

Newsletter

Art is for everyone!

MANSION HOUSE ART CENTER & GALLERY 480 Highland Avenue (City Park), Hagerstown, MD 21740 Hours: Friday & Saturdays, 11 am-4pm; Sundays, 1-5 pm www.valleyartassoc.com President's Ofc: (301) 791-6719 Gallery: (301) 797-2867

President's Message August 2022

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

I hope everyone is having a nice summer! It will soon be September and VAA is expecting to have a busy fall at the Mansion House.

Please read this and all newsletters so you will always be in the loop!

Our August North Gallery Exhibit is an all members' show titled "Paradise". All members are welcome to participate in members' shows. Please read inside this and all newsletters for information about all Mansion House exhibits. You may contact Gallery Director, Mary Elise Thompson, for questions or additional information about the shows. All Board members' contact information is in each newsletter as well.

Valley Art Association is hoping members can participate in Fall Fest in City Park again this year. The date is Saturday, September 17th during the day. More information about this will be in the newsletters. Members please contact a Board member or me if you can volunteer to be at the Mansion House that day to help with activities, or to display your artwork on the Mansion House porch.

We will be having another General meeting Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 7pm at the Mansion House and on Zoom. Members will receive Zoom invitations via email. Non-members may contact me to receive the Zoom link. Our featured artist for that meeting will be VAA member Jennie Avila who will do a musical presentation of her Civil War music. All members and guests are welcome.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon! Meanwhile always 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 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.

Month	Title/Exhibitor	Drop Off Dates*	Opening	Closing	Pick Up Date*
August 2022	Paradise	7/31	8/5	8/28	8/28
September 2022	"Art for Food" (by Katherine Peterson & group of participating members)	8/28	9/2	9/25	9/25
October 2022	It's a Fright	9/25	9/30	10/30	10/30
November 2022	Cityscapes	10/30	11/4	11/27	11/27
December 2022/January 2023	Winter Nights, Winter Lights	11/27	12/2	1/29/23	1/29/23
February 2023	The Magic of Threes				

2022 ART IN THE HALLWAY Meritus Health Center

August	Debra Lee
September	Gwen & Larry Bergey
October	Sue Bell
November	Chris Shingler
December	John Neal Mullican

VAA MEMBER NEWS

Membership Recruitment

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

Congratulations to the following Valley Art Association members for their winning entries in the 2022 Franklin County Art Alliance show: Nicole Troup for her Best in Show entry with her beautiful portrait, "Leah", and to Dee Henry, John Mullican, Laura Shindle, Anita Shively and Elaine Wolfe for their winning works.

FIGURE-DRAWING

Figure-Drawing sessions at the Mansion House are scheduled for Wednesdays, August 3 and 10,

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Professional models, shared 315 Princeton Street model fees only. No instruction. There will be a summer

break of several weeks. The fall-through-December schedule has been organized and will be posted in the September newsletter. Contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

Michael Davis Figure-Drawing Workshop

Planning is underway to hold a figure-drawing workshop early this fall. If this is of interest, please contact Elaine Wolfe (see contact information above).

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

Online sessions are detailed through their website dcartmodelcollective.com

The website for the WSS is https://washingtonstudioschool.org/drop-in-figure-drawing

and their sessions are on Monday evenings from 7-9 PM. Professional models, Cost is \$7 for 1 hour, \$14 for two hours and \$20 for three hours.

Also online: The New Masters Academy: Great resource for photographs of models and more.

New Masters Academy | The Ultimate Art Education 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. If you would like to participate in coordinating and/or assisting in workshops, she would welcome the opportunity to work with you.

Mansion House

Marjorie Tressler painting classes on Mondays

Resuming in September. For details and to register for classes, please contact Marjorie for details at: marjorietressler@comcast.net or call 717-762-6791.

Lynn Ferris Watercolor Classes

Six weeks of classes on Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, are ending on August 11. For details, costs, and to register for next year, please contact Lynn directly at: ferrislynn@yahoo.com. All her workshops and exhibitions for the year are at http://www.lynnferris.com.

Nicole Troup: "Painting Darker Skin Tones from a Photo"

Two-day workshop, Wednesday - Thursday, August 24-25, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

A painting workshop on how to mix darker skin tones and what colors to use, with the focus being on mixing, blending skin tones and value relationships. Cost is \$160 for VAA and Museum members, \$180 for non-members. To register, contact Elaine Wolfe (see contact info above).

Pam Wenger: Quick Sketch Portrait in Watercolor

A second workshop has been scheduled for September 1, 10:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. \$75 for VAA and Museum members and \$85 for non-members. **Unfortunately, the workshop is full. Contact Elaine Wolfe to be placed on the waiting list (see contact info above).**

"Art for Food": Special Exhibit in the North Gallery, September 2nd through September 25th

Katherine Peterson would like to invite any interested VAA members to participate. This highly publicized exhibit will be a great opportunity for us to showcase our artwork and bring people into the historic Mansion House Art Center, all while giving back to the community through the MD Food Bank. Artists will receive 70% from the sale of their work, while 30% will go to the non-profit Maryland Food Bank.

The opening reception will be held Saturday, September 10th, from 2-4 PM and will be free and open to the public. Drop off date is Sunday, August 28th, and the exhibit will be hung on August 30th. All art pieces must be for sale and all themes are welcome. Please join us in participating in this fun, exciting and worthwhile project. Contact Katherine at kat.petersonstudio@gmail.com for more information if you are interested in participating.

Lesa Cook "Portrait Relief Sculpting" Two-Day 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 contact info above).

Annette Gloomis: Glazing Techniques with Oils

Hoping to schedule a workshop with her sometime in October. 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: <u>info@wcmfa.org</u>.

Michael T. Davis monthly classical techniques workshops

Badgerhound Gallery, 110 W. German Street, Shepherdstown. The next workshop is September 26, 11 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Contact Elaine Wolfe if interested in future workshops with Michael Davis (see contact info above).

42 West Arts Gallery Fine Arts and Crafts 42 West Main Street

Come in and browse or make a purchase from local artists, and fine craftsmen at 42 West Arts Gallery, 42 West Main Street, Waynesboro. Featured Artist for August--Adam Rung Woodworking and Peter Mazzone Artist.

CALLS FOR ENTRY

Berkeley Arts Council 10th Annual Eastern West Virginia Juried Exhibit

Extended Deadline: August 3. Open to artists over the age of 18 who reside in one of the eight counties that comprise the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia: Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan, Hampshire, Hardy, Grant, Mineral, and Pendleton. The theme for the exhibit is open. The exhibit will be on display from August 31 to October 8, 2022. The full prospectus at: https://berkeleyartswv.org/

The Washington County Arts Council, Inc. (WCAC) and Washington Goes Purple

Invitation to local artists working in any medium to submit their art for a September 2022 exhibit, Purple is the *Color of Recovery: Prevent Addiction and Eliminate Stigma through Art*. Deadline is August 12. The juried community art exhibit will be on display virtually and in the gallery from September 8, 2022 through October 4, 2022. Washington County Arts Council, 34 S. Potomac St., Suite 100, Hagerstown, MD 21740. Contact (301) 791-3132 http://www.washingtoncountyarts.com or email:http://www.washingtoncountyarts.com or email:gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com

Clocktower Gallery

The next opening of the Clocktower Gallery will be August 26, 27, and 28, 2022, during the 46th Annual C&O Canal Days Festival in Williamsport, Maryland! Artists interested in showing their art related to the C&O Canal and scenes around Williamsport are invited to participate. Space is limited to 12 participants with approximately 5 pieces each (depending on size of the artwork). The show will be hung on Thursday, August 25th between 10 am and noon. Hours for the show are: Friday & Saturday, August 26 and 27 10am to 4 pm; Sunday, August 28, Noon to 4 pm. If interested in participating, please contact me at 301-733-7611 via text or email charlove288@gmail.com. A schedule of hours to be covered is available.

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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