



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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Events Upcoming

- August 10, 2024 Plein Air Event at the Hager House in City Park
- August 30, 2024. Plein Air Artist Exhibit opens at the Mansion House *
- September 21, 2024. Fall Fest in City Park.
- September 25, 2024. Valley Art Association General meeting at the Mansion House and on Zoom. Featuring artist David Buckley Good doing a plain air painting demonstration.
- October 3, 2024 VAA members' exhibit. "Vibrant Visions" opens at the Washington County Artis Council.

Off Site Happenings

- August 10, 2024 Plein Air Event at the Hager House in City Park

Presidents Message

President's Message August/September 2024

Greetings,

A new fiscal year for VAA has started, a new Board has been elected, and VAA has welcomed many more new members! Please check out all of the important & informative news that's inside this newsletter. You can learn more about what's going on at VAA and the Mansion House Art Center & Gallery located in City Park. And you'll also find great info about other exciting art groups, art events and art activities in the area!

VAA is a 501c3 Non-profit organization which was founded in 1938. The organization welcomes anyone who's interested in promoting art artists to become a member! Membership information can be found on the VAA's website www.valleyartassoc.org, or by contacting a VAA Board member listed in the back of this newsletter.

VAA's motto is; "ART is for everyone", and we hope to see YOU at the Mansion House Art Center and Gallery soon!

Artfully yours, Donna Mason, VAA President





North Gallery Shows

Check for exhibit dates and drop of and pick up dates:

August	Animal Kingdom
September	Plein Air
October	Fall Colors
November	Artist Choice
December	Celebrations

Dates to Remember 2024

September 21. Fall Fest

September 25, 7pm VAA General meeting at Mansion House.

October VAA exhibit at WCAC

October 23, 7pm VAA General meeting at Mansion House

November 20, 7pm VAA General meeting at Mansion House

November 8 -December 22- Holiday Crafts in Mansion House

December 6, City Park Lighting Event. (Volunteers needed!)

December 28, Member Holiday Party!

"PLEIN" Air Event

Second Annual Hager House Plein Air Free Art Festival

Saturday, August 10 (rain date August 17) 10am – 4pm

At the Historic Jonathan Hager House

What is Plein Air Art? It means getting out doors and painting the world we live in. No studios – Just nature! Here artists will gather to paint their surroundings with special attention paid to all the little details that make the Hager House and surrounding park so special. Artists will have the opportunity to:

- Participate in free workshops led by respected local artists and Valley Art Association members David Buckley Good and Carol K. Miller
- Create unique art to be exhibited in the Jonathan Hager House, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Valley Art Association gallery as well as on the Hager House webpage
- Connect with patrons to sell their creations
- Enjoy an artist reception at the Mansion House, Saturday, August 31, 2-4pm

The event is entirely free to artists. Bottled water, restrooms, sinks will be available at no charge. All other supplies, including paints, easels, chairs, tables, umbrellas, and picnic lunches must be brought by the artists. Plenty of free parking is available in City Park. To register for this free event please inform Donna Mason or contact the event coordinator, Matt Penrod, hmpenrod@hagerstownmd.org



NOTE Re: Mansion House September 2024 N. Gallery Exhibit.

This exhibit title was changed from "Birds & Flowers" to "Plein Air Artists". The Birds & Flowers show will be moved to a later date. The "Plein Air Artists" show is open to all VAA members who have done any type of plein air painting. Valley Art Association is inviting any non-members who have participated in the Hager House Plein Air Event to also participate in this exhibit (see more info about the Hager House Plein Air Event in the OFF SITE section of this newsletter) Plein Air means "in the open air", that is doing a painting outside from the artist's view. There will be an opening reception for this exhibit at the Mansion House. The reception will be open to the public & held on Saturday August 31, 2024 from 1pm to 3pm. This will be hosted and paid for by the Valley Art Association.

North Gallery Shows and Craft Mart

Balance of 2024 North Gallery Shows

<u>Month</u>	<u>Exhibition Title</u>	<u>Drop Off</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>	<u>Pickup Dates</u>
August 2024	Animal Kingdom	Jul 28, 30	Aug 2	Aug 25	Aug 25, 27
September 2024	Plein Air Artists*	Aug 25, 27	Aug 30	Sep 29	Sep 29, Oct 1
October 2024	Fall Colors	Sep 29, Oct 1	Oct 4	Oct 27	Oct 27, 29
November 2024	Artist's Choice	Oct 27, 29	Nov 1	Nov 24	Nov 24, 26
December 2024	Celebrations	Nov 24, 26	Nov 29	Jan 26, 2025	Jan 26, 28

*"Plein Air Artists" replaces "Birds and Flowers" which is now scheduled for Feb 2025.

Holiday Craft Mart 2024

<u>Month</u>	<u>Exhibition Title</u>	<u>Drop Off</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>	<u>Pickup Dates</u>
Nov-Dec 2024	Holiday Craft Mart	Nov 3-8	November 8	December 27	By Dec 27

2025 North Gallery Shows

<u>Month</u>	<u>Title/Exhibitor</u>	<u>Drop Off</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>	<u>Pickup Dates</u>
January 2025	Celebrations	Nov 24, 26,	Nov 29, 2024	Jan 26, 2025	Jan 26, 28
February 2025	Birds, Bees, Butterflies and Blossoms	Jan 26, 28	January 31	February 23	Feb 23, 25
March 2025	Art In the Wild	Feb 23, 25	February 28	March 23	Mar 23, 25
April 2025	A Few of My Favorite Things	Mar 23, 25	March 28	April 27	Apr 27, 29
May 2025	Fluffy & Fantastic	Apr 27, 29	May 2	May 25	May 25, 27
June 2025	Follow the Sun	May 25, 27	May 30	June 22	Jun 22, 24
July 2025	Reflection	Jun 22, 24	June 27	July 27	Jul 27, 29
August 2025	Just Trippin'	Jul 27, 29	August 1	August 24	Aug 24, 26
September 2025	It's Fall Again	Aug 24, 26	August 29	September 28	Sep 28, 30
October 2025	Seasons of the Witch	Sep 28, 30	October 3	October 26	Oct 26, 28
November 2025	It's a Colorful World	Oct 26, 28	October 31	November 23	Nov 23, 25
December 2025	A Creative Celebration	Nov 23, 25	November 28	Jan 25, 2026	Jan 25, 27

Please check the lists above for drop off and pickup dates

Times for drop off and pickup: Sun 1-5 pm, Tues 10-11:00 am

VAA Member News

VAA MEMBER NEWS For those members who sell at the Mansion House Art Center and Gallery, there have been some changes made already, and some changes to be made in the new Fiscal Year, beginning July 1, 2024. If you have not heard about these changes, please contact Denise Ruby, Hal Mason, or Donna Mason.

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.

Exhibits

The Washington County Arts Council CALL FOR ENTRIES:

Invites local artists working in any medium to submit their art for a September 2024 exhibit,

"Happiness by Choice - Restory Your Life". The juried community art exhibit will be on display virtually and in the gallery from September 5 through October 1, 2024, and virtually from September 7. The journey through addiction and recovery looks different for everyone but the outcome benefits individuals, families, and our community.

DEADLINE IS **AUGUST 9, 2024**. No entry fee: go to their website at

www.washingtoncountyarts.com/washingtongoespurple.

For any questions, please contact Chris Brewer at 301-791-3132 or email gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com.

The Washington County Arts Council invites local artists working in any medium to submit their art for the Annual Community Art Show: "The Best Local Art of 2024". The deadline for entry is October 12. The exhibit will be on display from December 12, 2024 through January 7, 2025, and virtually from December 14. Enter up to three works with no entry fee. Works must be for sale and the WCAC, a non-profit agency, retains 30% commission on sales.

For prospectus/submission details, go to <http://www.washingtoncountyarts.com> or contact Chris Brewer at 301-791-3132 or via email at gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com with questions or if you need help regarding submissions.

Vibrant Visions by Valley Art Association Members

VAA is having a show at Washington County Arts Council 34 South Potomac Street, Suite 100 Hagerstown, MD.

- Exhibit dates: October 3 through November 5, 2024
- Reception date/time: Thursday, October 3, 2024 from 5pm to 7pm
- Exhibit Video: On or about Saturday, October 5, 2024

We are encouraging members of VAA to participate in this show. This is a way to get your art out there in front of the public! An email has already been sent out to the membership twice. This show takes up the entire gallery including the hallway. The number of paintings is up to the individual artist. Once the paintings are delivered, a decision will be made as to the number to exhibit.

A title sheet with sale prices is due from each artist two weeks before the opening of the exhibit, including dates completed, mediums and sizes plus a short biography / artist statement for each participating artist.

For further information, please contact Carol Wilks at cawilks44@gmail.com

Workshops and Classes

Lesa Cook - Two Day "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 two consecutive Fridays, October 25 and November 1, 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

Weekly watercolor classes will be held Thursdays, 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.

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.

A Colored Pencil Workshop with Artist and Author, Amy Lindenberg

Thursday, October 10, 2024, 9am to 4 pm

A one-day workshop will be held on the techniques of colored pencil.
Amy Lindenberg, 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 Wolf at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call (no text) 304-261- 9583.

Off Site & Classes

Nicole Troup, workshop August 17th & 24th from 10 AM- 3:30PM at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts.

\$100 for museum members - \$120 for non-members. How to paint a portrait with Golden Open Acrylics to incorporate gold leaf gilding techniques. The workshop two Saturdays to allow students the opportunity to work on their paintings in between classes. A visit to WCMFA exhibit collections including the Peale Family Portrait exhibit and gold leaf work by Italian artist Giovanni Mazzone titled "Saints Mary Magdalene and Paul" dated from the 1480's.

To Register and for more info: <https://wcmfa.org/portrait-and-gold-leaf-workshop/>

Questions: Contact Nicole Troup and www.nicoletroupmasterpiece.com

42 West Arts Gallery Fine Arts and Crafts Open:
Wednesday 12 - 3; Friday 5 - 8; Saturday 10am-4pm.
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 762-8394, or artsyfolks@embarqmail.com

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.

Members in the NEWS



VAA member, Jennie Avila, is featured in Places Magazine. Follow the link and scroll to pages 16-17 to read a fun article about Jennie's life, art and music.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=places%20magazine>

Museum of Fine Arts Cumberland Valley Artists Exhibition Congratulations to VAA members who were accepted into the Cumberland Valley Exhibitions at the MFA:

Margaret Clingan was accepted into the photographers' portion and Pattie Boyst, Annette Gloomis, Donna Mason, Sandra Shuster, Shannon Thomas, Carol Wilks and Elaine Wolfe were accepted into the paintings portion. The paintings portion opens at an opening reception June 15, 2024 1-3pm, and the show runs through August 26th. Congratulations to Pattie Boyst, whose painting, "Time to Circle Around", won the Clyde Roberts Award For Best Watercolor in that exhibit! The Valley Art Association Award (of \$250 donated by VAA) in honor of recent year's deceased VAA members, was awarded to Susan Shalowitz of Rockville MD for her oil on canvas painting "Sonata".

The Exhibition opened on June 15, and continues through August 25, 2024. In this year's competition, 65 works by 62 artists were accepted. "The reception will be on June 15, from 1 - 3 pm: to register, please contact Donna Rastelli at 301-739-5727 or email drastelli@wcmfa.org. This quad-state exhibition is supported by Hugh and Mary Talton, the Washington County Arts Council, the Delaplaine Foundation, and Conservit, Inc. The Museum's website is wcmfa.org; hours open are TuesdayFriday, 10 am - 5 pm, Saturday 10 am - 4 pm and Sunday, 1 - 5 pm.

Art In the Hallways Meritus Health

August 2024 Lily Ramos	August 2024 Lily Ramos
September 2024 Dennis Clark	September 2024 Dennis Clark
October 2024 John Mullican	October 2024 John Mullican
November 2024 Marilyn Pontius	November 2024 Marilyn Pontius
December 2024 TBD	December 2024 TBD

Exhibits (cont.)

40th Annual Juried Exhibition: Miniature Art 2024

Council for the Arts, Gallery at 103 N. Main Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201 - deadline for entry is October 12, show dates November , with opening reception 5 - 8 pm, through December 21, 2024. . Image size no greater than 4"x6". Entry fee for 1-4 works is \$30. For details and entry, please go to <http://www.councilforthearts.net>, or call 717-264-6883.

Gallery 50 is having a show running from August 16 through October 26, entitled, "Where The Wild Things Are" Flora and Fauna in Art. The Opening Reception is August 16 from 5:30-8pm at 50 West Main St. in Waynesboro. 11 artists are featured which include some of our VAA members.

"Art for the Animals 2024 "Howard's Art and Frames annual fundraiser: pick up 5 x 7 boards for \$5 donation at Howard's Art and Frames Shop to enter your work. The deadline for entry is September 7. The Silent Auction of works will be from September 21, with opening reception at 6:30 pm, through October 12, with Tail-end reception and Awards ceremony on the evening of the 12th with awards at 7 pm. Popular voting will be from September 21 - October 5. For complete details, go to their website at

howardsarts.com.

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.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

The annual Cumberland Valley Artists Exhibition continues through August 25, 2024. In this year's competition , 65 works by 62 artists were accepted, including seven Valley Art Association members.

With any questions or inquiries about the purchase of artworks in the exhibition, please contact Donna Rastelli at 301-739-5727 or email

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