



## 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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**June 2023**

#### **President's Message**

**I'd like to welcome all new members to the VAA!**

**Please be sure to read this entire newsletter so that you know everything that is going on this month not only at the 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 May newsletter!**

**The VAA's May 24th general meeting was well attended by members and guests in-person at the Mansion House and also on Zoom. Our featured artist was Valley Art member/artist Lynn Ferris who did a wonderful water color demo. Thank you, Lynn!**

**Elections for Board members took place at the meeting. The following were elected to serve on the board for FY23-24: President-Hal Mason, President Elect (VP)-Donna Mason, Recording Secretary-Jen Martin, Corresponding Secretary-Carol Wilks, Treasurer-Keely Neubauer, Gallery Director-Mary Elise Thompson, and Assistant Gallery Director-Dense Ruby. Nominations for Assistant Treasurer will be taken again at the next General meeting which will be held after a short summer break on September 27, 2023 at 7pm. Anyone interested in being nominated for the position of Assistant Treasurer, please contact me, or our nomination chair, Roy Tressler at [roytressler@comcast.net](mailto:roytressler@comcast.net).**

**On Wednesday, June 28 at 6pm VAA will have the annual picnic on the porch of the Mansion House for members and their guests. VAA will provide the fried chicken from AC&T and the non-alcoholic beverages. Members are asked to bring a dessert or covered dish to share. The picnic is FREE for members. Guests are \$5 each and this can be paid that evening. Members may also pay their \$30 VAA dues renewal then, for FY 23-24. Renewals are due by July 1st.**

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

**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 353 Ridge Ave 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 June/July 2023**

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

**June 28, 2023 6pm - No Business meeting – members & guests picnic on porch**

**There will be a mandatory gallery meeting and wall changes on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 am. 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 or before June 20th.**

**A Gallery Meeting will also be held on Tuesday June 20, either after the wall change is complete, or after lunch, depending on how long the wall change, etc. takes. Attendance at Gallery Meetings is required for members having wall or display space.**

**The June North Gallery show, "Time", will be installed on Tuesday, May 30, and will open on Friday, June 2. It will run through Sunday, June 25. Pick up dates will be June 23, 24, and 25.**

**The July North Gallery Show, "Every Picture Tells A Story", will be installed on Tuesday, June 27, at 10 am. Items for this show may be dropped off on June 25, or brought to the installation on June 27. The show will open on Friday, June 30, and run through Sunday, July 30. Pickup dates for the July show will be July 28, 29, and 30.**

**Items for the August North Gallery show, "Tickle Me Pink", may be dropped off on July 30, or brought to the installation at 10 am on Tuesday, August 1.**

## 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 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>
June 2023	Time	5/28 or 10:00am 5/30	6/2	6/25	6/23,24, 25
July 2023	Every Picture Tells a Story	6/25, 27	6/30	7/30	7/28,29,30
August 2023	Tickle Me Pink	7/30, 8/1	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](mailto: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!

Leighton (Lee) Scott's space-themed mixed-media work, "Edge of Space", exhibited at the December 2022 North Gallery show, was named the first-place winner in the painting category at the annual Mental Health Alliance of Franklin and Frederick County art show held in Chambersburg, PA in May of 2023. Lee had retitled it, "Meditation Landscape". Congratulations, Lee!!

## LIFE DRAWING

Uninstructed open figure-drawing sessions are scheduled for the following dates in June: Mondays from 10 am to 1 pm at the Mansion House Art Center & Gallery: June 5, 12, 19 and 26. Professional models, shared model fees only. Drop-in OK. Please contact Elaine Wolfe for details and to request specific poses: [valleyartinfo@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 PM. 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 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](mailto:ferrislynn@yahoo.com). All her workshops and exhibitions for the year are at <http://www.lynnferris.com>. One space is available.

#### **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 Wolfe at [valleyartinfo@gmail.com](mailto:valleyartinfo@gmail.com) or call 304-261-9583 (no text)

**Further workshops will be scheduled for this summer/fall and information will be emailed to VAA members as it becomes available, and in the August newsletter.**

### Off-Site:

#### **Michael Timothy Davis - One day Figure-Drawing Workshop on June 22**

One day workshop at The Badgerhound Gallery, the Shepherdstown studio of Michael Davis: Thursday, June 22, 10 am - 4 pm. Cost is \$125 for VAA and Museum members, \$145 for nonmembers. Lunch is included in the workshop fee. Michael Davis is an Award winner Art Renewal Center (ARC), Portrait Society of America, Grand Central Academy (NYC) "Alla Prima Portrait Painting" Competition (see [michaeltimothydavis.com](http://michaeltimothydavis.com), [instagram.com@michaelttdavis.fineart](https://www.instagram.com/michaelttdavis.fineart)). For details and to register, contact Elaine Wolfe at [valleyartinfo@gmail.com](mailto:valleyartinfo@gmail.com) or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

#### **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@embarqmail.com](mailto: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.

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

Class schedule and registration: [wcmfa.org/learn/classes/](http://wcmfa.org/learn/classes/) To register for events, call Donna Rastelli at (301) 739- 5727, or email [drastelli@wcmfa.org](mailto:drastelli@wcmfa.org).

### CALL FOR ENTRIES

#### **Saturday August 12, 10am - 4pm**

City of Hagerstown Parks & Recreation invite artists of all ages to participate in the first annual Hager House Plein Air Art Collaborative at the historic Jonathan Hager House in City Park. This event is free to all and will include workshops and opportunities to exhibit and sell what is created as part of the event. Registration is required. To register go to the City of Hagerstown website. Under "Government " select "Parks & Recreation." Scroll down to the "Register For An Activity" tab and click. Scroll down the list to find the event. If you have questions please contact Matt Penrod with Parks & Recreation at [mpenrod@hagerstownmd.org](mailto:mpenrod@hagerstownmd.org)

## **Washington County Arts Council**

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

Deadline August 11, notification of selection, August 24, and delivery to the gallery September 1, 2 or 5, for show through September through October 3. For details, please contact gallery manager, Chris Brewer at 301-791-3132 or email [gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com](mailto:gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com) or go to website <http://www.washingtoncountyarts.com>

## **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](mailto: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>.

## **EXHIBITIONS**

### **Schuler School of Fine Arts Annual Student and Faculty Exhibition**

You and your friends are cordially invited to come and see an amazing showing of paintings, drawings and sculptures from our students and instructors that include Valley Art Association members. The reception dates are Saturday, June 3, 2 - 5:30 pm, Sunday, June 4, 2 - 5:30 pm and Monday, June 5 2 - 5:30 pm and 7 - 9 pm.

### **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 show of more than 40 of the artist's paintings and drawings. 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](http://delaplaine.org) or call 301-698-0656.

## **PROCEDURES FOR CREATING VAA WEBSITE MEMBER SECTIONS**

**5/1/23**

All Valley Art members are invited to request a section on the VAA website member page, which will be maintained as long as the member is in good standing. For members who do not have a website, this is a nice alternative, and one of the perks of VAA membership. To request a member section, please send the following information to the website liaison (currently Sue Parker at [scp2art@gmail.com](mailto:scp2art@gmail.com)) who will arrange for the information to be uploaded to the Valley Art website.

The format for Valley Art Association website member information has changed. A searchable section will be created as part of a master compilation of VAA member artists who request to be included on VAA's website. If a member has both a section on VAA's website and a personal website, the link on VAA's "Members and Community" page will now go to the member's section on VAA's site. A link to the member's personal website can still be included within the narrative in the member's VAA section. (Members who currently have their websites as their VAA member page can leave those links until their new member page is set up.) This change should ensure that if members change or discontinue their personal websites, their VAA member section will not be altered or disappear.

The current plan, unless a member requests otherwise, is for member sections to stay on the VAA site indefinitely in a “Past Member” archive when the member leaves VAA.

Each member section will contain up to 500 words of text, furnished by the member, and may include up to 8 images (see specifications below), as well as member contact information and website links.

The images furnished should be as large as possible, with a minimum of 600px high preferred. The image on the “Members and Community” page, which will be the link to the member’s section, should be wider than it is tall (called a “landscape orientation”) for best display. The other images will become part of a slide show in the member’s personal section. If captions are to be included (e.g. the titles of paintings/images), they should have the following format:

cap-(caption goes here).jpg or png

For example:

cap-The-Girl-with-the-Pearl-Earring.jpg

cap-Mona-Lisa.jpg

After review, member submissions will be submitted to Valley Art’s website manager for uploading onto VAA’s web page.

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

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. 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!

### **Board of Directors**

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