



GALLERY HOURS
Friday & Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
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April 2022

President's Message

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

The March North Gallery show "Seeing It Our Way" has ended and the April show, which is an all members' show with the title "Weather", opened Friday April 1. Please pick up your artwork at the close of the "Weather" show on Sunday April 24 between 1 & 5pm. Members may also bring in their artwork for the May all members' show, which is titled "Pretty as a Peach" on that date as well. For questions about the member shows please contact Gallery Director, Mary Elise Thompson.

Congrats to Gretchen Starliper for finding her hidden address in the newsletter, and thanks to Gretchen for donating her winnings back to VAA.

We'd like to thank our March General Meeting's guest artist, VAA member Margaret Clingan, who featured the musical group "Toot Uncommon Flutes".

That March meeting was hopefully our last General Meeting to be held exclusively on Zoom! We are happy to announce that the April 27th General meeting will be a "hybrid" meeting. That is in-person at the Mansion House, as well as on Zoom. The meeting will begin at 7pm sharp and after the business portion of the meeting we will be having a "Welcome Back" social gathering of VAA members and guests, with refreshments compliments of VAA. To get the Zoom link please email me at halmasonart@myactv.net. At the April meeting we will also be taking nominations for VAA Officers (President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Gallery Director and Assistant Gallery Director.) Anyone with interest in becoming a VAA Officer should contact me or contact the Nomination Committee Chairperson, Roy Tressler. New Officers will be elected at the May General Meeting.

Until we meet again, please take care and remember "Art is for Everyone!"

Artfully yours,
Hal Mason, VAA President

P.S. The Mansion House refrigerator is 30 years old, not frost free and the shelf is broken,does anyone have one they'd like to donate?

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!

2022 North Gallery Shows

Please check the list below for dates as shows approach.

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>
April 2022	Weather	3/25,26 or27	4/1	4/24	4/24
May 2022	Pretty as a Peach				
June 2022	Music & Dance				
July 2022	Bird Watching				
August 2022	Paradise				
September 2022	The Magic of Threes				
October 2022	It's a Fright				
November 2022	Cityscapes				
December 2022/January 2023	Winter Nights, Winter Lights				

2022 ART IN THE HALLWAY

Meritus Health Center

April	Carol Miller
May	Mary Thompson/Charlotte Loveless
June	Lily Ramos
July	Chelsea Butrum
August	Debra Lee
September	Gwen & Larry Bergey
October	Sue Bell
November	Chris Shingler
December	John Neal Mullican

VAA MEMBER NEWS

Cumberland Valley Artists & Photographers Exhibition

Congratulations to these VAA members who are participating: David Bottini, Margaret Clingan, Donna Mitchell, Elisabet Stacy-Hurley, and Stephen Wright. The Clyde H. Roberts Memorial Award for "Best Watercolor" was awarded to Ray Snouffer of Hagerstown, MD for "Wilbur"; Clyde was a founding member of the Mansion House Art Gallery and an active VAA member and officer. The Valley Art Association Award, given in honor of deceased VAA members the past year, including Ruth Durbin, Sherry Kemp and Dorothy McEvoy, was given to Mark Schwenk of Berkeley Springs, WV, for "Untitled" from his "Portraits of Empowerment" series.

Washington County Arts Council

"An Eye for Landscape": Paintings by David Bottini and art students, April 7-May 1 and virtually from April 9. 34 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown. <http://www.washingtoncountyarts.com> Phone: 301-791-3132.

Membership Recruitment

The VAA now 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 mailing address to our membership chair, Denise Ruby at denise7231@aol.com.

FIGURE-DRAWING

Mansion House: Figure-Drawing sessions are scheduled for the following THURSDAYS in April, from 10 AM to 1 PM, April 7, 14 and 28 (*see below for workshop April 21*). Professional models, shared model fees only. No instruction. April 28 will be a single pose portrait session. Contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

In Conjunction with the Washington Studio School - The DC Art Models Collective:

Online sessions are detailed at www.dcartmodelcollective.com WSS is at <https://washingtonstudioschool.org/drop-in-figure-drawing>; sessions are Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Professional models: \$7 for one hour, \$14 for two, and \$20 for three.

New Masters Academy:

Online; great resource for photographs of models. <https://www.nma.art/>

WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES

If you have a **wish list for classes or workshops**, please contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text). She wants to know what - or with whom - you would like the opportunity to study. Also, if you would like to become involved in coordinating workshops, please let her know!

Classes at the Mansion House

Marjorie Tressler painting classes Mondays. For details and to register for classes, please contact Marjorie for details at marjoretressler@comcast.net or call 717-762-6791.

Brendan Rich Pewter Casting and Mold-Making

The March 24 workshop was postponed due to grave loss in Brendan Rich's family. We are deeply sorry for a grave loss. The April 21 workshop will be creating a plaster mold for slush pewter casting, using historical techniques. 10 AM to noon. Limited to 10 individuals, with all materials provided. Cost \$25. Contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

Lynn Ferris Watercolor Classes

Six weeks, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, July 7 - August 11. For details, costs, and to register, please contact Lynn directly at ferrislynn@yahoo.com. All her workshops and exhibitions for the year are at <http://www.lynnferris.com>.

Lesac Cook Two-Day Sculpture Workshop

September 15-16, bas-relief workshop with award winning and internationally exhibited artist and teacher: 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. both days. Cost, including all materials: \$165 for VAA and MFA members \$180 for non-members. <http://www.lesacook.com> For details, class description and to register, contact Elaine Wolfe (*see above*).

Pam Wenger "Quick Sketch Portrait in Watercolor"

Her March 17th workshop was very well received, and we already have a waiting list for her next one later this year (date TBD).

Off-Site:

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Classes

Class Schedule and Registration: wcmfa.org/learn/classes/ To register for events, call (301) 739- 5727, or email info@wcmfa.org.

Michael T. Davis monthly classical techniques workshops

Badgerhound Gallery, Shepherdstown. May 24, June 28, July 26, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. CLOSED (maximum five students). To be placed on a waiting list, contact Elaine Wolfe (*see above*).

Online Mentoring

Hans Guerin and Beth de Loiselle, Schuler School of Fine Arts athansguerin.com and bethedloiselle.com

CALLS FOR ENTRY:

WCAC First Annual Plein Air Event (Juried)

Artists to be invited to paint *en plein air* (outdoors) in historic Hagerstown, Maryland in June, creating original artwork that will be exhibited August 4 - September 6, 2022 in the Washington County Arts Council galleries. Deadline for submissions April 25. For more information: <https://www.washingtoncountyarts.com/plein-air>

Berkeley Arts Council

Contemporary Printmaking, an exhibit of works in various printmaking techniques, on display June 29 -August 6, 2022 at the Berkeley Art Works, 116 North Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV. Deadline for entries midnight May 17, 2022. Cash awards. For more information: <https://berkeleyartswv.org>.

Modern Visual Arts Gallery (Bethlehem, PA)

"Everything Blue" exhibit (multiple media), May 14-June 5, 2022. Deadline for entries April 18, 2022.

More info at and submissions through CaFÉ: https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=10258

EXHIBITIONS

Washington County Arts Council

Through April 5: "Resilience & Inspiration: Recent Works from HCC Visual Arts Students and Faculty" in the Galleries at the Washington County Arts Council, 34 S Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740 and online virtually.

COMMUNITY NEWS

42 West Arts Gallery, 42 West Main Street, Waynesboro, PA. Geoff Grant Featured Artist March, April

We will be having an opening reception on Friday the 4th from 5:30 thru 7:30 with special music, wine and snack foods. Geoff Grant, a fine art photographer, will be there to answer any questions that you may have about his work. Donna Bingaman, Professional Artist, will be offering painting classes every Wednesday of each month from 12 - 3pm. throughout the year. 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, and pastel. Sign up at 42 West Arts or contact Donna Bingaman 762-8394 or artsyfolks@embarqmail.com

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

Thank you for your continuing contributions to the VAA archival scrapbooks. VAA members may leave their art-related photos, notes of accomplishment and awards, bios, brochures, magazine/newspaper articles and other appropriate materials at the Mansion House desk. Be sure to place your name and any other information that you wish to share on the item. The scrapbooks will be on display at selected VAA events. Thank you! Be well and stay safe,

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