

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

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President's Message

December 2022

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

I'd like to welcome all new members to Valley Art Association! Congratulations to member Tamara Hoffman for finding her address hidden in the November newsletter and thank you to Tamara for donating her winnings back to VAA! Thanks to artist Kent Roberts for his informative and fun talk about painting caricatures and his demonstration at the November meeting. I thought his demonstration of a caricature turned out to be a quite good likeness of me!

Our next General Meeting is scheduled for 7 pm Wednesday, January 25, 2023. After a short business meeting and light refreshments, members & guests will be entertained with an oil painting demo by artist and VAA member David Good.

Other upcoming events at the Mansion House include the North Gallery "Winter Nights, Winter Lights" exhibit by members during December 2022 & January 2023. Members will also have their holiday crafts in the North Gallery through December 2022. And don't forget the "Happy Holidays Open House" for VAA members at the Mansion House on Wednesday December 28, 2022 from 6pm – 8:30pm. See more information about these events and others inside this newsletter.

Till we meet again, have happy and safe holidays! And don't forget "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 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 October 2022-June 2023
(Business meetings & featured artists are in person & on zoom)**

December – No Business meeting – Holiday event for members and guests December 28, 2022 - 5:30-8pm
 January 25, 2023 7pm - Business meeting followed by Demonstration by David Buckley Good
 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>
December 2022/January 2023	Winter Nights, Winter Lights		12/2	1/29/23	1/29/23
February 2023	The Magic of Threes	1/29/23	2/3	2/26	2/26/23
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**

December	John Neal Mullican
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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.

The Winning Works of Valley Art Members:

Valley Art Association member **Carol Wilks** won the *People's Choice Award* in the Howard's Art and Frames' "Art for the Animals" fundraiser show with her exceptionally beautiful pastel, "*Moon Owl*". Congratulations, Carol!

Valley Art Association member **Sara Swacina** won the *People's Choice Award* in the Washington County Arts Council "Purple is the Color of Recovery" show with her "*Society's Limited View*", whose fine and thoughtful 10902 Sasha Boulevard work sweeps the viewer forward. Congratulations, Sara!

Katherine Peterson would like to thank again all of the artists that participated and helped with the successful Art for Food Exhibit in September at the Mansion House Gallery. She would like to announce that all local artists of any age are invited to participate in the next Art For Food Exhibit taking place at the Clocktower Gallery in Williamsport, MD on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023. Any theme is eligible, however, if the Gallery fills to capacity (as it did at the Mansion House), preference will be given to smaller or food related pieces. They will be hanging the Exhibit on Friday, Jan. 20th from 2-4pm. Please feel free to contact Katherine kat.petersonstudio@gmail.com with any questions-I would love to hear from you!

Winning works by Valley Art Association members in the Washington County Arts Council show, "Purple is the Color of Recovery: Prevent Addiction and Eliminate Stigma through Art", were:

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*"

You can watch the artists speaking movingly about their work on the Washington County Arts Council website: www.washingtoncountyarts.com

FIGURE-DRAWING

Figure-drawing sessions are scheduled for Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. **at the Mansion House** December 1, 15, and 29. Professional models, shared model fees only. No instruction. NOTE: Beginning on January 2, 2023, the figure-drawing sessions will be on Mondays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 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, 7 – 9 p.m. 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 online lessons, photographs of models and much else. The website is [New Masters Academy | The Ultimate Art Education](http://NewMastersAcademy.com)

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.

David Buckley Good - Weekly Classes: Fundamentals of Traditional Oil Landscape Painting

Instructor's description: Through weekly classes, we will be exploring the techniques and materials of landscape oil paintings as practiced by European and American artists from the 16th century to the present day. Learn the fundamentals of successful traditional/realist landscape painting in oil with David Buckley Good, long-time instructor at The Schuler School of Fine Arts, Baltimore. Instruction will be supplemented with demonstrations. Thursdays, 1:30 - 4:30, January 5, 12, 19, 26, and February 2, 9, 16, and 23. Cost per class \$30, to be paid directly to instructor. To register, and for further details, please contact David Good via the valleyartinfo@gmail.com address.

Lesla Cook "Painting the Portrait on Copper" Weekly Classes

Three-hour sessions for five weeks, Thursdays, January 12 through February 9, 2023, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., using copper as a substrate as well as covering techniques in portraiture, working from a professional model. Focus on anatomy, gesture, composition, color harmony and expression. This is an intermediate class and recommended for people who have experience in oil painting. Cost for 15 hours of classes: \$230 VAA/ Museum members/\$245 nonmembers, plus shared model fee. To register, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

Pam Wenger "Quick Sketch Portrait in Watercolor" Workshop

Monday, April 3, 2023, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. One-day workshop with Pam Wenger whose work has won awards at national shows, including the American Watercolor Society, the National Watercolor Society, *Splash Magazine*, *Watercolor Artist Magazine* and the Baltimore Watercolor Society's Mid-Atlantic Shows. Her website is <http://www.pamwenger.com>. Cost \$80 for VAA and Museum members and \$90 for non-members. All materials are included. *Lunch is provided.* Minimum 7, maximum 12 artists. Deadline for registration is March 20, 2023. To register or if you have any questions, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

Lynn Ferris Watercolor Classes

Six weeks of watercolor classes with Lynn Ferris Thursdays, July 6 – August 10, 2023, 9 a.m. – 12 noon. 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

Michael Davis Figure-Drawing Workshop

March 2023, postponed from an earlier date. Badgerhound Studio & Gallery, 110 W. German Street, Shepherdstown. Six-hour workshop with a professional model (exact date and time to be determined). Minimum 5, maximum 7 participants. Cost \$125 plus separate \$25 model fee. Contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

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.

CALLS FOR ENTRIES

Any photographic medium or technique (digital, film, alternative, or antique photographic processes) for The Berkeley Arts Council (WVA) national juried photographic art exhibit, "My Home Town", on display January 11-February 18, 2023. **Deadline for entries December 7, 2022.** For additional information: email bacexhibits@gmail.com or call 304-620-7277.

EXHIBITS

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, Hagerstown City Park

Through January 14, 2023, *Color in Freedom: Journey Along the Underground Railroad*. The Maryland native and resident artist Joseph Holston leads his audience through four "movements", as in a symphony, that deepen our

understanding of America's Black enslaved people's experience. The exhibition features more than 50 paintings, etchings, and drawings that were created to enhance viewers' understanding of the condition of slavery, and the powerful instinct toward freedom. Through January 29, 2023, *From the Pages of PAN: Art Nouveau Prints, 1895-1900*: More than 80 prints from the Berlin-based art, literature, and applied art periodical *PAN*, whose 21 issues were published in three editions of increasing luxury between 1895 and 1900. These prints, from the collection of the Richard H. Driehaus Museum, Chicago, include works by Rodin, Toulouse-Lautrec, Kollwitz, Beardsley, Seurat and others. Exhibit runs through January 29, 2023.

The Washington County Arts Council, Inc.

Annual juried *Community Art Show: The Best Local Art of 2022*, virtually and in the gallery December 8, 2022 – January 3, 2023. Online at <http://www.washingtoncountyarts.com>; in person at 34 S Potomac Street #100, Hagerstown. For more information, contact Chris Brewer gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com or call 301-791-3132.

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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