



Newsletter



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President's Message

Greetings VAA members, prospective members, and art lovers! This is my last writing of the President's message as VAA President. It has been an honor to serve, and I want to thank everyone for making my year as President a really fun year! I will remain on the Board for one more year as Past President and look forward to working with all of our newly elected Board members.

Please read all of this newsletter for details about our new Board, and also for other art related news which you won't want to miss knowing about! Please take special notice of "Important dates to remember", which are located on this first page.

I'll leave you with this famous quote by Pablo Picasso: "Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life".

Artfully yours,

Donna Mason

VAA Past President

Some important upcoming dates to remember, see inside for details:

July 7, 5:30pm Zoom board & Planning Meeting

July 8, 1:30pm Fall Fest planning meeting Zoom & Mansion House. **3:00pm** Plein Air Festival Planning meeting Mansion House & Zoom

July 27, 1-5pm July Exhibit "Reflection" closing. Pick-up artwork & drop off artwork for August members' exhibit "Just Trippin"

August 9, 9am-4pm Plein Air Art Festival City Park

August 24, 1-5pm Pick up artwork from the August exhibit "Just Trippin". Drop-off "A Moment In Time" artwork at the Mansion House

August 29, 11am-4pm Plein Air artists & members exhibit "A Moment in Time" opens. (Reception will be Sept. 6, 2-4pm)

Gallery Members Square Tutorial For Mansion House

Youtube instructions for sales using the Square Sales Denise.!

https://youtu.be/3BKJ17_I8HI

All sales at the Mansion House Gallery need to be properly written. Refer to procedures at the front desk!

If you can participate in assisting in workshops, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or Denise Ruby at denise7231@aol.com or call/text at 240-818-7547.

They would be delighted to have your support.

Member News

2025 "Fur to Feathers" at the Schuler School of Fine Art in Baltimore: VAA member, Ludmilla Oliver, won first place at the show with her beautiful oil painting, "The Alchemy of Flight", and her work was accompanied by those of Valley Art members, Lindi Cahill (3 artworks), Janie Moltrup (2 artworks) and Laura Shindle (2 artworks). CONGRATULATIONS!

2025 Franklin County Art Alliance: 53rd Annual Art Exhibit. Seven VAA members participated in the show in Fayetteville, PA: Dee Henry (Best Composition), Leslie McEntire (Castlewood Award), John Mullican, Leighton Scott, Anita Shively, Nicole Troup (First Place, Florals and Plant Life, and People's Choice Award), and Elaine Wolfe (First Place, Portraits). CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Patty Boyst selected for her watercolor painting: Time To Circle Around painting! Finalist for the Splash 26 Best of Watercolor, bought to you by Artists network.

Congratulations to VAA Member, Dennis Clark, on his "Award of Excellence" for his painting "Harbor Master" in the 2025 West Virginia Watercolor Society Aqueous National Juried Exhibition.

Congratulations to VAA Member, Leslie McEntire on her "Castlewood Award" for her oil painting "Vancouver Lilies" in the Franklin County Art Alliance Annual Exhibition.

Program available to VAA members to display their paintings, if interested.

A relationship between Valley Arts Association and Cafe Roma on Pennsylvania Ave. in Hagerstown. Maryland An opportunity for artists to have a venue to hang & sell their artwork. Cafe Roma is being generous in that they are not Charging our artists any commission.

All Sales Will be handled through the VAA. (So, VAA pays the sales tax.)

For details on the Program and Requirements: contract, size of painting & limits, Two painting are available per artist at this time.

PLEASE CALL: Coordinators;

Rick & Julie Gottlieb- H- 240-707-6271.

We need to recruit volunteers for the "Social Committee". Urgent call to Members!!!

We are recruiting members to help plan, organize, set up at future events and monthly meetings. Future events like Plein Air event Sept 6 and the Fall Fest on Sept.20 th. Also, volunteers are needed to help set up refreshments at monthly meetings and help with clean up. If anyone is interested in helping at any of these upcoming events and meetings-

please call Julie Gottlieb: 240-707-6271.

Or you can text at 724-590-1086.

A Call For Artists

City Park Plein Air Art Festival

(Formerly Hager House Plein Air Festival)

Saturday, August 9 10am-4pm (Rain date August 16)

Hagerstown City Park

Opportunities to display and sell your art

For more info contact Matt Penrod at

mpenrod@hagerstownmd.org

FIGURE DRAWING

Mondays - July 7, 14, 21, and 28; Aug 4, 11, 18, 25. 10 am – 1 pm

Open studio, uninstructed, figure drawing sessions with Professional Models – at the Mansion House.

CONTACT: Elaine Wolfe valleyartinfo@gmail.com / 304-261-9583 no text.

COST: Participants share the Professional Model's fee.

Drop in okay but pre-registration is helpful.

2025 North Gallery Exhibits and Sales

Month	Exhibition Title	Drop Off Dates	Opening Date	Closing Date	Pickup Dates
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	A Moment in Time	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
Drop Off & P-U Times: Sundays 1 - 5pm, Tuesdays 10 - 11 am					

FY26 Valley Art Association Board of Directors Elections

Per the Valley Art Association Bylaws, elections for the Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2026 were held at the May 28, 2025 General Meeting for both Officers of the Board, and Board Members at Large. At the April 23, 2025 Valley Art Association General Meeting, the membership approved an Amendment to the Bylaws to add up to eight (8) Board Members At Large. Thanks to all who stepped up to fill these board positions.

The term of office for both the Officers and the Board Members At Large will be from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Please see the list in this newsletter for Board Members, Committee Members, and Board Advisors.

Lesa Cook - Two Day "Low Relief Sculpture" Workshop

Friday, August 1, and Saturday, August 2, 2025; 10:30 am to 4 pm

Join sculptor and painter, Lesa Cook, instructor at the Delaplaine Art Center. Students will create a low (bas) relief sculpture in water-based clay.

CONTACT: Elaine Wolfe - valleyartinfo@gmail.com / 304-261-9583 no text

FEE for 2 days: \$138-VAA and Museum members, \$150-non-members. Half-hour lunch break (lunch provided).

MATERIALS included with the use of sculpture stands and tools. Clay \$20 additional fee.

PAYMENT: Send check payable to Lesa Cook to Mansion House, Attn: Elaine Wolfe

Minimum 6

Lynn Ferris - Watercolor Classes:

Thursdays for 6 weeks - July 10 - August 14, 2025; 9 am to noon.

CONTACT Lynn directly at ferrislynn@yahoo.com. Information on her workshops is on her website <https://www.lynnferris.com>.

Classes fill up quickly - register early but if inquiring on short notice for a class, email her directly to check if a space may be available that day.

Amy Lindenberger - "Using Solvents with Colored Pencil" Workshop

Thursday, August 21, 2025, 9 am to 4 pm

Nationally acclaimed artist and author, Amy Lindenberger, will hold a workshop on the use of solvents with colored pencil. Learn which solvent and application tool are right for you to create a colored pencil painting with a variety of blended effects.

CONTACT: Elaine Wolfe - valleyartinfo@gmail.com / 304-261-9583 no text

FEE: \$75 for VAA and Museum members, \$85 for nonmembers.

PAYMENT: Send check payable to Amy Lindenberger to Mansion House, Attn: Elaine Wolfe

MATERIALS: Basic supplies included

Minimum 8, maximum 12. Registration deadline August 11

Hans Guerin - "Scratchboard Workshop"

Thursday, August 28, 2025, 10 am to 3:30 pm

Learn this fascinating drawing technique with Hans Guerin, nationally noted artist, and instructor at the Schuler School of Fine Art. This technique, based on the medical illustration technique of Max Broedel, is extremely adaptable for high contrast, texture, soft edges.

CONTACT: Elaine Wolfe - valleyartinfo@gmail.com / 304-261-9583 no text

FEE: \$80 for VAA and Museum members, \$90 for nonmembers. Lunch included.

PAYMENT: Send check payable to Hans Guerin to Mansion House, Attn: Elaine Wolfe

MATERIALS: \$30 at cost

Minimum students 8 Minimum 5, maximum 12. Registration deadline August 29

Erin Nelson - "Where the Weird Art Lives" Workshop

Thursdays, September 4 and 11, 12 to 2 pm

Erin Nelson will discuss different mediums, where inspiration comes from, how to draw from everyday objects/situations for inspiration and what to do when you get artist's block. Collaborate on a project together. Work in any medium.

CONTACT: Erin Nelson by email at ekadstudio@gmail.com or call 443-244-0966

FEE: \$40 for VAA and Museum members, \$55 for nonmembers.

PAYMENT: By check payable to EKAD Studio, PayPal (ekadstudio@gmail.com), Credit card 3% fee – call Erin.

MATERIALS: Bring your own materials. Additional materials will be available.

Registration deadline August 29

Erin Nelson - "Paint like a Ross!" Workshop

Friday, September 5, 12 to 2 pm

Certified Ross Instructor, Erin Nelson will teach you to "Paint like Bob Ross" using techniques demonstrated in "The Joy of Painting". The painting chosen is perfect for painters of all abilities and ages 10 and up. Even if you have never painted before, you will walk away with own Bob Ross replica using all of his materials.

CONTACT: Erin Nelson by email at ekadstudio@gmail.com or call 443-244-0966

COST: \$60 for VAA and Museum members, \$75 for nonmembers.

PAYMENT: By check payable to EKAD Studio, PayPal (ekadstudio@gmail.com), Credit card 3% fee – call Erin.

MATERIALS: All materials included.

Minimum 5, maximum 12. Registration deadline August 29

Trish Suder - Do You Want to Know How to Frame Everything?

Saturday, September 27, 2025, 10 am - 2 pm

Artist and certified conservation framer of 27 years, Trish Suder's workshop will cover conservation framing using a mat on works of art on paper, cutting glass, framing needlework, making a memorabilia shadowbox, etc.

CONTACT: Denise Ruby denise7231@aol.com / 240-818-7547 call/text; QUESTIONS: Trish Suder at 240-313-0659 text

FEE: \$50. Framing gift bags & 2 free drawings for participants.

PAYMENT: Send check payable to Trish Suder to Mansion House, Attn: Denise Ruby

Pre-Registration required

Trish Suder - Basic Painting & the Importance of Negative Space

Saturday, October 4, 2025, 10 am - 3 pm

Trish will demonstrate Negative Painting in: A landscape painting, a Still Life painting, and a Tree Painting.

Participants will paint small paintings from Trish's sketches.

CONTACT: Denise Ruby denise7231@aol.com / 240-818-7547 call/text; QUESTIONS: Trish Suder at 240-313-0659 text.

FEE: \$75. PAYMENT: Send check payable to Trish Suder to Mansion House, Attn: Denise Ruby

Maximum 10. Pre-registration required

PAYMENT: Send check payable to Trish Suder to Mansion House, Attn: Denise Ruby

Bottled water provided; please bring lunch or snacks if desired.

MATERIALS: Bring painting supplies - easels, canvas boards 9x12 or 11x14 for acrylic, oil; or paper for watercolor or dry medium.

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OFF-SITE WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES

Online Workshop with Nicole Troup: Oil Portraits with Gold Leaf hosted by Scottsdale Artists' School

October 4, 11 and 18, 2025 from 10am-1pm MST (Eastern time is 12-3pm)

All Levels, 3 Days [\\$300](#).

Online on Zoom

Registration and Information about the workshops please see Scottsdale Artists' School's website:

<https://www.scottsdaleartschool.org/events/12/>

Email: info@scottsdaleartschool.org Phone: 480-990-1422.

During the workshop students will work on a portrait over the course of three consecutive Saturdays, giving them an opportunity to work on their portraits in between.

<https://www.nicoletroupmasterpiece.com>

Nicole Troup's Website: <http://www.nicoletroupmasterpiece.com>

Howard's Art and Frames Creative Acrylic Painting Class

Wednesdays June 11-July 16th, from Ages: 14-Adult Registration Fee: (will be applied to cost of class on first day) \$25

Cost: +supply kit \$125 + \$130

Supply Kit (supplies can be purchased separately)

Duration: 6 weeks Teacher: Jennie Avila

Airbrush Class

Tuesdays, July 15th- August 19th (Mornings) OR Wednesdays, July 16th- August 20th (Evenings)

Times: 10 AM - 12PM (Morning) OR 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (Evening)

Ages: 12-Adult

Registration Fee: (will be applied to cost of class on first day) \$25

Cost: \$70 + Supplies. Duration: 6 weeks

Teacher: David Monet

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Classes

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

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts: The Cumberland Valley Artists Exhibition

The entry submissions period for Cumberland Valley Artists Exhibition (MD, VA, PA, DC, WV) runs from June 30 through July 31, 2025 (3 pm). The exhibition runs November 8, 2025 through March 1, 2026. This year, in honor of the 250th anniversary of the USA, the exhibitions will be on national themes. Entry fees: \$12.50 Museum Members, \$15 Non-Members. Visit wcmfa.org, call 301-739-5727, email: info@wcmfa.org.

The Washington County Arts Council: 7th Annual Washington Goes Purple

Local artists, working in any medium, are invited to submit their art for this juried September 4th - 30th, 2025 exhibit, "The Art of Overcoming: Healing Through Creativity". **The deadline is August 5, 2025, at 6 pm.** Website:

washingtoncountyarts.com. Questions: Email: gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com; 301-791-3132.

EXHIBITIONS

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts: The Cumberland Valley Photographers Exhibition

The annual juried Cumberland Valley Photographers Exhibition (MD, VA, PA, DC, WV) runs through July 27, 2025. This show has a stunning array of talents, visions and subjects using photographic media. Website: wcmfa.org.

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