

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****President's Ofc: (301) 791-6719****Gallery: (301) 797-2867****December 2023/January 2024****President's Message**

Hello Valley Art Members, Prospective Members and all ART lovers!
We are heading into to the Holiday Season and some very fun stuff will be happening at the Mansion House for the next 2 months!



Our VAA members' December/January show opens at the Mansion House on Friday December 1st. Thanks to all members who are participating in this two month exhibit titled "Happy Holidays!" (See inside this newsletter for information on this & more upcoming shows at the Mansion House.)

December 1st is also the City Park lighting event! We are expecting hundreds of visitors at the Mansion House from 5-8pm. This is when the City Park turns on all the lights to celebrate the Holiday season and kids of all ages enjoy the hay rides to the Mansion House to visit Santa!

Starting December 2nd VAA members will be bringing in their Holiday craft items to the Mansion House for the Holiday Market. (See inside for more information about that, or contact the Gallery Director. Contact info is at the end of this newsletter.)

There is no General meeting at the Mansion House in December. But there will be a Holiday Party for members at the Mansion House on Weds. Dec. 27th from 6-8:30 pm. Members are asked to bring a finger food to share, and may bring a guest as well as their favorite beverage. Water & light beverages will be provided by VAA.

Thanks to Lesa Cook for her presentation on how to create portrait busts at the October General meeting, and to VAA member Sandi Polvinale for her humorous presentation of art, stories and poems at the November General meeting! The next General meeting for VAA members and the public is Weds. Jan. 24th at 7pm where award winning painter David Bottini will be available for discussions as VAA members do "show & tell" for everyone with their paintings. You won't want to miss this! (See inside for more information about this & other meetings.)

Until I can tell you in person, be sure to enjoy ALL of your Holidays! Be safe and always remember that "ART is for everyone!"

Artfully yours,
Hal Mason, VAA President

Upcoming Member Activities

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.

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General Meetings' Programs December 2023/January 2024
(Business meetings & featured artists are in person & on zoom)

FY24 General Meeting Program Schedule

Bottini (Members "Show & Tell" with discussions by David) (Elaine)

February 28, 2024 – Dore Fay Strock **(Certified Ross Instructor)**

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) FY24 General Meeting Program Schedule

December 2023/2024 North Gallery Shows

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

2024 North Gallery Shows

Month	Exhibition Title	Drop Off Dates	Opening Date	Closing Date	Pickup Dates
December 2023/January 2024	Happy Holidays		Dec 1, 2023	Jan 28	Jan 28, 30
February	Landscapes	Jan 28, 30	Feb 2	Feb 25	Feb 25, 27
March	Spring Fever	Feb 25, 27	Mar 1	Mar 31	Mar 31, Apr 2
April	Cat-titude	Mar 31, Apr 2	Apr 5	Apr 28	Apr 28, 30
May	In My Garden	Apr 28, 30	May 3	May 26	May 26, 28
June	Vacation Days	May 26, 28	May 31	Jun 30	Jun 30, Jul 2
July	Four-State History	Jun 30, Jul 2	Jul 5	Jul 28	Jul 28, 30
August	Animal Kingdom	Jul 28, 30	Aug 2	Aug 25	Aug 25, 27
September	Birds & Flowers	Aug 25, 27	Aug 30	Sep 29	Sep 29, Oct 1
October	Fall Colors	Sep 29, Oct 1	Oct 4	Oct 27	Oct 27, 29
November	Artist's Choice	Oct 27, 29	Nov 1	Nov 24	Nov 24, 26
December	Celebrations	Nov 24, 26	Nov 29	Jan 26, 2025	Jan 26, 28

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 Denise Ruby if they need a review of Mansion House sitting procedures.***

2023 – 2024 ART IN THE HALLWAY

Meritus Health Center

December 2023	Maggie Clingan
January 2024	Sheri Enderlea
February 2024	Carol Wilks
March 2024	Rhonda Albright
April 2024	Carol Miller
May 2024	Elaine Cooper
June 2024	Chris Shingler
July 2024	Sue Bell
August 2024	Lily Ramos
September 2024	Dennis Clark
October 2024	John Mullican
November 2024	Marilyn Pontius
December 2024	TBD

If you have news that you would like to have included in this newsletter, please contact Caleb Fuller at calebfuller@gmail.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.

Congratulations to VAA member Delia Hammond Zielinski who won the “Judges Prize (Amateur)” for her painting “Nemo” at the Howard’s Art and Frames “Art for the Animals” exhibit. One of our members, Patty Boyst, has been juried into the Baltimore Watercolor Society

Several VAA members won prizes at the 49th annual, Fulton County Fall Folk Festival Art Show which was held in McConnellsburg, PA on October 20 and 21. In the oil category, Dee Henry received first prize and Anita Shively received second prize and honorable mention, and in the watercolor category, Laura Shindle won third prize. Congratulations!

Meritus Crystal Ball Art Exhibit at the Fountain Head Country Club on November 4, 2023.

Thirty-two Valley Art Association members participated. The following artists participated in the event: Terry Brown, Elaine Rogers Cooper, Bonnie Elgin, Caleb Fuller, David Buckley Good, Christopher Shingler, Gwen Bergey, Larry Bergey, Dennis Clarke, Michael Dawson, Julia Gottlieb, Richard Gottlieb, Maria Holloway, Melissa Hook, Charlotte Loveless, Dana Mark Lyons, Donna Mason, Hal Mason, Judy Melby-Robinson, Carol K. Miller, Ludmilla Oliver, Susan Parker, Matthew Penrod, Katherine Peterson, Lily Ramos, Leighton Scott, LiiLii Seniura-Moses, Nicole Troup, Carol Wilks, Anne L. Wilson, Elaine Wolfe, and Denise Womack. Congratulations to all of these artists. A number of VAA artists sold artwork during this event. The Crystal Ball was held to benefit the new Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine that is presently under construction next to Meritus Hospital. The artists who sold artwork during this event donated 30% of the sale price of their piece to the Meritus School of Medicine. Thanks to everyone who participated in this worthwhile cause.

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

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 Denise Ruby if you have any questions. Members who display their Crafts are required to have a Maryland Sales Tax number.

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@gmail.com. (or call 304-261-9583 no text) or Denise Ruby at 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).

Pigment Workshop

Three to four Pigment Workshops are being planned for May with Brendan Rich. The participants will work up the pigment as paint and then follow up with painting on damp plaster (fresco). Other sessions might culminate with painting on dry plaster (secco); and experimenting with differing mediums: linseed oil, gum Arabic, or casein (milk paint). The focus could be on three different aspects of preparing pigments: earth minerals, chemically derived pigments or organic pigments.

Pastel Animals Workshop with Carol Wilks Mansion House Monday, January 22, 2024 1:00-4:00

Mark your calendars for this fun and informative workshop! Learn how to create animals with amazing eyes and details through this pastel workshop. Carol is an accomplished pastelists and has been using this medium for over 40 years. Carol gave a demonstration in September at the Mansion House and there was a lot of interest to develop a workshop that would teach more detail. A photo, pastels and velour will be provided as well as charcoal pencils to transfer onto the velour surface. 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 January 2. Minimum number of participants is 5, maximum 8.

Payment to be made out in cash or by check made to Carol Wilks to be mailed (or dropped off during business hours) to the Mansion House Art Gallery, Attention: Carol Wilks, 480 Highland Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

(Business hours are Friday/Saturday 11 am to 4 pm , Sunday 1-5 pm.) A waiting list will be started if needed. Deadline: The deadline for registration is December 28. To register, please Contact cawilks44@gmail.com or **CONTACT** Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com com (or call 304-261-9583 no text) Further information will be sent to you after registration.

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.

A Colored Pencil Workshop

A one-day workshop will be held on the techniques of colored pencil, on Thursday, October 10, 2024, from 9 am to 4 pm with Amy Lindenberger, author of five books in the Colored Pencil Surfaces Series: Volumes I, II, IV, V and VI, as well as her bestselling book "Colors: A Workbook" and "Even more Colors: Workbook2". She holds dual signature status with the Colored Pencil Society of America. Cost: \$75 for VAA members and Washington County Museum of Fine Art members, and \$85 for nonmembers. Minimum number of participants is 8 and the maximum is 12. A waiting list will be started if needed. For details and to register, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call (no text) 304-261-9583.

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

November marked the 10th anniversary of the opening of 42 West Arts Co-op. Located at 42 West Main Street in Waynesboro, 42 West Arts Co-op is an arts and craft co-operatively owned gallery featuring the work of artists and craftsmen from Waynesboro PA and the surrounding area. To celebrate this milestone, we are hosting a retrospective exhibition of some of the many artists and craftsmen from throughout the Cumberland Valley who have shown their work in our gallery over the past ten years. The exhibit will continue through the months of November and December.

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.

FIGURE DRAWING

Uninstructed open studio figure-drawing sessions are scheduled at the Mansion House Art Center and Gallery for the following dates in December and January, on Mondays, from 10 am to 1 pm: December 4, 11, and 18, and January 8, 15, 22 and 29. Professional models, shared model fees only. Drop in O.K. If interested, contact Elaine Wolfe for further information at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call (no text) 304-261-9583.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Classes

Class schedule and registration: wcmfa.org/learn/classes/

To register for events, call Donna Rastelli at (301) 739- 5727, or email drastelli@wcmfa.org.

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.

Childhood Favorites: 100 Years of Children's Book Illustration

November 25, 2023 - March 17, 2024 With more than 140 original works from over 75 books, this exhibition explores the history of children's literature and illustrations, from the works of Beatrix Potter to the digital creations of Mo Willems, and featuring works by Dr. Seuss, Maurice Sendak and Garth Williams. The Museum's website is wcmfa.org; hours open are Tuesday- Friday, 10 am - 5 pm, Saturday 10 am - 4 pm and Sunday, 1 - 5 pm.

Washington County Arts Council

"Best of Local Art" December 7, 2023 - January 2, 2024

The jurors for this exhibition 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, go to the website <http://www.washingtoncountyarts.com> or contact gallery manager, Chris Brewer at 301-791-3132 or email gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com.

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>

Schuler School Annual Holiday Exhibition

The Schuler School invites you and your friends to our annual Holiday Exhibition, Saturday and Sunday, December 9 & 10th, 2-5:30pm, Monday through Friday, December 11-15, 10am-4pm. Come see the drawings, paintings, and sculpture from our instructors, alumni, students and invited guest artists in the historic studio of "Monument Maker" Hans Schuler and online at www.schulerschool.com.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Allegany Arts Council announces a call for entries for a special juried exhibition, "What is Love?", to take place February 3 - 24, 2024, in The Saville Gallery in Cumberland, MD. \$2,000 in cash prizes. For details, go to their website, <http://www.alleganyartscouncil.org>, or email art@alleganyarts.org or call 301-777-2787. Entry deadline is January 5, 2024. Entries are \$15.00 each, maximum of 6, and may include images, audio and/or video files. All entries to be submitted through Call for Entry.

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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