



## 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

**October November 2023**

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

I hope you are having a nice autumn! Fall Fest in City Park on September 16th was a success! We had close to 1000 visitors at the Mansion House that day! Member artists had sales, and VAA acquired new members! Thanks to all who donated cookies and drinks, and donated their time to help with the event!

Thanks to Carol Wilks for her wonderful demonstration at the September 27 General meeting!

Some of the news inside this newsletter will have details on upcoming activities such as the following:

October, 6, 2023: Opening of VAA Members' Art Exhibit, "Memories" in the North Gallery at the Mansion House Art Center & Gallery.

- October 25, 7pm: General Meeting at the Mansion House and on Zoom, **with a demonstration "Starting the Portrait Bust" with artist, Lesa Cook and live professional model.**
- November 3, 2023: Opening of VAA Members' Art Exhibit, "Cornucopia" in the North Gallery at the Mansion House Art Center & Gallery.
- November 15, 2023, 7pm: General Meeting at the Mansion House and on Zoom.

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](http://www.valleyartassoc.org) to get a membership application. Or pick one up at the Mansion House when open. Hours are Fridays & Saturdays 11am-4pm & Sundays 1-5pm. Admission is free. "Art is for everyone!" Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Artfully yours,

Hal Mason, VAA President

P.S. Members who haven't paid their dues yet this fiscal year, must pay them before the October 25, 2023 General Meeting to remain active.

Artfully yours,

Hal Mason, VAA President

## Upcoming Member Activities

**General Meetings' Programs October-November 2023**  
(Business meetings & featured artists are in person & on zoom)

### FY24 General Meeting Program Schedule As of August, 2023

September 27, 2023 – Carol Wilks (Pastel Painting)(Donna)  
October 25, 2023 – Lesa Cook (Portrait busts demo)(Elaine)  
November 15, 2023 - Sandi Povinale (Poetry, Photographs, Paintings, etc.)(Donna)  
January 24, 2024 – David Bottini (Members “Show & Tell” with discussions by David) (Elaine)  
February 28, 2024 – Open at this time  
March 27, 2024 – Kate Miller (Portrait painting demo)(Donna)  
April 24, 2024 – Caleb Fuller (works in watercolor, oil, charcoal, pencils and graphic design) (Donna)  
May 22, 2024 – Lynn Ferris (Watercolor painting demo) (Sue)

### 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>
October 2023	Memories	10/1 or 10/3	10/6	10/29	10/29
November 2023	Cornucopia		11/3	11/26	
December 2023	Happy Holidays		12/1	1/28/2024	

### **2023 – 2024 ART IN THE HALLWAY** **Meritus Health Center**

<b>October</b>	<b>Carol Miller</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Nicole Troupe</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Maggie Clingan</b>

If you have news that you would like to have included in this newsletter, please contact Caleb Fuller at [calebpfuller@gmail.com](mailto:calebpfuller@gmail.com)

## VAA MEMBER NEWS

### 9-27-23 A SPECIAL MESSAGE from Hal Mason, VAA President

Thank you, Valley Art Association members for all that you do, and all that you have done for VAA! We are looking forward to seeing VAA continue on this same path, while also encouraging new ideas for the future.

Donna and I have been discussing whether we should continue as President and Vice President of VAA. We would like to have some new members take those positions at the beginning of the new fiscal year (July 1, 2024.) We have been advised by some of our fellow VAA members that the organization will not be able to find someone new to take these positions, unless we announce that we will not be running again when elections take place in May of 2024. So that is what I would like to officially do now: Donna and I will not be running for re-election of VAA President & Vice President (President Elect) in May 2024.

We will be looking forward to seeing the members who take over leading this organization continue to help VAA grow. We hope to see them keep VAA as an inclusive organization; by following VAA's motto, which is "Art is for Every One". And we are hoping that VAA will continue to be the LARGEST & BEST ART COMMUNITY in the area!

Artfully yours,  
Hal Mason  
VAA President

### 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.

**Washington Goes Purple Exhibit** The juried 5th Annual Washington Goes Purple Exhibit: "A Journey Through Addiction and Recovery," is being held at the Washington County Arts Council, Inc. from September 7th through October 3rd, 2023. Congratulations to VAA member Judy Melby-Robinson for 1st Place 2D for her painting "It's Time To Tell My Story." Also, congratulations to the following VAA members who participated in the exhibit: Jennie Avila, Linda Barnhart, Donna Mason, Carol Miller, Chris Shingler, Sara Swacina, Carol Wilks, Elaine Wolfe, and Denise Womack.

Congratulations to Jennie Avila for 2nd place for her painting "Listen In" in the Listening To Water exhibit at the SHAPE Gallery, in Shippensburg, PA.

Congratulations also, to Patricia Boyst, another of our members, whose painting, "Time to Circle Around", made it into the Pennsylvania International Juried Exhibition. Following is a link to the Exhibit which was on line as of September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

<https://pwsmasterweb.jalburn.net/Pennsylvania%20Watercolor%20Society%202023%20Juried%20Show/index.html>

## HOLIDAY CRAFT MART

Starting Saturday, December 2, members can bring in their craft items to sell at the Holiday Craft Mart in the Mansion House. As space is limited, 24 inches is allotted to each person on a first come, first serve basis. Anyone who wants to display their crafts on City Park Tree Lighting Night (December 1) is welcome to bring them in before the event. However, they must be present in the gallery that evening so they can watch over their crafts. Please contact Mary Elise Thompson or Denise Ruby if you have any questions. Members who display their Crafts are required to have a Maryland Sales Tax number.

## WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES

### LIFE DRAWING

Uninstructed open studio figure-drawing sessions are scheduled for the following dates in October and November, 2023; all sessions are held at the Mansion House Gallery: Monday, 10 am to 1 pm: October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, and November 6, 13, 20, and 27. Professional models, shared model fees only. Drop-in is OK.

**If you wish to be sent weekly information regarding these sessions, have specific questions or wish to request specific poses,** please contact Elaine Wolfe: [valleyartinfo@gmail.com](mailto:valleyartinfo@gmail.com) or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

### WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES

**A workshop committee is forming:** Elaine Wolfe and Denise Ruby are seeking one or two members who would enjoy putting together one or two workshops per year. This is an opportunity for individual and independent creativity in bringing classes and workshops to the Valley Art Association and to the wider community around us.

**CONTACT** Elaine Wolfe at [valleyartinfo@mail.com](mailto:valleyartinfo@mail.com) (or call 304-261-9583 no text) or Denise Ruby at [denise7231@aol.com](mailto:denise7231@aol.com) (or call her at 240-818-7547).

If you have specific wishes for classes or workshops, please contact Denise Ruby or Elaine Wolfe (see above).

### "How to do Framing under Glass"

Date: Thursday, October 26, from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

This class will be held by Trish Suder who owned and operated a custom framing store for 27 years prior to retirement, and Janie Moltrup, who retired from the US Senate Photographic Studio and studied framing at the US Senate Frame Shop and Washington Molding. Fees include materials for ONE custom mat. The cost is \$30 for VAA and Washington County Museum of Fine Art members, and \$45 for nonmembers. Additional supplies may be purchased on the day of the workshop. Pre-Registration is required. The deadline is October 20. Minimum number of participants is 5, maximum 8. For details and to register, contact Janie Moltrup at [janiemoltrup.com](http://janiemoltrup.com).

### David Buckley Good: Weekly Classes

Weekly classes are being held on Thursdays at the Mansion House Art Gallery, from 1:30 - 4:30 pm.

David Buckley Good is a fine artist and widely experienced instructor at The Schuler School of Fine Arts, Baltimore.

Please contact him for details about his fall program: David Buckley Good via call or text (preferred) at 443-794-7558 or email [davidbuckleygood@verizon.net](mailto:davidbuckleygood@verizon.net).

**A Colored Pencil Workshop** with Amy Lindenberger, author of numerous books on creating art with colored pencil, is scheduled for the fall of 2024: it will be a one-day workshop on October 10, 2024. (Her 2023 schedule is fully booked).

She is currently writing up a workshop description in preparation, and it will be emailed to the membership as soon as it is available. If you have questions or to register, please contact Elaine Wolfe at [valleyartinfo@gmail.com](mailto:valleyartinfo@gmail.com) or call 304-261-9583 (no text).

## **Keely Neubauer will be hosting open painting sessions at the Mansion House Art Gallery.**

WHEN: The first TWO Wednesday nights of each month.

WHERE: 480 Highland Avenue, Hagerstown, MD

TIME: 5pm to 8pm

COST: Free to members. \$5 Drop-in fee for non-members.

Participants are responsible for bringing their own art supplies to paint. Chairs and table will be provided.

All mediums are welcome.

Participants can choose to paint on the porch or inside depending on the season.

Participants can bring dinner or we can order as a group.

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!

## **OFF SITE**

## **EXHIBITIONS**

### **Washington County Museum of Fine Arts "Picasso on Paper: The Artist as Printmaker 1923-72"**

November 11, 2023 - March 3, 2024. Often considered the most innovative printmaker since Rembrandt, Picasso created more than 2,400 prints over his long career. This exhibition is drawn from the collection of Timothy Collins, and was organized by Landau Traveling Exhibitions, Los Angeles, CA, and made possible with the support of Paul and Lotta Mellott. The Museum's website is [wcmfa.org](http://wcmfa.org); hours open are Tuesday- Friday, 10 am - 5 pm, Saturday 10 am - 4 pm and Sunday, 1 - 5 pm.

### **Museum of Shenandoah Valley**

"Marvelocity" is an ongoing exhibition of the work of Alex Ross, considered one of the greatest comic book artists, from early drawings onwards through his thirty year career, through February 18, 2024. 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](mailto: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.

### **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

### **Washington County Arts Council "Best of Local Art" December 7, 2023 - January 2, 2024**

The deadline for entry is October 20, notification of selection by the week of November 7, and delivery to the gallery December 1, 2 or 5 during WCAC Gallery hours. The jurors are Sarah Hall, director of the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts and Jamie Gruzka who teaches photography and is administrator for Carnegie Mellon University's interdisciplinary photo program. For details, please contact gallery manager, Chris Brewer at 301-791-3132 or email [gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com](mailto:gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com) or go to the website <http://www.washingtoncountyarts.com>

**Meritus Crystal Ball Art Exhibit** Call For Artist deadline is October 3, 2023. Contact Elaine Cooper for information at [elainerogerscooper@gmail.com](mailto:elainerogerscooper@gmail.com)

**Cumberland Valley 2024** Call for Entry. Deadline for entry is November 30.

## **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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