



GALLERY HOURS
Friday & Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
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December 2021

Hello Valley Art Members, Prospective Members and all ART lovers!

Please read this newsletter to stay informed about everything that is ART related in our area, such as the upcoming December 2021/January 2022 Members' Show entitled "Winter Wonderland". This is an exhibit for all VAA members, opening at the Mansion House Art Center & Gallery on Friday December 3rd.



The Mansion House is now decorated for the Holidays! Members are bringing in their handmade crafts for the Holiday Mart, which will run through December. For more information about this and the Members' show, please contact our Gallery Director (Board members' contact info inside) NOTE: Check out Valley Art Association's Facebook page for posts about the "Winter Wonderland Show", the Mansion Holiday Mart, as well as other things about VAA members and events at the Mansion House!

We'd like to congratulate member Marilyn Pontius for finding her address hidden in the November newsletter. Marilyn won \$10 for just reading it! Also thanks to Marilyn for donating her winnings back to VAA!

The November General meeting on Zoom was well attended. The program for that meeting was a slide show presentation, featuring Valley Art members having "Fun at Mansion House Events". Our next General meeting will be Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 7pm. Please stay tuned to see if the meeting will be on Zoom or in-person, and to find out what the January meeting program will be.

At the January meeting we will be electing a new Treasurer and a new Assistant Gallery Director. We'd like to thank Mary Elise Thompson for moving up to Gallery Director when Marjorie Tressler had to resign unexpectedly. Thanks to Marjorie for all her hard work and dedication during her previous Board positions. Anyone interested in either of these positions on the Board, please contact me or another Board member. During these transitions, thanks to Sue Parker & Elaine Wolfe for handling all items Treasurer related, and thanks to our members who are stepping up to help on the Gallery Committee.

In closing I'd like to wish everyone Season's Greetings! And please do visit the Mansion House whenever you can!

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

Valley Art Association presents "Winter Wonderland", an exhibit by members at the Mansion House Art Center & Gallery, 480 Highland Ave. (City Park), Hagerstown, MD. The show runs from December 3, 2021 to January 30, 2022. Mansion House hours are Fridays & Saturdays 11am-4pm and Sundays 1pm-5pm.

Admission is Free. www.valleyartassoc.com 301-797-2867

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>
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**

Month	Name
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 10725 Oak Forest Dr. 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).

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, through December at the Mansion House. Professional models, shared model fees only. No instruction. Dates for December are the 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th. Sessions have been scheduled for January - March, 2022. Contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

DC Art Models Collective: Online sessions are detailed through their website dcart-modelcollective.com Professional models, options include custom private sessions.

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

WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES:



Scott Royston and Michael Davis Workshops

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 January 20, February 17 and March 24, Brendan Rich will hold hands-on workshops at the Mansion House. These will be on the various methods of pewter casting and on methods of producing molds for these castings, using historical techniques. 10 AM to noon. Limited to 10 individuals, materials are provided. \$25. To register or for further details, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583.

Pam Wenger Quick Sketch Portrait in Watercolor Workshop

One day workshop with Pam Wenger. Her website is www.pamwenger.com The workshop will be held at the Mansion House on March 17, 10:30 - 4:30. Cost \$75 for VAA and Museum members and \$85 for non-members. Lunch is provided. A full class description with details will be emailed to the membership shortly. To register or if you have any questions, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

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 bethed-loiselle.com

EXHIBITIONS:

David Bottini at the Bridge Gallery in Shepherdstown, WV

Beautiful solo show from November 19 through January 1, 2022, with artist's reception on Saturday, December 4th, from 3 PM to 6 PM, at the Bridge Gallery, 8566 Shepherdstown Pike, 304-876-2300. Open Wednesday through Friday, 12 - 5, Saturday 12 - 6, Sunday 12 - 3, or by appointment. The Bridge Gallery website is bridgegalleryandframing.com and has a lovely presentation about this show or also, please see David Bottini's website at www.forgabriel.com.

Schuler School Holiday Exhibition

Hans Guerin invites you to the Schuler School in person or online at schulerschool.com for their Holiday Exhibition. They are proud to host this excellent collection of paintings, drawings and sculpture from our faculty, alumni and invited artists. There will be a reception on Saturday and Sunday, December 4th&5th 2-5:30pm. The show will continue until December 17th. They hope to see you at the historic Schuler studio in Baltimore, 7 East Lafayette Avenue, phone 410-685-3568 or email schulerschool@gmail.com.

Dee Henry - Guest Artist at 42 West Arts Gallery in Waynesboro, PA

The gallery website - 42westarts.com - shows a lovely photograph of Dee with painting. This show runs through December. Gallery hours are Friday, 5 - 8, and Saturday 10 - 4, and on Wednesdays 12 - 3, on days when classes take place: call 717-749-437 to check if open on Wednesdays.

Pam Wenger in "Faces and Places" at Gallery 50 in Waynesboro, PA

She has thirty watercolors in a group show at Gallery 50, 50 W. Main Street in Waynesboro. The show will run through April, 2022. Gallery hours are Friday, 5 - 8 PM, and Saturday from 11:30 to 2:30.

37th Annual Exhibition Miniature Art 2021 Council for the Arts

Showing through November 6th at 103 N. Main Street, Chambersburg, PA. 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.

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.

Van Eyck to Mondrian

At the Morgan Library, in New York City, through January 23, 2022: 300 years of collecting in Dresden, showing works from the graphic collections of the Kupferstich-Kabinett, and including Jan Van Eyck's "Portrait of an Older Man" (ca. 1435-1440). This is the sole venue for this show.

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.washingtoncountyyarts.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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