



Newsletter



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President's Message

Hello to all Valley Art Association Members!

I'm excited to step into the role of President here at Valley Art Association and can't wait to work with all of you to keep this wonderful and long time group thriving. This is such a special place for artists of all levels to grow and display their artwork! I look forward to building on this great work that has taken place at VAA for so many years! I'm thankful for this opportunity to serve as VAA President !

I'm open to ideas and suggestions from anyone who has ideas for continued growth and community outreach !—let's make this a fun, creative, and inspiring year!

See you at the Mansion House
DONNA B CROW

VAA Member News

Thanks to those who helped with the **Plein Air Festival** which took place on Saturday, August 9, at City Park. It was a success! Those who were there had a fun time, and more than 80 artists participated. Many visited the Mansion House as well. This allowed those folks, who were not VAA members yet, to see what we are all about and have an opportunity to join VAA (some did join!). We also had several other visitors to the Mansion House, and some sales that day as well!

Dates To Remember

Aug. 29- Sept. 28

September Exhibition -
"A Moment in Time" -

September 6 -

En Plein Air Reception - 1 - 3 pm

September 8 -

Board Meeting - MH/Zoom-5:30
(Oct B. meeting TBD on 9/8)

September 20 -

Fall Fest - from 11 am - 7:30 and
fireworks. Mansion House - 11
am - 4 pm

September 24 -

General Meeting - MH/Zoom - 7
pm.
Demo by Andy Stanicek Airbrush

Oct. 3 - Oct. 26

- October Exhibition
"Seasons of The Witch"

October 22 -

General Meeting- MH/Zoom - 7
pm - Presenter - Nicole
Abuhamada - about WCAC

VAA Member News (Continued)

Submissions for Newsletter: If you have news you would like to have included in the Newsletter, please send it to the email address at the top of the newsletter: valleyartinfo@gmail.com with the subject **Newsletter**.

Pattie Boyst's watercolor "Time to Circle Around " has been selected for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Watercolor Exhibition for this fall's show October 10th- January 11th 2026.

Her painting was also the lead photo in an article titled "Artfully Arranged". They chose 11 standout paintings from the Splash competition that demonstrates "captivation through the power of composition". It was a great honor !!

Upcoming Member Activities

September Plein Air Exhibit: We will next be hosting an exhibit of the plein air paintings (as we have done previously). The North Gallery show, "**A Moment In Time**" will run through September. The participants in this exhibit will be some of the artists who did plein air paintings during the festival (VAA members and non-members) and all interested VAA members (whether or not they participated in the Festival on August 9).

Reception for "A Moment in Time": The Reception for the Plein Air Exhibit will be held at the Mansion House on Saturday, September 6 from 1-3pm. We will need help with planning and executing the reception, so please contact Donna Crow and/or Andy Stanicek if you can help with any tasks.

Fall Fest in Hagerstown City Park (which is a community event): Saturday, September 20, 2025, 11 am-3 pm.. Members are planning to be on the porch doing art demonstrations, displaying and selling their artwork, and providing children's art activities. We can expect large crowds of people visiting the Mansion House as in the past. Please contact a Board member if you wish to participate.

Holiday Craft Mart: Beginning Saturday, November 1, 2025, all members can bring in their craft items and up to 10 shrink wrap prints to sell at the Holiday Craft Mart in the Mansion House. The crafts and prints will be on display from Friday, November 7 – Sunday, December 28, 2025. The items should be picked up by Sunday, December 28, 2025.

FY26 General Meeting Program Schedule

September 24, 2025 VAA member Andy Stanicek - Airbrush demonstration

October 22, 2025 VAA member Nicole Abuhmada, Director of the Washington County Arts Council (WCAC) - Presentation about WCAC, its new policies and other important information for artists

November 19, 2025 (1 week earlier due to Thanksgiving) VAA member Amanda Taylor - Program TBD

January 28, 2026 VAA member Breann Clifford - Alla prima painting demonstration

February 25, 2026 VAA member David Buckley Goode -Still life oil painting demonstration

March 25, 2026 Amy Lindenberger -
Colored pencil solvents demonstration

April 22, 2026 VAA member Donna Crow - Demonstration TBD

May 27, 2026 VAA member Lynn Ferris - Watercolor painting demonstration

Month	Exhibition Title	Drop-Off Date	Opening	Closing Date	Pick-up Date
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
Dec 2025/Jan 2026	A Creative Celebration	Nov 23, 25	Nov 28, 2025	Jan 25, 2026	Jan 25, 27
February 2026	A Journey in Creativity	Jan 25, 27	January 30	February 22	Feb 22, 24
March 2026	7 Elements of Art: Line, Space, Shape, Form, Value, Color, Texture	Feb 22, 24	February 27	March 29	Mar 29, 31
April 2026	In My Garden	Mar 29, 31	April 3	April 26	Apr 26, 28
May 2026	Here, There, Everywhere	Apr 26, 28	May 1	May 24	May 24, 26
June 2026	Inspired by Nature	May 24, 26	May 29	June 28	Jun 28, 30
July 2026	Outside My Window	Jun 28, 30	July 3	July 26	Jul 26, 28
August 2026	Art In Nature	Jul 26, 28	July 31	August 23	Aug 23, 25

PICK UP AND DROP OFF TIMES: SUNDAY 1-5PM, TUESDAY 11-12AM

Art in the Hallway at Meritus Healthcare Center

September 2025	Sara Swacina
October 2025	Nicole Troup
November 2025	Donna and Hal Mason
December 2025	John Mullican
January 2026	Elaine Cooper
February 2026	Andy Stanicek

March 2026	Jennie Avila
April 2026	Laura Shindle
May 2026	Gwen and Larry Bergey
June 2026	Dianna Basile
July 2026	Tarah Reynolds
August 2026	Open

Figure Drawing at the Mansion House

Mondays in September & October, except Labor Day (Sept. 1). 10 am-1 pm. Long sessions (10 am-3:30 pm) Sept. 22 and Oct. 27. Open studio, uninstructed, figure drawing sessions with Professional Models.

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.

Workshops and Classes at the Mansion House

Erin Nelson - "Where the Weird Art Lives"

Workshop, Thursdays, Sept. 4 and 11, 12- 2 pm
Work in any medium. Bring your own materials. Additional materials will be available.

CONTACT: Erin Nelson by email at ekadstudio@gmail.com or call 443-244-0966
FEE: \$40 for VAA and Museum members, \$55 for non-members.

PAYMENT: By check payable to EKAD Studio, PayPal (ekadstudio@gmail.com), Credit card 3% fee – call Erin. Registration deadline August 29.

Erin Nelson Certified Ross Instructor - "Paint like a Ross!" Workshop, Friday, Sept. 5, 12-2 pm. All materials included.

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. Minimum 5, maximum 12. Registration deadline August 29

Trish Suder - "Do You Want to Know How to Frame Everything?" Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 am-2 pm

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.

Amanda Taylor - "Creative Chance October Workshops for All Abilities," Thursdays,

October 2, 9, 16 and 23, 10am-12 pm
Create art using Watercolor, Acrylic and Photography, and connect with local artists.

CONTACT: Amanda Taylor 240-338-8099 / amanda.creativechancebaltimore@gmail.com

FEE: \$80 total for all 4 sessions. Materials included. Caregivers/supporters are welcome free of charge. Deadline to apply: 9/30/25. Minimum 5, maximum 20.

Workshops and Classes at the Mansion House

Continued

Trish Suder - "Basic Painting & the Importance of Negative Space," Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 am-3 pm

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
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.

Maximum 10. Pre-registration required.

Lesa Cook - "Two Day "Low Relief Sculpture" Workshop, Friday, October 10, and Saturday, October 11, 2025; 10:30 am-4 pm

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, maximum 12.

Exhibitions

Washington County Arts Council - 7th Annual Washington Goes Purple -

"The Art of Overcoming: Healing Through Creativity," September 4 - September 30, 2025
Opening Reception Thursday, September 4, 2025, 5-7 pm. www.washingtoncountyarts.com

Breann Clifford, VAA Member - "Thresholds - Figurative and Interior Work," September 6 - October 31, 2025. Opening Sept. 6, 6-8pm. Nisei Gallery, 14370 Reckord Ave., Fort Ritchie, MD 21719

Off-site Workshops and Classes

Online Workshop (Zoom) with Nicole Troup: Oil Portraits with Gold Leaf hosted by Scottsdale Artists' School, October 4, 11 and 18, 2025 from 10-1 MST (EST 12-3pm)

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.

All Levels, 3 Days \$300. Online 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.

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

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Classes wcmfa.org/learn/classes/

Call for Entries

The York Art Association in York, PA announces a call to artists for a juried art exhibition, November 2 - December 14, 2025. More info. Contact: email or call 717-755-0028.

The Washington County Arts Council Annual Community Art Show - Best of Local Art Show 2025, December 4, 2025 - January 6, 2026. Call for entries will be published soon. Website: washingtoncountyarts.com. Email: gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com

Message from our Historian, Roy Tressler

Thank you for your continuing contributions to the VAA archival scrapbooks. Please leave any art-related information and other appropriate materials at the Mansion House desk. Place your name on any information you share. The scrapbooks will be on display at selected VAA events.

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