



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

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President's Message

February 2023

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

I'd like to welcome all new members to Valley Art Association! Our January meeting was well attended and everyone enjoyed our featured artist & member David Buckley Good, who did a great oil painting demonstration.

Our next General Meeting is scheduled for 7 pm Wednesday February 22, 2023, in-person at the Mansion House and also via Zoom. For Zoom sign-in information, members please read the emails that I'll be sending out to you. Interested guests may also attend in-person, or via Zoom by contacting me at halmasonart@myactv.net. After a short business meeting and light refreshments, our featured artist will be member artist Marguerite Cyr who will talk about gardening native plants and pollinators who benefit from them. (Think monarch butterflies and milkweed plants.) She will also show us some of her paintings about that subject. Members will want to pay close attention so that they can get some good ideas for their own artwork that they will do for the April N. Gallery members show, titled "Native Plants & Pollinators"!

The North Gallery Members Show "Winter Nights, Winter Lights" continued through January 29, 2023. The February Members show "The Magic of Threes" is now opening. See inside this newsletter for more information about the members' shows and other important art events and activities. You may also contact a Board member for any information about VAA, by using their contact information located in the back of this newsletter.

I hope to see you all soon! Members, remember to look for your address hidden in this newsletter to win a prize! And please continue to spread the word about us to your friends and to people everywhere!

Why? Because "ART IS FOR EVERYONE!"

Artfully yours,
Hal Mason, VAA President

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 February-June 2023

(Business meetings & featured artists are in person & on zoom)

February 22, 2023 7pm - Business meeting & featured artist, Marguerite Cyr speaking and showing artwork about "Native Plants & Pollinators"

March 22, 2023 7pm – 85th Anniversary Meeting with Business meeting & featured artist & film maker, Keith Jones with his documentary film about the history 22842 Welty Church Rd. and present day of City Park (including Mansion House) *See details below.*

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

VAA March General meeting March 22, 2023 at the Washington County Library, 100 S. Potomac St., Room 308-309, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

The Valley Art Association (VAA), in celebration of its 85th anniversary, is inviting its members, special guests and the public to attend a free and fun evening of history, art and refreshments! Artist and filmmaker, Keith Jones will present his historical documentary film, "Places You Should Know: City Park Hagerstown Maryland". Doors will open at 5:30 pm with refreshments available at that time. The short business meeting will start at 6pm and the movie will follow. For more information or to receive the Zoom meeting link, contact the VAA President, Hal Mason at halmasonart@myactv.net or by calling 301-791-6719.

The Valley Art Association is a 501(c)(3) registered nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the arts and artists. Any donations to VAA will be gratefully accepted.

2023 North Gallery Shows

Please check the list below for drop off and pick up dates as shows approach.

There are new business cards on the bookcase by the desk at the Mansion House as well as in the top right drawer of the desk. Please use them for your paintings that you have on exhibit. *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>
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	

**2023 ART IN THE HALLWAY
Meritus Health Center**

February	Marilyn Pontius
March	Ronda Albright
April	Donna Ashbaugh
May	Judy Melby Robinson
June	Chris Shingler
July	Lily Ramos
August	Thompson/Loveless
September	Larry and Gwenn Bergey
October	Carol Miller
November	Nicole Troupe
December	Maggie Clingan

VAA MEMBER NEWS

If you have news that you would like to have included in this newsletter, please contact Paulette Lee at communicator07@yahoo.com.

VAA has a great new way to share information about our organization, thanks to Membership Chair Denise Ruby's idea: We now have VAA "business cards"(with our new logo and all pertinent contact information. Be sure to ask for some the next time you're at the Mansion House, and keep them handy to give out!

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

Uninstructed Open Life-Drawing Sessions at the Mansion House Art Center & Gallery:

Thursdays, February 2 and 9, 2023, from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM: these sessions are in addition to the regular Monday sessions. Professional model. Shared model fees only. Contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

Uninstructed open figure-drawing sessions are scheduled for the following:

Mondays from 10 am to 1 pm at the Mansion House Art Center & Gallery: February 6, 13, 20, and 27. Professional models, shared model fees only. Contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

Also online: **The New Masters Academy:** Great resource for **online lessons, photographs of models** and much else. Online: [New Masters Academy](#) | [The Ultimate Art Education](#)

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, please contact her.

Mansion House Art Center & Gallery:

David Buckley Good: Fundamentals of Traditional Oil Landscape Painting

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 PM, February 2, 9, 16, and 23. Cost per class is \$30, to be paid directly to instructor. To register, and for further details, please contact David Good via the valleyartinfo@gmail.com address.

Nicole Troup: Online workshop of four weekly classes: "Draw Your Pet"

<https://www.nicoletroupmasterpiece.com/workshop>

Sponsored by General's Charcoal. March 8, 15, 22, 29, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Deadline for registration is March 4. Cost is \$235 for four classes. Materials list and Zoom link will be provided after registration. Through step-by-step instruction, Nicole will teach students how to draw their pet using General's charcoal pencils and Pan Pastels. Class will be recorded each week to allow students to work on their drawing. Contact Nicole Troup at 717-331-1003 or email: nfntroup6@gmail.com

Pam Wenger: "Quick Sketch Portrait in Watercolor" Workshop

Monday, April 3, 2023, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm. 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 is \$80 for VAA and Museum members and \$90 for non-members. All materials are included. Lunch is provided. Minimum 7, maximum 12 artists. Filling up fast! 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).

Lesia Cook - Portrait Sculpture Workshop

A sculpture workshop is being planned for mid-May. Look for information regarding this workshop in next month's newsletter.

Lynn Ferris Watercolor Classes

Six weekly water classes will be held Thursdays, from July 6 – August 10, 2023, from 9 am to noon. To register, 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

At his studio, the Badgerhound Gallery, 110 W. German St., Shepherdstown. *This workshop will be rescheduled in March.* Six-hour workshop with a professional model. Minimum five participants, maximum seven. Cost is \$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.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Art at the Mill

The Clarke County Historical Association will open its call for entries for its Spring 2023 show on Monday, February 6, when a link to submit will be posted on their website at <https://www.clarkehistory.org/art-mill.html>. Submissions will close on Monday, February 27. The exhibit will be open to the public Saturdays, 10 am to 5 pm and Sundays, 12 to 5 pm, from April 22 to May 7, at 15 Tannery Lane, Millwood, Virginia 22646. The artist reception will be Sunday, April 30, from 2 - 5 pm. For more information, email: artatthemill@gmail.com

Adams County Arts Council

The Annual Juried Art Exhibition will be held June 1 - 23 at the Schmucker Art Gallery, Gettysburg College. The deadline for entries is March 10. Artists may enter up to three works completed in the last three years. More than \$2,000 in awards will be made. For an entry form and instructions, go to <http://www.adamsarts.org> or contact the Arts Council at 717-334-5006 or email at aa@adamsarts.org.

EXHIBITIONS

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts: 2023 Cumberland Valley Artists and Photographers Exhibition

Opens on Saturday, February 11, with an opening reception and awards ceremony from 2-4 p.m., and runs through April 23. Among the awards will be the *Valley Art Association Award*, given to honor present and previous members whose love of art and contributions to the Association have enriched the organization and the community. The museum's website is wcmfa.org, or for further information, call 301-739-5727 or email drastelli@wcmfa.org. (Note: VAA member and MFA docent Paulette Lee is leading free tours of the CVA&P exhibit at 3 p.m., Sundays, February 12, 19 and 26.)

Washington County Arts Council

"Paintings and Sculpture" by Valley Art Association member, John Neal Mullican runs through February 7, 2023. To see the show virtually, go to <https://www.washingtoncountyarts.com/>. For more information, contact the gallery manager, Chris Brewer, at 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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