



Newsletter

Art is for everyone!

MANSION HOUSE ART CENTER & GALLERY
480 Highland Avenue (City Park), Hagerstown, MD 21740
Hours: Friday & Saturdays, 11am-04pm, Sundays, 1-5pm

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President's Message

October 2022

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

Happy October! Be sure to check out our October members' show in the North Gallery. The exhibit's title is "It's a Fright" and believe me there is some really cool & scary artwork in the show!

We want to congratulate member Joe Shugars for finding his address hidden in a previous newsletter! We'd also like to thank Joe for donating his winnings back to VAA to donate to member Katherine Peterson's "Art for Food" project, which benefits the Maryland Food Bank. We'd also like to thank member Dennis Clarke for donating his Clyde Roberts painting for the same project.

Fall Fest in City Park was a successful day for VAA and the Mansion House! We had a lot of visitors & sales, and everyone had a good time! Thanks to all who helped with the day, and to all who participated by exhibiting and selling their artwork on the porch!

Thanks to member Jennie Avila who performed her wonderful music at our September General meeting. The October 26, 7pm General meeting will also be a hybrid meeting (in person and on zoom) and will feature member David Good doing an oil painting demonstration. Members will receive emails from me with the Zoom meeting link, or they may contact me at halmasonart@myactv.net.

If you have any questions or comments about Valley Art Association or the Mansion House you may reach out to a Board member. The contact information for all Board members is located in the back of all newsletters.

Hope to see everyone soon! Don't forget to read your newsletters to stay in the loop! And always remember that "ART is for Everyone." So ask a friend to join us too!

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 the title 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!**

Upcoming Member Activities

General Meetings' Programs Sept 2022-June 2023 (Business meetings & featured artists are in person & on zoom)

September 28, 2022 7pm - Business meeting & featured artist, Jennie Avila with her music
October 26, 2022 7pm - Business meeting & featured artist, David Good with an oil painting demonstration
November 16, 2022 7pm - Business meeting & featured artist, Kent Roberts with a caricatures demonstration
December – No Business meeting – Holiday event for members 16505 Virginia Ave and guests (date, time and place TBD)
January 25, 2023 7pm - Business meeting followed by a members' social
February 22, 2023 7pm - Business meeting & featured artist, Marguerite Cyr speaking and showing artwork about "Native Plants & Pollinators"
March 22, 2023 7pm - Business meeting & featured artist & film maker, Keith Jones with his documentary film about the history and present day of City Park (including Mansion House)
April 26, 2023 7pm - Business meeting & featured artist David Bottini with an acrylic painting demonstration
May 24, 2023 7pm - Business meeting & featured artist, Lynn Ferris with a watercolor painting demonstration
June 28, 2023 6pm - No Business meeting – members & guests picnic on porch

2022 North Gallery Shows

Please check the list below for drop off and pick up 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>
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		2/3	2/26	
March 2023	Animal Kingdom		3/3	3/26	
April 2023	Native Plants & Pollinators		3/31	4/30	
May 2023	May Flowers		5/5	5/28	
June 2023	Time		6/2	6/25	
July 2023	Every Picture Tells a Story		6/30	7/30	

August 2023	Tickle Me Pink		8/4	8/27	
September 2023	Gratitude		9/1	9/24	
October 2023	Memories		9/29	10/29	
November 2023	Cornucopia		11/3	11/26	
December 2023	Happy Holidays		12/1	1/28/2024	

2022 ART IN THE HALLWAY
Meritus Health Center

October	Sue Bell
November	Chris Shingler
December	John Neal Mullican

VAA MEMBER NEWS

Keely Neubauer has been elected as our new Treasurer as of the General Membership Meeting on September 29.

Valley Art's new website, valleyartassoc.org, is up and running, thanks to Hunter Tuttle, our volunteer website manager (who, as we write this, is enduring the worst of hurricane Ian in Florida where he lives.) Do take a look at the new website!

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.

FIGURE-DRAWING:

Figure-drawing sessions are scheduled for the following Thursdays from 10 am to 1 pm, at the Mansion House: October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, and December 1, 15, and 29. Professional models, shared model fees only. No instruction. 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 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 3 hours.

Also online: The New Masters Academy: Great resource for photographs of models and much else. The website is New Masters Academy | The Ultimate Art Education

CLASSES AT THE MANSION HOUSE:

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.

Michael Davis Figure-Drawing Workshop

At his studio, the Badgerhound Gallery, 110 W. German St., Shepherdstown: Tuesday, October 11, 10 - 4.

Figure-drawing workshop with professional model - a rare opportunity for intensive study of process. Minimum 5, maximum 7. Cost \$125 plus separate \$25 model fee. Space is available. Contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

Currently, after very successful workshops with Lesa Cook and Pam Wenger in September, future workshops are being planned with these artists.

Lynn Ferris Watercolor Classes

Booking a space for the summer of 2023 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>.

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.

CALL FOR ENTRIES:

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

The Annual Cumberland Valley Artists and Photographers Exhibition:

Entry submissions are through November 9, 2022, at 3 pm. The exhibition will be from February 11, 2023 through April 23, 2023. The art juror is Mary Morton, curator and head of the French Paintings department at the National Gallery of Art, and photography juror is Leo Hsu, who is an instructor at Carnegie Mellon University, managing editor of the online "Fraction Magazine", and interim executive director of the Silver Eye Ctr. for Photography in Pittsburgh. For entry details, go to <http://www.wcmfa.org> or email at info@wcmfa.org or 301-739-5727.

The Washington County Arts Council, Inc. invites local artists working in any medium to submit their best new works for WCAC's Juried "Annual Community Art Show: The Best Local Art of 2022." The juried community art exhibit will be on display virtually and in the gallery from December 8, 2022 through January 3, 2023. Deadline is October 21. Artists are encouraged to submit up to three entries. Jurors are sculptor, Antonio (Toby) Mendez and Mark Schwenk, photographer and metal sculptor. For details on entry, go to website: <http://www.washingtoncountyarts.com> or contact the gallery manager, Chris Brewer, at gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com or call 301-791-3132.

EXHIBITIONS:

16th Annual Art for the Animals

This year, the opening reception at Howard's Art and Frames will be held on October 1st. All proceeds will go to "For Otis Sake". The Silent Auction of the artwork will open on October 1, with the opening reception 6:30 - 8:30 pm, and ends on EXACTLY 7:30 pm on October 22 during the 6:30 - 8:30 pm "Tail-End" Reception & Awards Ceremony. Popular Choice Voting: Oct. 1 - Oct. 15. Howard's Art & Frames, 1256 Dual Hwy, Hagerstown, MD 21740. (301) 733-2722 www.howardsarts.com/afta2022 • howardsart@aol.com

Purple is the Color of Recovery: Prevent Addiction and Eliminate Stigma through Art

at the Washington County Arts Council: Valley Art Association members are participating in this show and include

Best of Show: Donna Mason, with "Eliminating Stigma and Shame through the Community of Art",

1st Place 2-D: Judy Melby-Robinson, with "I'm Still Here",

1st Place 3-D: Christopher Shingler, with "Fun for a Season",

2nd Place 2-D: Sarah Swacina, with "Society's Limited View",

and also the works of Jennie Avila, Dee Henry, William Roberts and Elaine Wolfe.

This juried community art exhibit will be on display virtually and in the gallery from September 8, 2022 through October 4, 2022: Tuesday - Friday, 11 am - 5 pm and Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm.

Annette M. Gloomis

Valley Art Association member, Annette Gloomis along with fellow Shepherdstown photographer, Mark Muse, are having an absolutely beautiful exhibition of their work at the Bridge Gallery in Shepherdstown, WV, 8566 Shepherdstown Pike, showing through October 23, 2022. Hours are Thursday, Friday 11 - 5, Saturday 11 - 6, Sunday 12 - 3.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

"From the Pages of PAN: Art Nouveau Prints, 1895-1900" - on display from October 8, 2022 - January 29, 2023. Opening reception: Thursday, October 6, 6 - 8 pm in the Kaylor Atrium, light refreshments will be served. \$15 museum member, \$25 general public. Please RSVP by calling 301-739-5727 or email drastelli@wcmfa.org.

DID YOU KNOW...?

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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