



Newsletter

Art is for everyone!

MANSION HOUSE ART CENTER & GALLERY

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President's Message

May 2023

Hello Valley Art Members, Prospective Members and all ART lovers!
I'd like to welcome all new members to Valley Art Association!

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 Art Center and Gallery, 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! No one found their address in the April newsletter!

The April 26th general meeting was well attended by members and guests, in-person at the Mansion House and also on Zoom. Our featured presentation was made by well-known artist, David Bottini who showed us some of his wonderful paintings and discussed his acrylic painting process. Thank you, David!

Nominations for Board members were also taken at the meeting. The offices up for election at the May 24th meeting are President, President Elect (Vice President), Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Gallery Director, & Assistant Gallery. Anyone interested in being nominated for a position, please contact our nomination chair, Roy Tressler at roytressler@comcast.net. Member artist, Lynn Ferris will be our featured artist for that meeting.

Reminder for members: Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 28th at 6pm (instead of 7pm) when there will be a picnic (instead of a regular business meeting) on the Mansion House porch. The picnic will be for VAA members and their guests. VAA will furnish the fried chicken and non-alcoholic beverages, free for members and \$5 for guests. Attending members are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert to share. That evening VAA members may also pay their \$30 dues for FY 2023-2024, which are to be renewed by July 1, 2023.

Thanks all, hope to see you soon! Don't forget "Art is for everyone!"

Please read all of your VAA newsletters and hope to see you soon!

Artfully yours,

Hal Mason, VAA President

Upcoming Member Activities

The Importance of the VAA Activity Log:

I would like to thank Valley Art members for recording (signing in for) their participation in VAA activities at the Mansion House (and at other locations, when applicable). This information is necessary and invaluable to have and be able to provide when documenting VAA's reach into the community, such as when we apply for grants, or to cite in other communications about the impact of the Valley Art Association.

The activity log is located at or near the Mansion House desk and is divided into sections for ongoing activities. If there isn't a page created for your particular activity, please do start one, labeled with the activity title and date at the top of the page.

If you are a coordinator of VAA activities, please ensure that the participants in your event(s) are recorded in the activity book.

The information maintained in the log was an important part of our recent grant applications, which have resulted in the awarding of \$5,500 to VAA from the Maryland State Arts Council in 2023. (A third grant request is still pending.)

Thanks for doing your part. It makes a difference!

General Meetings' Programs February-June 2023

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

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

There will be a mandatory gallery meeting and wall changes on June 20th

Gallery members will be paying their fees for their spaces, signing new contracts for FY 2023-2024 and signing up for sitting dates also on June 20th.

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

There are new business cards **1636 Woodlands Run** 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 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>
May 2023	May Flowers Several members have expressed interest in leaving their items from the April show and having them included in the May show. This is fine, as long as the items are added to the list for the new show, so make sure you add them to the list if this is the case. Any items not on the list for the May show will not be included in the show		5/5	5/28	5/26, 5/27, 5/28
June 2023	Time	5/28 or 10:00am 5/30	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	

VAA MEMBER NEWS

If you have news that you would like to have included in this newsletter, please contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

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!

FIGURE-DRAWING

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

Mondays from 10am to 1pm at the Mansions House Art Center & Gallery: May 1, 8, 15 and 22. Professional models, shared model fees only. Drop in is OK. For details and to request specific poses, contact Elaine Wolf at valleyartinfor@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 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 PM, 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.

Lynn Ferris Watercolor Classes

Six weekly watercolor 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>. **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 pm 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 or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

Figure-Drawing Classes

August 2 and August 9 - two three hour figure-drawing classes with professional model, from 10 am to 1 pm. The instructor will be Schuler School of Fine Art teacher, David Buckley Good. Cost will be \$30 per class, plus shared model fee. For questions or to register, please contact Elaine Wolf at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text)

Further workshops will be scheduled for this summer/fall.

Off-Site:

VAA's Cheese Club

- Paint in the Outdoor Plaza
- Participate in Sales Opportunities
- Promote new VAA membership

All while eating CHEESE and enjoying outdoor MUSIC!

MID-WEEK MUSIC AND MARKET- University Plaza, 50 W. Washington Street, 5 pm – 8 pm

MDWK Music and Market is the newest addition to Downtown Hagerstown's music and arts programming! The summer 2023 series will be held Wednesdays from mid-July until late August, and will feature live music, artisan vendors, food trucks, and a beer garden. We received the Heart of Art grant from the City of Hagerstown to attend this event series. In a nutshell, we get paid to show-up, sit outside, paint, eat cheese, drink beer, and listen to music while maybe selling a piece or two of our art. Dates are as follows: Wednesdays: July 12, 19, and 26; and August 2, 9 and 16.

Member participation is required on 3 dates to meet grant requirements. Vendor fee: Waived by grant.

VAA gets paid \$100 for each event attended. We would like to have 3 or more artists participate in a minimum 3 Wednesday night sessions.

Keely and Mark Neubauer will coordinate booth set-up and material logistics with participants.

VAA will supply charcuterie board and refreshments with the grant money provided per event.

Contact Keely Neubauer if interested in coming to the Wednesday, summer evening event dates listed above.

240-513-9698 or keely.neubauer@protonmail.com

Two additional opportunities if someone else within VAA wants to organize and have a booth with vendor fees waived: (see below)

SUMMER SOLSTICE DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL- Wednesday, June 21 in University Plaza • 6 pm – 8 pm
Celebrate the longest day of the year with yoga, salsa, and an artisan market!

HANDMADE HAGERSTOWN HOLIDAY MARKET- Saturday, November 18 on S. Potomac Street 2 pm – 6 pm
Held during Downtown Hagerstown's annual Yuletide Festival which precedes the Downtown Tree Lighting. Join us as we welcome in the holiday season!

Member participation is optional and Vendor fees: Waived by grant / VAA gets paid \$100 if event is attended. Participation in these one-time events in the series would need to be organized by individual artists wanting to participate. Booth set-up and event logistics would be orchestrated by those individuals. Keely and Mark Neuabuer cannot do all events and are focusing/supporting those involved on the Mid-Week Music and Market series.

Carol Wilks' Students Art Show Sunday, May 7 9:30am-1pm

Each year (except for the pandemic years) Carol Wilks holds an art show featuring her students' work. The show is being held at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church 10813 Donelson Drive in Williamsport, MD. There will be signs inside directing you to where it is being held once you enter the church. We encourage you to see this show which features different mediums and subject matter. Most of the students had no prior experience with art but have been with the class a number of years and have grown immensely! Hope to see you there.

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. 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/717-360-1236 or contact Donna Bingaman at 717-762-8394/email artsyfolks@embarqmail.com. The Gallery hours are Wednesday 12 pm - 3 pm, Friday 5 pm - 8 pm (entertainment with music evenings), and Saturday 10 am - 4 pm. Come in and browse or make a purchase from local artists, and fine craftsmen. All work is handmade by local artisans. We have art classes and demonstrations every week from our artists. Leslie McEntire will be the featured artist for May & June and will be having an opening reception on Friday, May 5th from 5:30 - 8:00pm

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Classes Class schedule and registration: wcmfa.org/learn/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 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.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

24th Annual Wills Creek Exhibition of Fine Art

Saville Gallery, Cumberland from August 26 - September 23, 2023. Deadline for entry is July 1. For details, visit the organization website at art@alleganyarts.org or phone 301-777-2787.

One third of the work accepted will be 3-D. The competition has more than \$4,000 in prizes. Artists of all mediums and genres are encouraged to apply. Up to six entries, first entry \$30, additional entries \$10 each; entries must be for sale, and must have been completed with the last three years. Entries must be made through <http://www.callforentry.org>.

Shenandoah Arts Council

Two day, juried, fine art festival 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. ShenArtsFest will take place rain or shine on September 9 - 10, 2023; 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, contact Lisa Fisher at Fisher@shenarts.org.

EXHIBITIONS

Museum of Shenandoah Valley

"With Lyric Brush" John Chumley's Valley is an exhibition of this Shenandoah Valley artist's work showing until August 6, 2023. Painting on location and from a studio on his farm in Middletown, VA, John Chumley (1928 - 1984), this is a remarkable show of more than 40 of the artist's paintings and drawings. Much of the work on display is of remarkable watercolors and egg tempera landscapes, and all show a brilliance in light and shadow that leave an imprint on the viewer's eye. The Museum of Shenandoah Valley is on 901 Amherst Street, Winchester, VA, 540-662-1473, and hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm. There are no admission fees on Wednesdays, thanks to sponsors of the Museum. Go to their website for regular admission fees: <http://www.theMSV.org>

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. For more information, please go to their website at <http://www.franklincountyartalliance.org>

Delaplaine Arts Center

2023 National Juried Exhibition at the Delaplaine Arts Center, 40 S. Carroll St., Frederick, MD: the exhibition is from May 6 - July 9. For more information, contact the Delaplaine Arts Center at delaplaine.org or call 301-698-0656.

2023 ART IN THE HALLWAY

Meritus Health Center

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

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,

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