



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 Members, Prospective Members and all ART lovers,

I'd like to welcome everyone to the November Valley Art Association newsletter! Please read this newsletter to stay informed about everything that is ART related in our area, such as the upcoming November Show entitled "Memories Disappearing". This is an exhibit for all VAA members, opening at the Mansion House Art Center & Gallery on November 5th. See inside for more information about the show.

I want to congratulate member, Ashley Holden-Hammond for finding her address hidden in the October newsletter. Ashley won \$10 for just reading it! I'd also to thank Ashley for donating her winnings back to VAA!

Unfortunately due to Washington County still being a high COVID transmission County, we had to cancel our in-person General meeting for October. We will again reschedule the planned premier documentary about City Park, created by VAA member Keith Jones. We would like to thank VAA member and artist, Marjorie Tressler for her "Getting to Know the Artist" presentation, which was enjoyed by all who attended the meeting on Zoom.

A great big welcome to our new members! As a member of VAA they will be able to join in on many opportunities to exhibit and promote their artwork, learn about & attend all types of art classes, workshops, art meetings, and art groups, participate in worthwhile community events, and form lasting friendships with like minded people! Where else could anyone find such a well-rounded and fun organization? You don't have to be an artist to join, because our motto is "Art is for Everyone"!

Before I close, I do want to congratulate the following VAA members who won prizes in the recent "Washington Goes Purple" exhibit at the Washington County Arts Council: Linda Barnhart for "Best in Show", Judy Melby-Robinson for 1st Place 2D, and Ashley Holden-Hammond for 2nd Place 2D. Congratulations also to a Mansion House Gallery Founder, Cindy Roberts Downs for 1st Place 3D.

Thanks for reading, please stay safe, and keep in touch!

Artfully yours,
Hal Mason, Valley Art Association 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! 141 N. Artizan St.

The Annual VAA Holiday Mart Craft Sale is fast approaching!

Opening: Friday November 19 Closing : Sunday January 2, 2022.

First day of drop off of crafts etc. is Tuesday Nov. 9 starting at 10am till 2pm. Please price all articles and make a list of each item you are bringing in. You can continue to bring in items the weekend of Nov. 12, 13, 14 with the official opening of the Holiday Mart Craft Sale, Friday Nov. 19, and again ending Sunday Jan. 2, 2022.

NEW THIS YEAR!!! There will be a bin on a table for small and seasonal shrink wrap painting/prints/photography for use during the Holiday Mart Craft Sale. Please make a list of any items for this bin and leave for the gallery director.

ALSO NEW: The bin on the library book case is there for ALL North Gallery Shows. Members can show shrink wrap items FREE during each month of North Gallery Theme shows . Please make a list of all shrink wrap paintings/ prints/photography, etc., with your name, contact info and prices, etc. for the binder in the North Gallery.

2021-2022 North Gallery Shows

The North Gallery October member show, "Driven to Abstraction made for a very impressive show, with 16 artists and 37 pieces of fine examples of Abstract work. Thanks to all who participated.

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>
November	Memories Disappearing	October 29-31	November 5	November 28	November 28
December 2021 January 2022	Winter Wonderland	November 26-28	December 3	January 30, 2022	January 30, 2022
February 2022	Recipe for Romance	January 28-30, 2022	February 4, 2022	February 27, 2022	February 27-2022

- **Drop off and Pick Up Dates may be subject to change. Please check the above list for any updates as shows approach.*

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

<u>Month</u>	<u>Name</u>
November	Nicole Troup
December	Denny Bingaman

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).

Anita Shively Solo Show

Anita Shively will be having a Solo Show "Chasing Light" at The Mercersburg Academy Niche Gallery October 5 - November 19.

Christkindl Market, Hagerstown – Friday, December 10th 3-8pm and Saturday December 11th 10am-4pm

Anyone interested in participating, visit their website at <https://christkindlmarkthagerstown.com> or contact Monika Wertman at 301-693-3021 or www.wertmanphotography.net.

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 for a feature including a short biography and photos of the work being shown in the North Gallery as well as the Mansion House!

FIGURE-DRAWING:

Figure-Drawing sessions are scheduled for THURSDAYS, from 10 AM to 1 PM, from November through December at the Mansion House. Professional models, shared model fees only. No instruction. Dates for November are 4th and 11th, and for December on 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th. Contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

DC Art Models Collective: Online sessions: a weekly schedule of these sessions is detailed through their website dcartmodelcollective.com. Subscribe for their weekly update via the website or emailing 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:

Marjorie Tressler: painting classes at the Mansion House on Mondays. For details and to register for classes, please contact Marjorie for details at marjorietressler@comcast.net or call 717-762-6791.

Pewter Casting and Mold-Making - Beginning in January, on the third Thursday of each month, Brendan will hold a hands-on workshop on the various methods of pewter casting and the various methods of producing molds for these castings, using historical techniques. The first of this series will be on January 20, from 10 AM to noon. Limited to 10 individuals, materials provided, 2-hours - \$25. To register or for further details, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Classes For Art Class Schedule and Registration, click here: 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.

Hans Guerin and Beth de Loiselle Skilled teachers of the Schuler School of Fine Arts offering Online Mentoring: see their websites for details athansguerin.com and bethedloiselle.com

The New Masters Academy Great resource: The website is <http://www.nma.art/>.

CALL FOR ENTRIES:

Cumberland Valley Artists and Photographers Exhibitions:

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, from February 19 - April 24, 2022

DEADLINE IS FRIDAY NOVEMBER 19, 3 PM Open to artists living in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. Full details are available by going to: <https://wcmfa.org/callforentries>
Artists may submit up to 4 works. Museum members \$12.50, non-members \$15.00 per entry.

All entries are submitted online at <https://smarterentry.com/CallsForEntry>

Please call Donna Rastelli at the Museum if you need help with your submission at 301-739-5727.

EXHIBITIONS:

37th Annual Exhibition Miniature Art 2021 Council for the Arts

Opening reception, October 1, from 5 - 8 PM, 103 N. Main Street, Chambersburg, PA

and show dates from October 1 - November 6, Wednesday/Thursday 12 - 5 PM, Friday 12 - 6 PM, and Saturday, 10 AM - 2 PM. Valley Art members have work in this show too!

The Museum of Shenandoah Valley, Winchester, VA: go to visit@themsv.org

National Geographic Photo Ark

An inspiring traveling exhibition that showcases this important project. At the MSV from September 25, 2021, through February 13, 2022, Photo Ark features more than 40 of Sartore's most compelling images and provides visitors with the unique opportunity to come face to face with animals from the Photo Ark project.

National Geographic photographer and Explorer Joel Sartore has photographed more than 11,000 species, creating the largest biodiversity archive of its kind. Hagerstown, MD

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, Hagerstown, MD "The Secret Paris of the 1930's: Vintage Photographs by Brassai"

Opening on November 14, through January 30, 2022. Especially in these times of restricted travel, enter the atmospheric world captured in Brassai's photographs of the Parisian life - in the streets, the dance halls, the bars, the places and corners - the heartbeat of the city.

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.

Message from Our Historian: Roy Tressler

I trust that you enjoyed a safe and memorable summer. Thanks to everyone for contributing to the VAA archives. The collection continues to grow and should make for interesting reading as well as being a source usable for local art-related research. The collection contains varied items such as photos, business cards & brochures, programs, bulletins, and magazine & newspaper clippings. All of this confirms that the VAA members are both talented and engaged with their community and art. Unfortunately, I have been having great difficulty obtaining printable notices or articles from our local newspaper. These difficulties are caused by multiple issues including lack of reliable delivery of the paper. The request from this corner is that you redouble your efforts in providing archival material. Thanks again my friends. Be well & hope to see you soon,

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 and she will be glad to work with you about your feature. Other VAA FB editors are : Sue Parker at scp2art@gmail.com, Carol Wilks at cawilks44@gmail.com, and John Mullican at 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.

42 West Arts Gallery, 42 West Main Street, Waynesboro, PA.

New exhibit - Dee Henry will be exhibiting her art work the months of November and December.

Our special opening reception, and party with Wine, Chocolates, Cake and lots of other Refreshments will be Friday November 5th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Come and join us with our Celebration and Party, with Special music with Patric Schlee "Earth Song Ensemble".

Donna Bingaman, Professional Artist will be offering painting classes every Wednesday of each month from 12 - 3pm. throughout the year every Wednesday 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.

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