



## GALLERY HOURS

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

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

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

I'd like to welcome new members, including new Board members, Dan Elgin, Jen Martin and Marjorie Tressler! And I'd like to thank Elaine Wolfe, Rachel Stevenson and Carol Miller for all that they have done during their previous offices as Board Members! Valley Art is now starting a new fiscal year, 2021-2022. It has been another challenging year for our organization, and we'd be remiss if we didn't thank everyone for sticking with us during these difficult times. As more people are getting vaccinated, hopefully things will be looking up for the new year!

Valley Art's Board and Advisors recently had their annual planning meeting to plan upcoming events & activities. You will find information about all of these inside this newsletter. So please take time to read it and mark your calendars with the important dates & times. You won't want to miss out on anything!

I would like to mention here that our first Members' General Meeting of the new fiscal year is scheduled to be held on Wednesday September 22, 2021 at 6pm at the Mansion House. For that meeting we are planning to have a "Welcome Back & Get Re-acquainted Picnic on the Porch" for members and guests. Please do make a note of this date and time. There will be more information about this coming soon.

We are also looking for a different venue for our Holiday party, which we usually hold in December in lieu of a General meeting. If anyone has any ideas about a place where we could have it this year, please let me or a Board member know.

Again, please read all of your newsletters! If you find your address hidden inside the latest newsletter, let a Board member know to win a prize! And do be sure to read any emails that are occasionally sent to members as well!

Thanks again, take care and I hope to see everyone soon!

Artfully yours,

Hal Mason

President

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: Noted on the Header at the top of this page, The Mansion House address has now been changed (per the city.) The new address for the Mansion House is now 480 Highland AVE., Hagerstown MD 21740 PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THIS!**

**2021 North Gallery Shows**  
**Special Announcement**

Valley Art Association Celebrates 30 Years at the Mansion House in City Park with an Exhibit of Founders' Art In August, 2021, the Valley Art Association marks 30 years in its home in the elegant Mansion House in City Park with an exhibit of original art by nine of the founders of the Mansion House Art Center. The Valley Art Association has been in existence since 1938, and members, chief among them Clyde Roberts, secured the Mansion House as a home for the organization. 12486 Wolfsville Rd. After cleaning and performing modest renovations, VAA members opened the building as an art center in August, 1991. Founders whose art will be shown include Clyde Roberts, Cindy Downs, Ronda Albright, Ruth Durbin, Lucy Ecker, Virginia Hair, Audrey Mentzer, Marjorie Tressler, and Marguerite Cyr. The exhibit will run from August 6 through August 29, 2021. A reception, open to the public, will be held on August 22nd from 2-4 at the Mansion House Art Center.

***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>
August	Founders' Art Exhibit (See note above)	August 1	August 6	August 29	August 29
September	Ann Williams' Garden	August 27-29	September 3	September 26	October 1-3
October	Driven to Abstraction* (changed from August)	October 1-3	October 8	October 31	November 7
November	Memories Disappearing	October 29-31	November 5	November 28	December 3-5
December 2021/January 2022	Winter Wonderland	November 27-29	December 3	December 26	January 2

***The August N. Gallery Show will no longer be the members' show "Driven to Abstraction", so please don't bring in any artwork for that show. The "Driven To Abstraction" members' show will now take place in October 2021 instead.***

**C&O Canal Days and the World Conference on Canals.**

Mark your calendars for dropping off your paintings on August 26 and picking them up on September 3 at the Clock Tower Building, North Conococheague Street in Williamsport, MD if you want to show them during the week of C&O Canal Days and the World Conference on Canals.

There will be a "Pop up" Gallery in the Clock Tower Building. Paintings and or photographs show feature scenes along the towpath, the Potomac River in Washington County, such as Taylors Landing, Big Slackwater, Dam 4, Dam 5 and Cushwa Basin to name a few.

Call or text Charlotte Loveless at 301-733-7611 or email at [charlove288@gmail.com](mailto:charlove288@gmail.com) to reserve your place. She will maintain a list of those that sign up. The first 25 art pieces on the list will be on display. Only one requirement is needed. Give 2 hours of your time for being present at the gallery. Charlotte will have a schedule. The hours during one full week will be 10:00AM to 5:00PM. Whether or not the Clocktower Building becomes a gallery will depend on your support and the visitors during this special week.

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

<b>Month</b>	<b>Name</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 2021, 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!

**Beacon House** has scheduled a free family/youth event art event for Saturday, August 28 in University Plaza. Any volunteers would be appreciated. Up to six activities to choose from.

**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 month of 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:**

Figure-Drawing sessions are scheduled through August and September at the Mansion House: Mondays, from 10 AM - 1 PM. Professional models, shared model fees only. No instruction. Dates are August 9, 16 and 23 and September 13 and 20 (with possible additional date of 27th). Contact Elaine Wolfe at [valleyartinfo@gmail.com](mailto:valleyartinfo@gmail.com) or call 304-261-9583.

**DC Art Models Collective:** Online sessions: a weekly schedule of these sessions is detailed through their website [dcartmodelcollective.com](http://dcartmodelcollective.com). Subscribe for their weekly update via the website or emailing [dcartmodelcollective@gmail.com](mailto:dcartmodelcollective@gmail.com). Wonderful selection of models and options including custom sessions, very well organized, price of sessions \$7/1 hour, \$14/2 hours, \$20/3 hours.

### **WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES:**

Michael Davis Workshop on Thursday, September 16, at the Mansion House, from 10:30 - 4:30 PM. This will be a one-day demonstration of the techniques and thought processes involved in bringing a painting to a high finish. He will begin from a previously finished underpainting of a still life setup. Minimum number of participants is 5, maximum 9. Cost is \$70 for VAA and Museum members, \$80 for non-members. Contact Elaine Wolfe for further details at [valleyartinfo@gmail.com](mailto:valleyartinfo@gmail.com) or call 304-261-9583.

**Pewter Casting I** - Join Brendan in an introduction to Pewter casting. A hands-on workshop to produce pewter tokens and badges using Historical techniques. Limited to 10 individuals, materials provided, 2-hours - \$25. September 23, from 10 AM to noon. To register, contact Elaine Wolfe, as above. Additional workshops in pewter casting can follow this one.

In the coming months, Brendan plans to schedule a series of these hands-on workshops on a wide variety of topics involving historical techniques, including the making of paint using a variety of mediums, secco painting, fresco painting, and more. Other projects would be making our own molds in rubber from simple objects, casting toys from the early 19th century, making and casting into plaster molds, "slush" casting. The adventure is all ours, all yours!

**Plein Air Workshop with with Fritz Briggs at the Studio Club in Waynesboro September 20-24, 2021**

Information and registration are available on the website: <https://www.workshopswsac.com/> General locations will be on the website. Fee is \$165. for the week. Arrangements have been made for the group to visit several historic and scenic locations around the area. Directions will be sent to registered participants for the workshop. Only people who are registered will receive the detailed information in order to protect the privacy of the owners of sites.

**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.

**CALL FOR ENTRIES:**

**The Washington County Arts Council** invites local artists working in any medium to submit their art for a September 2021 exhibit, "Symbolizing the Hope in Recovery through Purple". The juried community art exhibit will be on display virtually and in the gallery from August 26, 2021 through September 28, 2021. "Symbolizing the Hope in Recovery through Purple - As a community we work at preventing addiction, eliminating stigma, and building a strong support for those in recovery. DEADLINE IS AUGUST 6, 2021. Entry details: go to their website at [www.washingtoncountvarts.com/washingtongoespurple](http://www.washingtoncountvarts.com/washingtongoespurple).

### **Art at the Mill: Deadline is August 9, 2021, at 5 PM**

The Clarke County Historical Association (CCHA) invites artists working in a variety of media to submit applications for our juried Art at the Mill Show October 2 - 17 !

Media accepted shall be original, non-reproducible work not previously shown at the mill.

We accept Paintings, 2D, 3D functional and aesthetic, such as sculpture. No photography or digitalized images. All works that hang must be framed, finished and ready to hang with screw-eyed hooks and wire. NOTE: All work submitted MUST BE FOR SALE. Sales from the show help support the Clarke County Historical Association, including the Burwell-Morgan Mill.

Go to [artatthemill.artcall.org](http://artatthemill.artcall.org) for full details or call 540-955-2600.

### **37th Annual Exhibition Miniature Art 2021**

Council for the Arts - deadline for entry is September 10, show dates October 1 - November 6.

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.

### **EXHIBITIONS:**

**The Washington County Museum of Fine Art** - "Bernini and the Roman Baroque" through September 19, 2021. This is a large-scale exhibition of Old Master paintings and artworks: more than 50 works by 40 artists, including several by the major Baroque master, Gian Lorenzo Bernini (1598-1680) and other Baroque painters whose work has rarely left the Palazzo Chigi in Ariccia.

**The National Gallery of Art** has now fully re-opened and no passes are required!

A full slate of exhibitions for the coming year has been published: go to [nga.gov](http://nga.gov) for details.

**The Baltimore Watercolor Society** has an online exhibition showing work of remarkable quality: go to <http://www.baltimorewatercolorsociety.org> to visit the 2021 Online Mid-Atlantic Regional Exhibition.

### **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.

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