people may stay and continue installing their artwork. Please make sure all of your artwork is securely labeled with your name, title (if any) and price, as well as being correctly prepared for display. NOTE: Presently there are two small wall spaces available. If you cannot attend the Gallery meeting, or if you have any questions, please notify a Gallery Director or a Board member.

### 2021 North Gallery Shows

*Additional note: Mansion House Sitters can contact Donna Mason if they need a review of any Mansion House sitting procedures.*

<u>Month</u>	<u>Title/Exhibitor</u>	<u>Drop Off Dates</u>	<u>Opening</u>	<u>Closing</u>	<u>Pick Up Date</u>
June/July	Summer's Dream	May 28-30	June 4	August 1	August 1
August	Driven to Abstraction	July 30-August 1	August 6	August 29	August 30-31
September	Ann Williams' Garden	August 30	September 3	September 26	September 27-30
October	Three Gals and a Guy (Hal and Donna Mason, Carol Miller, Marilyn Eavey)	September 27-30	October 1	October 31	November 1
November	Memories Disappearing	October 31-November 1	November 5	November 28	November 29-30
December 2021 January 2022	Winter Wonderland	November 28-29	December 3	December 31	January 2-3

**2021 ART IN THE HALLWAY**  
**Meritus Health Center**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Victoria Baker</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Chris Shingler</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>David Bottini.</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Donna Bingaman</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Carol A. Wolfensberger</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Nicole Troup</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Denny Bingaman</b>

**Member News and Activities**

Members, if you haven't paid your dues that were due in July 2020, please do so as soon as you can, so that you will continue receiving your newsletter, and so that you can participate in upcoming Valley Art events, such as the Mansion House members' shows in the North Gallery. In addition, as a member you can be featured on VAA's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyArtAssociation.Hagerstown.Md> as "member of the month". Or you can have any other information posted about your outside art exhibits, classes and other art activities. Just contact VAA's Facebook editor, Jen Martin. (see inside for her contact info).

**Publicity News—VAA Partners with Hagerstown Hopes**

VAA and Hagerstown Hopes are joining forces to highlight and support the local arts community! Much like our own featured artist page on Facebook, Hagerstown Hopes has generously offered to feature individual artists as well as illustrate our monthly, North End Gallery Exhibit and theme for monthly shows, explain a little about VAA, and promote the Mansion House Art Gallery on their social media pages! If artists want to get involved, they can reach out to Hagerstown Hopes liaison Brian Hose at [bhose@hagerstownhopesmd.org](mailto:bhose@hagerstownhopesmd.org) for a feature including a short biography and photos of the work being shown in the North Gallery as well as the Mansion House!

And, of course, feel free to reach out to me with any questions or suggestions at [britclark10.4@gmail.com](mailto:britclark10.4@gmail.com) on how to broaden VAA community outreach and publicity! Thank you!

**Membership News**

An exhibit of paintings by VAA member artist John Neal Mullican will be on display at the Hagerstown Chamber of Commerce during the months of July and August. The exhibit is sponsored by the Washington County Arts Council. Artists interested in exhibiting at the Chamber of Commerce should contact Chris Brewer at the Arts Council Gallery.

**DID YOU KNOW...?**

**Dick Blick Icon on the VAA Web Page**

If you are buying art supplies from Dick Blick, and go to the Dick Blick web site by clicking on the Blick link on the VAA web site, VAA will receive a commission of 10% on your total order. There is no difference in cost to you, and it is "free" money to VAA. Blick pays this to VAA for the privilege of advertising on our web site. (Note that this payment will only occur when you use the VAA link; otherwise, Blick will not connect your order to VAA.)

Valley Art is now being added to the Cultural Trail. There will also be new plaques at locations around the park including at the Mansion House.

**Valley Art will now be featuring our members on Facebook!** If you are interested in being the "Featured Valley Art Association Member" on Valley Art Association's Facebook page, have an album with up to a maximum of 5 photos of your work, or if you have any other information posted about your outside art exhibits, classes and other art activities, please email editor, JEN MARTIN at [jenmartin72@outlook.com](mailto:jenmartin72@outlook.com) and she will be glad to work with you about your feature. Other VAA FB editors are : Sue Parker at [scp2art@gmail.com](mailto:scp2art@gmail.com), Carol Wilks at [cawilks44@gmail.com](mailto:cawilks44@gmail.com), and John Mullican at [johnmullican@gmail.com](mailto:johnmullican@gmail.com). They are available to post other articles of interest to members on FB as well.

Please visit our partner in the arts, the Washington County Arts Council, Inc. either in person at 34 S. Potomac St., Hagerstown, Md 21740, Phone number (301) 791-3132, <http://www.washingtoncountyarts.com/> or Washington County Arts Council, Inc. on Facebook.

### **Figure-Drawing Sessions**

Live figure-drawing sessions at the Mansion House are scheduled for June 10 and June 17, from 10 AM to 1 PM. We will be limited to a small group, and all the artists are fully vaccinated, so we will be complying with regulations regarding small groups meeting indoors. (If an unvaccinated artist wishes to attend, a mask will be worn.) Model fees are shared by artists. Limited space available. For details and to register, contact Elaine Wolfe at [valleyartinfo@gmail.com](mailto:valleyartinfo@gmail.com).

The schedule for July - September is being prepared and will include an occasional 11324 Youngstown Drive, Apt. 1607 portrait session in addition to the figure-drawing sessions.

### **DC Art Models Collective**

Online sessions are available. A weekly schedule of these sessions is detailed through their website [dcardmodelcollective.com](http://dcardmodelcollective.com). Subscribe for their weekly update via the website or emailing [dcardmodelcollective@gmail.com](mailto:dcardmodelcollective@gmail.com). Wonderful selection of models and options, very well organized, price of sessions \$7/1 hour, \$14/2 hours, \$20/3 hours.

### **Live Summer Workshops:**

**Acrylic Glazing Workshop with David Bottini** Thursday, June 17, 2021, six hour workshop from 10 - 4. Cost \$70 for VAA and Museum members, \$80 for non-members. Lunch included. To register and for details, contact Elaine Wolfe at [valleyartinfo@gmail.com](mailto:valleyartinfo@gmail.com) or call 304-261-9583. Work from direct observation of landscape in the park and using the lovely outside porches of the Mansion House. Learn from a master of the acrylic glazing process.

**Two-day Portrait Workshop with Michael Davis (Live Model)** Monday-Tuesday, July 26 - 27, 2021, twelve-hour workshop from 10:30 to 4:30. Cost: \$140 for VAA and Museum members, and \$160 for non-members. Lunch is included in the workshop fee. There is an additional model fee of \$20. This is an in-depth opportunity for close observation and practice of the portrait process from initial sketch, composition, underpainting, and layering techniques. To register, contact Elaine as above.

### **Lynn Ferris - Live Watercolor Classes**

Six weeks of watercolor classes at the Mansion House during July-August. These classes are currently booked with members who had signed up in 2020 for these classes, which were canceled because of the pandemic. Covid considerations permitting, a couple of additional spaces may become available. If so, this information will be emailed to the membership in June.

### **Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Classes**

For Art Class Schedule and Registration, click here: [wcmfa.org/learn/classes/](http://wcmfa.org/learn/classes/) To register for events, you may contact the Museum on-line, by calling (301) 739-5727, or via email at [info@wcmfa.org](mailto:info@wcmfa.org).

### **Hans Guerin and Beth de Loiselle**

Skilled teachers of the Schuler School of Fine Arts offering Online Mentoring: see their websites for details at [hansguerin.com](http://hansguerin.com) and [bethedloiselle.com](http://bethedloiselle.com)

**The New Masters Academy** Another resource for poses/models online: The website is <http://www.nma.art/>.

### **The Washington Street Artists' Cooperative**

A well-established cooperative gallery located in the heart of downtown Charles Town, WV the WCAC now has several openings for new 2-D artists!!! Accepted artists can display art in the gallery 24/7, and in all-members shows; \$30/month membership, with a 20% commission on sales. Check the website for the membership application at <https://washingtonstartists.org/membership/> or phone 304-724-2090 for information on applying for membership.

### **Museum Trips**

#### **The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts**

Work of Joshua Johnson (ca.1763-1824) for the first time since 1988, in their Groh Gallery from April 17 to October 24, 2021. Often considered the first professional African-American artist, Johnson was a freed slave who achieved a remarkable degree of success as a portraitist in his lifetime by painting affluent patrons in his native Baltimore.

#### **NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART, WEST BUILDING AND GARDEN CAFÉ OPENED MAY 14<sup>th</sup>**

Free, timed passes required (all visitors ages 2 and up) Hours: 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. daily (last available entry pass is at 3:00 p.m.) Passes are released each Monday at 10:00 a.m. for the following week. Click here to view all currently open galleries and amenities. Please arrive at the time listed on your reservation; passes will not be scanned beforehand. We recommend allotting at least 90 minutes for your visit. Need help? Contact [tickets@nga.gov](mailto:tickets@nga.gov) or call (202) 842-6997. Limit 6 passes per reservation.

#### **Maryland Federation of Art - 21st Annual American Landscapes**

At the Circle Gallery, consistently voted Best Gallery in Annapolis from August 25 - September 18. July 1 deadline. Juror is Sue Frank, Curator at The Phillips Collection. Go to <http://www.mdfedart.org> for details on entry, using the MFA's online entry system. Open to all media, 2-D and 3-D, max of 6 original works created within past 3 years. 1 or 2 works \$40 (MFA members \$25). Additional 4 entries \$5 each. Cash awards total \$1k. Artist retains 70% of sale price (75% if MFA member).

### **Message from Our Historian**

Should you have any art-related articles, notices of awards, photos or other information pertinent to the VAA and your artistic endeavors, please leave them at the Mansion House Gallery desk. Place your name and date upon the item and I will enter them into the VAA archives. Please leave clippings, photos, information or other appropriate items that you would like to have placed into our archives at the Mansion House Gallery desk. Please place your name and the date of the event onto the item. Thank you for your help. In addition, I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to participate and help shape the VAA's history by using ZOOM, the newest VAA tool. Hope to see your smiling faces soon!

Roy Tressler

Historian

**42 West Arts Gallery Fine Arts and Crafts 42 West Main Street is open for business!** Open Fridays from 5pm-8pm, and Saturdays from 10am-4pm. Come in and browse or make a purchase from local Artists, and fine Craftsmen. All work is handmade by local artisans. Donna is now starting up her classes on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and every Wednesday from now on. She will be teaching oil, acrylic, and watercolor from 12:00 noon - 3:00pm. New show opening for the months of May-June are four notable photographers sharing their fine art photography: Beth Guyer Doyle, Jamie Cournoyer, Stephen Berte, and Johnny Kauffmann. The Artists will be having a Reception Friday May 7 from 5pm-7:30pm with music by Patric Schlee and Friends.

## Valley Art Board of Directors

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