



Newsletter

Art is for everyone!

MANSION HOUSE ART CENTER & GALLERY

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August/September 2023

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

VAA is starting off the new Fiscal Year 2024 with the VAA newsletters now being published and sent to members on a bi-monthly basis. The VAA newsletters will have a wealth of news about upcoming art events and activities at the Mansion House Art Center Gallery, as well as art related events and activities in the local community. Some of the news inside this newsletter will have details on upcoming activities such as the following:

- August 12, 2023, 10am to 4pm(rain date August 19): 1st Annual Plein Air Art Festival at City Park's Hager House. Event is free and open to VAA members and the public.
- September 1, 2023, 11am: September Members Exhibit at the Mansion House opens ...show theme "Gratitude".
- September 16, 2023, 11am: Fall Fest in City Park with VAA members exhibiting and painting as well as children's art activities on the Mansion House porch.
- September 27, 2023, 7pm: VAA General Meeting at the Mansion House for members and guests, VAA member, Carol Wilks will be doing a pastel painting demonstration.

Valley Art Association is a 501c3 non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the arts and artists. Membership dues are just \$30.00 a year and this newsletter is just one of many benefits to being a member. One doesn't have to be an artist to join! Just visit VAA's website www.valleyartassoc.org to get a membership application or pick one up at the Mansion House when open. Hours are Fridays and Saturdays 11am-4pm; and Sundays 1-5pm. Admission is free. "Art is for Everyone!" Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Artfully yours,
Hal Mason, VAA President
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Upcoming Member Activities

The Importance of the VAA Activity Log

Please remember to sign the Activity Log at the Mansion House each time you attend a class, workshop, or other VAA event so that we will have a record of your participation. Thanks!

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>
August 2023	Tickle Me Pink	7/30, 8/1	8/4	8/27	8/25, 26, 27
September 2023	Gratitude	8/27	9/1	9/24	9/22,23,24
October 2023	Memories	9/24	9/29	10/29	10/27, 28,29
November 2023	Cornucopia	10/29	11/3	11/26	11/24,25,26
December 2023	Happy Holidays	11/26	12/1	1/28/2024	1/26,27,28/2024

VAA MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to the following VAA members' recognition and awards:

F. Dennis Clarke earned Best of Show for "Oysters" at the 2023 West Virginia Watercolor Society national juried exhibition, "Aqueous" 2023.

Sandra Schuster won the Wallspace Gallery & Framing Award, 1st Place, Portraits, for her portrait, "Missy"; and Laura Lewis Shindle won the FCAA Membership Award, a Merit Award, All Categories, for her landscape, "Witherspoon Alley" at the Franklin County Art Alliance Annual Juried Exhibition.

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!

LIFE DRAWING

Uninstructed open figure-drawing sessions are scheduled for the following dates in August and September: Wednesday, August 2, and Wednesday, August 9, from 10 am to 1 pm. and on the following Mondays, all held at the Mansion House Gallery: Monday, 10 am to 1 pm: August 7, 14, 21, 28 and September 4, 11, 18, and 25. Professional models, shared model fees only. Drop-in is OK. Please contact Elaine Wolfe for details and to request specific poses: 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 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: Classes

Weekly classes will resume in September, 2023, to be held on Thursdays at the Mansion House Art Gallery.

David Buckley Good is a long-time instructor at The Schuler School of Fine Arts, Baltimore. Please contact him for details about the fall program. To register, and for details, please contact David Buckley Good via text at 443-794-7558 (preferred) or email davidbuckleygood@verizon.net.

Lynn Ferris: Watercolor Classes

The last two of six weekly watercolor classes will be held on Thursdays August 3 and 10, 2023, from 9 am to noon. Please contact Lynn directly at ferrislynn@yahoo.com to check if any space is available. All her workshops and exhibitions for the year are at <http://www.lynnferris.com>.

A Colored Pencil Workshop with Amy Lindenberger, author of numerous books on creating art with colored pencil, is in the planning for 2024. (Her 2023 schedule is fully booked). With questions or to register, please contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

Information on further workshops scheduled for this summer/fall will be emailed to VAA members as it becomes available. Workshops that had been in the planning for this summer/fall have had to be postponed. Your suggestions for workshop artists are important and will be welcomed!

OFF SITE

EXHIBITIONS

Gallery 50 -- 50 West Main Street, Waynesboro

The next exhibition, "This Majestic Roof", will feature paintings and photography by 8 artists. Sky will be the subject (or an important element) in all the work. The exhibit opens Friday, August 11 with a reception from 5:30--8. There will be live music by Soleil, and a variety of refreshments. Come meet the artists and enjoy an evening of art and music.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

"Landscapes & Legends of Norway: William Singer & His Contemporaries, on show through September 17, 2023. This exhibit includes a series of watercolors depicting Norse legends by American artist Frank Morse Rummel.

"Treasures of State: Maryland's Art Collection", through October 22, 2023. More than 90 American and European artworks including work by George Inness, John Kensett, Jasper Cropsey, Eastman Johnson, the Peales, Hugh Bolton Jones and Thomas Wilmer Dewing. Class schedule and registration: wcmfa.org/learn/classes/
To register for events, call Donna Rastelli at (301) 739- 5727, or email drastelli@wcmfa.org.

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>

CLASSES

42 West Arts Gallery Fine Arts and Crafts Open: Wednesday 12 – 3; Friday 5 – 8; Saturday 10am-4pm.

Donna Bingaman, Professional Artist will be offering painting classes every Wednesday of each month from 12 - 3pm. throughout the year every Wednesday from 12 - 3pm. Each class is offered at \$15. Come when possible, everyone is welcome. Learn to draw and paint a beautiful painting. We paint in oil paint, watercolor, pastel. Sign up at 42 West Arts or contact Donna Bingaman 762-8394, or artsyfolks@embarqmail.com

Also, come in and browse or make a purchase from local artists, and fine craftsmen at 42 West Arts Gallery, 42 West Main Street, Waynesboro. All work is handmade by local artisans, along with custom framing and other services. We have art classes and demonstrations every week from our artists. Kearse Lowe is the featured artist in August.

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CALL FOR ENTRIES

Artists and the public are invited to the first **Annual Plein Air Art Festival at the Hager House**

110 Key St., Hagerstown MD on Saturday August 12, 2023 (rain date August 19) from 10am to 4pm. Artists of all ages and all skill levels should bring their own supplies and can create artwork to be displayed at the Hager House or the Museum of Fine Arts through Sept 16. Artists can bring their lunches and bottled water will be available. Parking is free and bathrooms are on site. There will be 3 short workshops there at the event during the day conducted by VAA members, David Buckley Good, Carol Miller and Donna Mason. Participants may attend these for FREE as well. Artists interested in attending to paint may register for the event by emailing MPenrod@hagerstownmd.org or donnamasonart@myactv.net.

Washington County Arts Council "Journey Through Addiction and Recovery"

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

PROCEDURES FOR CREATING VAA WEBSITE MEMBER SECTIONS

Any member in good standing is welcome to submit good quality photos of up to two pieces of their artwork for inclusion on the VAA website (Photo Gallery/Member Art). The photos should be at least 600 pixels on the shortest dimension, and the file name should contain the artist's name and the title of the work. Images should be submitted to Sue Parker at scp2art@gmail.com. The photos will be watermarked before uploading to the website.

Any member in good standing can have a member section on the VAA website with up to 500 words of text about themselves and their art, along with up to 8 images of their art in the searchable member section of the Members and Community page. Images should be at least 600 pixels on the shortest dimension, and the image file name should contain the title of the work and the artist's name. Please send the submissions to Sue Parker at scp2art@gmail.com

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!

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