



## 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.org](http://www.valleyartassoc.org)**

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### President's Message

**April 2023**

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

I'd like to welcome all new members to Valley Art Association!

A great big thanks to all VAA members who helped with VAA's "Movie Night" and 85th anniversary celebration at the March meeting, which was held at the Washington County Library. The event was a success! We'd like to especially thank VAA member Keith Jones for allowing us to present his documentary film "Places You Should Know: City Park Hagerstown", which was very well received by all who attended the event. Thanks also to members who dressed in historical costumes, brought in artwork, provided music, took photos and provided food for members and guests. A good time was had by all!

Please be sure to read this entire newsletter so that you know everything that is going on this month not only at VAA and the Mansion House, but also about other art related events in our area. And don't forget to look for your address hidden inside to claim your prize!

Reminder to members: Please attend the April 26th, 7pm meeting for nominations of VAA Board members. Those nominated will be elected at the May meeting. And please let us know if you are interested in serving on the VAA Board by contacting our Nominations Committee chair, Roy Tressler at [roytressler@comcast.net](mailto:roytressler@comcast.net).

Another reminder for members: VAA has wonderful committees and committee chairpersons that help keep this organization going! Please check out the last pages of this newsletter for the names of these people, should you have any questions or comments about things that they are responsible for. For example, our social committee is chaired by Julie Gottlieb and one of her jobs is to coordinate the people who have volunteered to bring refreshments to our meetings. Thank you, Julie! Folks can always call the Mansion House when open or email me at [halmasonart@myactv.net](mailto:halmasonart@myactv.net) for committee members' contact information.

Thanks and enjoy your spring everyone! Hope to see you soon!

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 April-June 2023

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

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

### 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: Additional note: Mansion house sitters can contact Keely Neubauer if they need a review of 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 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

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

If you have news that you would like to have included in this newsletter, please contact Paulette Lee at [communicator07@yahoo.com](mailto:communicator07@yahoo.com).

## **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](mailto:denise7231@aol.com).

Spread the word about the VAA! Business cards for you to hand out are available at the Mansion House.

### **FIGURE-DRAWING**

**Uninstructed open figure-drawing sessions** are scheduled for the following dates in April: Mondays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Mansion House Art Center & Gallery: April 10, 17, 24. Professional models, shared model fees only. Drop-in okay. For details and to request specific poses, contact Elaine Wolfe at [valleyartinfo@gmail.com](mailto:valleyartinfo@gmail.com) or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

### **Figure-Drawing Classes**

August 2 and August 9 – two, three-hour figure drawing classes with professional model, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., instructed by Schuler School of Fine Art teacher David Buckley Good. 13853 Patriot Way \$30 per class, plus shared model fee. For questions or to register, please contact Elaine Wolfe at [valleyartinfo@gmail.com](mailto:valleyartinfo@gmail.com) or call 304-261-9583 (no text)

**Online:** The New Masters Academy: Great resource for online lessons, photographs of models and much else. Online: 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](mailto: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 can participate in coordinating and/or assisting in workshops, please contact her. She would welcome your joining in!

### **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 p.m., April 6, 13, 20 and 27. 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](mailto:valleyartinfo@gmail.com) address.

#### **Lynn Ferris Watercolor Classes**

Six weekly watercolor classes will be held Thursdays, from July 6 – August 10, 2023, 9 a.m.- noon. To register, please contact Lynn directly at [ferrislynn@yahoo.com](mailto:ferrislynn@yahoo.com). All her workshops and exhibitions for the year are at <http://www.lynnferris.com>. One space is available.

### **Lesa Cook - Portrait Sculpture Workshop**

Three-day sculpture workshop creating an impressionistic portrait with professional model: May 18 - May 20, 10:30 am – 4 p.m. each day. The portrait sculptures will be half life-size. Included in the workshop fee are the supplies, including the clay and armatures, and use of sculpture stands and tools. Lunch is also included. Cost is \$250 for VAA and Museum members, and \$275 for non-members. (The cost does not include shared model fees and firing.) Minimum is 6. The lunch break will be 30 minutes. The work will be supplemented with demonstration videos and other presentations by Lesa Cook. With any questions, or to register, please contact Elaine Wolfe at [valleyartinfo@gmail.com](mailto:valleyartinfo@gmail.com) or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

### **Annette Gloomis - Wax Workshop**

A wax painting workshop will be planned later in the year.

### **Off-Site:**

#### **Donna Bingaman**

Painting classes every Wednesday from 12 - 3 pm throughout the year at 42 West Arts Gallery, 42 West Main Street in Waynesboro, PA. Each class is \$15. Come when possible, everyone is welcome! Learn to draw and paint a beautiful painting. We work in oil paint, watercolor and pastel. Sign up at 42 West Arts: email [info@42westarts.com](mailto:info@42westarts.com)/ 717-360-1236 or contact Donna Bingaman at 717-762-8394/email [artsyfolks@embargmail.com](mailto:artsyfolks@embargmail.com). The Gallery hours are Wednesday 12-2 p.m., Friday 5-8 p.m. (entertainment with music evenings), and Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### **Donna Mitchell - Pastel Painting Classes**

Pastel painting classes on Thursday, March 23 - April 13, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, for ages 16 to senior adults, at the Art Center & Galleries, 18 Artcraft Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 1705; email [artcenter@verizon.net](mailto:artcenter@verizon.net) or phone (717)-697-7072. For details or private lessons at her studio, contact Donna Mitchell via email at [DonnakArt@aol.com](mailto:DonnakArt@aol.com) or call or text her at 717-258-0459. Explore her work and gallery shows at her website: [www.DonnaMitchellPastels.com](http://www.DonnaMitchellPastels.com).

#### **Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Classes**

David Bottini will lead a class in the traditional landscape process. Instruction includes two videos and two in-person classes, Saturdays, May 20 and June 3 at 2 pm. Prior to the first class, students must watch an instructional/introduction video, as well as choose a subject, take photos, develop sketches and prep canvases. Class 1: work with traditional layered approach, i.e., sketch, massing, underpainting. Second video covers the intermediate steps: color, glazing, building from the backward to forward. Class 2: wrap up paintings, summary discussion/critique. \$165 per person plus supply list. To register for events, call Donna Rastelli at (301) 739- 5727, or email [drastelli@wcmfa.org](mailto:drastelli@wcmfa.org).

### **CALL FOR ENTRIES**

#### **The Merry Month of May Art Show**

Clock Tower Gallery 23 N. Conococheague St. Williamsport, Md. May 6, 11am-4pm and May 7, 12-4pm Celebrate the Year Of the Rabbit at this colorful spring art show/sale, featuring delightful animal art and spring visions by local and regional artists. Refreshments, live music! Artists interested in participating contact Charlotte Loveless: [charlove288@gmail.com](mailto:charlove288@gmail.com) or 301-733-7611.

### **Delaplaine Arts Center**

2023 National Juried Exhibition at the Delaplaine Arts Center, 40 S. Carroll St., Frederick, MD: all media eligible, with no size restrictions. Deadline is **April 2, 11:59 pm**, notification April 14, delivery by April 28, with the exhibition from May 6 - July 9. The juror is Foon Sham. Fee is \$35 for up to 3 entries (\$25 if member of Delaplaine). Eligibility: work completed in last two years. For entry details, go to [delaplaine.org](http://delaplaine.org), click on Exhibitions and then on Opportunities. You will process your entry via EntryThingy portal <https://www.entrythingy.com/>. The Exhibitions Manager is Corey Frey, 301-698-0656 x 108.

### **Franklin County Arts Alliance 2023 Annual Exhibit**

The Franklin County Art Alliance Art Show will be held June 11-15 at the Calvary UM Church, Fayetteville, PA. **Entry forms are due by April 17.** Members may enter four items. Membership dues are \$30. To download the entry and new member forms, go to [franklincountyartalliance.org](http://franklincountyartalliance.org). Click on the March/April 2023 newsletter and print page 4 for the entry form. The membership form can be found on page 7 of the same issue. Instructions are on these forms as to where to mail them and when to drop off your artwork.

### **Shenandoah Arts Council**

Two-day, juried, ShenArtsFest, September 9-10, 2023, rain or shine, showcasing work of artists from all over our region. **Deadline 5 pm, June 1.** All mediums will be accepted for consideration, including sculpture, pottery, jewelry, drawing, photography, mixed-media, block printing, woodwork and painting. All booths will stay up during event and security will be provided. No commission, only booth fees: Members \$20, Non-members \$30. Visit <http://www.shenarts.org>, and for details, or contact Lisa Fisher at [Fisher@shenarts.org](mailto:Fisher@shenarts.org).

**Additional opportunities: See Washington County Arts Council website:**

<https://www.washingtoncountyarts.com/calls>

## **EXHIBITIONS**

### **Washington County Museum of Fine Arts**

2023 Cumberland Valley Artists and Photographers Exhibitions, City Park, Hagerstown  
Through April 23. [wcmfa.org](http://wcmfa.org). For further information, call 301-739-5727 or email [drastelli@wcmfa.org](mailto:drastelli@wcmfa.org).

### **Museum of Shenandoah Valley**

"With Lyric Brush" John Chumley's Valley is an exhibition of this Shenandoah Valley artist's (1929-2984) work, painted on location and from his studio on his farm in Middletown, VA, showing until August 6, 2023. More than 40 of the artist's paintings and drawings, many of them watercolors and egg tempera landscapes that show a remarkable brilliance in light and shadow. At the Museum of Shenandoah Valley, 901 Amherst Street, Winchester, VA, 540-662-1473. Hours Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free admission on Wednesdays, thanks to sponsors of the Museum. For regular admission fees, go to: <http://www.theMSV.org>

## **MESSAGE FROM OUR HISTORIAN: ROY TRESSLER**

We understand that It is difficult to attend every one of the meetings, events and significant happenings associated with your VAA. And with that being said, since there is no designated VAA photographer, photos of these events are less plentiful than the clippings and notices. So here is how you may help. Please forward any photos to me that you have taken and are willing to share. Your efforts will be appreciated and become a part of the VAA legacy. 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,

### Board of Directors

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