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President's Message

Happy spring to Valley Art members, prospective members and all ART lovers! Valley Art and the Mansion House are entering this spring season as busy as ever!



Please check out all of the VAA activities and events listed in this newsletter.

Two important VAA events listed are:

- The monthly General Meetings (and on Zoom) (please see the important note about upcoming Board nominations Wednesday, April 24 at 7pm at the Mansion House on the following page under VAA Member News)
- The monthly VAA Members' Art Exhibits at the Mansion House.

These two events are always open to the public and are always free!

The General Meetings are a great opportunity to see what VAA is all about, meet other art lovers, and pick up a membership application! Thanks so much to VAA member artist Kate Miller who did a terrific portrait painting demonstration at the March General meeting!

The VAA Members' North Gallery Art Exhibit for April is titled "Cat-titude", and the show will definitely appeal to all cat lovers! The other galleries throughout the Mansion House are full of a variety of members' artworks, and they too are available to view (and perhaps purchase) during the Mansion House's open hours.

Keep reading, there is so much more that is ART related inside this newsletter!

Don't forget, ART IS for Everyone!

We hope to see you soon!

Artfully yours,

Hal Mason, VAA President

VAA MEMBER NEWS

IMPORTANT: Wednesday April 24, 2024 at 7pm is the Valley Art Association General Meeting held at the Mansion House and on Zoom. At this meeting VAA members will be nominating their Board Members for the next fiscal year (FY25). The elections of these Board members will take place at the May 22nd meeting, with new Board terms starting July 1st . Please mark these dates on your calendar and try to attend these meetings, as there is a quorum required for voting to take place. You will receive an email reminder with the zoom meeting link/sign-in prior to each meeting. We welcome and encourage all VAA members who may be interested in serving on the Board and who would like more information, to contact Hal Mason at halmasonart@myactv.net or any other Board member.

After our business part of the April 24th General meeting, we will be very excited to welcome as our guest speaker Sarah Hall, who is the Executive Director of the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. She will be sharing information about the Museum's upcoming scheduled events and activities, information about public participation options, and the future plans for the Museum's new buildings.

Special notice: the June date for the annual picnic on the porch for VAA members (which is in lieu of a June general meeting) will most probably be changed. We are working with the city to find a date when there won't be noise interference from the band shell during the picnic. More information about the picnic will follow.

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.

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

Upcoming Member Activities

**General Meetings' Programs 2024
(Business meetings & featured artists are in person & on zoom)**

FY24 General Meeting Program Schedule

April 24, 2024 – Sarah Hall (Donna) sharing information about Washington County Museum (see above description under VAA Member News)

May 22, 2024 – Lynn Ferris (Watercolor painting demo) (Sue) FY24 General Meeting Program Schedule

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
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.*

2024 ART IN THE HALLWAY

Meritus Health Center

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 Carol Wilks at cawilks44@gmail.com.

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.

FIGURE DRAWING

Uninstructed open studio figure-drawing sessions are scheduled at the Mansion House Art Center and Gallery for the following dates in April and May. These are on Mondays, with regular sessions from 10 am to 1 pm, and with LONG DAY sessions (bring your own lunch) on three dates:

April 1(10 am to 3:30 pm), April 8, April 15 (10 am - 2:30 pm), April 22, 29, and May 6, May 13 and May 20 (10 am - 3:30 pm). Professional models, shared model fees only. Drop in O.K.

If interested, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call (no text) 304-261-9583.

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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.

Michael Davis - "The Alla Prima Still Life" Workshop One day workshop on Thursday, April 25, from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm on developing still life composition and technical skills with Michael Timothy Davis, multiple Award Winner in international Art Renewal Center (ARC) and other major competitions. The focus will be on the use of simple arrangements of 3 - 5 objects, creating dynamic and fundamentally sound paintings in one sitting, composing and breaking down the still life to its essentials, creating a finished and expressive painting within a few hours. The cost is \$75 for VAA and Museum members and \$85 for non-members. Lunch is included in the workshop fee. To register or if you have any questions, please contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call (no text) 304-261-9583.

Brendan Rich - 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.

Lesa Cook - "Low Relief Sculpture" Workshop Two-day workshop with sculptor and painter, Lesa Cook, winner of many awards, instructor at the Delaplaine Art Center, Certified copyist at the National Gallery: **students will create a low (bas) relief sculpture in water-based clay using their own photographic sources from animal, human subject matter, a shallow relief that can be wall-mounted after firing.** The workshop will be held on Thursday - Friday, June 6 - 7, 2024, from 10:30 am – 4:30 pm each day. Included in the workshop fee is the use of sculpture stands and tools loaned by the instructor. Lunch is also included. Cost is \$150 for VAA and Museum members, and \$165 for non-members. The clay will be provided by the instructor for a \$20 supply fee. Firing arrangements may be made with her during the workshop. Minimum is 6. The lunch break will be 30 minutes. The work will be supplemented with demonstration videos and other presentations by Lesa Cook. To register, please contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call (no text) 304-261-9583.

Lynn Ferris Watercolor Classes Six weekly watercolor classes will be held Thursdays, July 11, 18 and August 1, 8 15, and 22, 2024, 9 a.m.- noon. To register, please contact Lynn directly at ferrislynn@yahoo.com. All her workshops and exhibitions for the year are a <http://www.lynnferris.com>. These classes fill up quickly - to avoid disappointment, please register early.

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.

If you have a wish list for classes or workshops, or if you can participate in coordinating and/or assisting in workshops, please contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call Denise Ruby at denise7231@aol.com. They would be very glad to have your assistance.

OFF-SITE

42 West Arts Gallery Fine Arts and Crafts Open: Wednesday 12 – 3; Friday 5 – 8; Saturday 10am-4pm. 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. Donna Bingaman, Professional Artist will be offering painting classes every Wednesday of each month 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 717-762-8394, 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.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Classes

Class Schedule and Registration: wcmfa.org/learn/classes/

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

CALLS FOR ENTRY

Pennsylvania Watercolor Society 45th Annual International Juried Exhibition

Entry deadline is May 15, with the PWS Juried Exhibition August 3 through September 15, 2024 at the Lancaster Museum of Art. The selection juror is Catherine O'Neill (AWS,NWS). Maximum entries two, entry fee PWS member \$40/non-member \$55. For detailed entry information, go to website <http://pawcs.com> or contact via email at pwsjuriedshow@gmail.com.

Mid-Atlantic New Painting Biennial Exhibition The University of Mary Washington Galleries (UMW), of Fredericksburg, VA, is accepting submissions for their twelfth juried exhibition of contemporary painting, highlighting new developments in painting within the region. Their website is <http://www.umwgalleries.org> and email questions may be directed to gallery@umw.edu. Applications are accepted via CAFE, with application fee \$25, deadline for entry May 15, 2024, any medium, completed no earlier than May, 2022. The exhibition will run from November 7, 2024 to January 19, 2025.

EXHIBITIONS

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts The annual Cumberland Valley Photographers Exhibition opened on March 23, and runs through June 2, 2024. In this year's competition, 40 photographs by 27 artists were accepted, including Valley Art Association member, Margaret Clingan. This quad-state exhibition is supported by the Washington County Arts Council, the Delaplaine Foundation, and Hugh and Marty Talton. The Museum's website is wcmfa.org; Hours open are Tuesday- Friday, 10 am - 5 pm, Saturday 10 am - 4 pm and Sunday 1 to 5 pm.

Museum of Shenandoah Valley

"The Triumph of Nature: Art Nouveau from the Chrysler Museum of Art": this exhibition displays examples of Art Nouveau furniture, jewelry, and decorative arts including works by Tiffany and Mucha. Inspired by nature, Art Nouveau dominated European art and design from about 1890 to 1914, and works feature subjects such as vines, flowers, and insect wings. At the MSV April 13 through July 14, 2024, the museum's website is <http://www.theMSV.org>, and hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm.

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).

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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