

Art is for everyone!

MANSION HOUSE ART CENTER & GALLERY

480 Highland Avenue (City Park), Hagerstown, MD 21740

Hours: Friday & Saturdays, 11am-4pm; Sundays, 1-5pm

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President's Message

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April/May 2025

Greetings Valley Art Association members and all ART lovers! Spring is here, and ART is in the air! The Mansion House will be having an all members show in April with the theme "A Few of My Favorite Things". The May N. Gallery show will feature VAA member & artist, Carol Wilks, who will be doing a solo show of her amazing paintings. Please see inside for more information about these exhibits, or contact VAA Gallery Directors (contact info on the last page). There is a lot more ART information inside this newsletter, so please take time to read all of it so that you don't miss anything!

Are you someone who is struggling while trying to create your art, or struggling to just get it started? Here's some advice that helps when that happens to me, from well known artist Bob Ross: *"No Pressure, just relax and watch it happen!"*

Artfully yours,
Donna Mason
VAA President

Most of you are probably aware, longtime VAA member, Denny Bingaman passed away this past Monday. Roy & Marjorie Tressler made us aware that Denny's obituary is available on the Rest Haven Funeral Home website. The link to that website is <https://www.rsthvn.com/>. Additionally, Donna Bingaman called Donna on Tuesday morning to discuss what to do about her wall at the Mansion House. Donna told her not to worry about that now as she is paid up for the wall until June 30, 2025, and Denise Ruby is working on getting volunteers to complete whatever sitting requirements are still left for Donna. Also, Donna Bingaman told Donna that they will not be having a memorial service for Denny immediately. She said that they would probably have something sometime later.

Thank you,
Hal Mason
VAA Treasurer
for Donna Mason
VAA President

April 23, 7pm

General Meeting
Mansion House & on
Zoom. Featured
artist: Trish Suder will
demonstrate how to
paint trees, rocks,
surf, field flowers and
grasses with
sponges.

Nominations Board members

April 27, 2025 1-5pm
April members'
exhibit closes, art
pick up date.

Carol Wilks Show solo
show "Animal
Extravaganza!"
May 2, 2025
11am-4pm
Reception May 4,
2025 2-4pm

May 25, 2025 1-5pm
Carol Wilks show
closes -drop off date
June members' show
"Follow the Sun".

May 28, 2025, 7pm
General meeting
Featured Artist, Lynn
Ferris
Water color demo and
Board members
elections

May 30, 2025
11am-4pm
June members' show
opens.

2025 North Gallery Exhibits and Sales

Month	Exhibition Title	Drop Off Dates	Opening Date	Closing Date	Pickup Dates
April 2025	A Few of My Favorite Things	Mar 23, 25	March 28	April 27	Apr 27, 29
May 2025	Carol Wilks Animal Extravaganza - solo show* Reception, May 4, 2 -4 pm	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	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 - 5 pm		Tuesdays 10 - 11 am	

*Fluffy and Fantastic (original May show) will occur at a later time.

**It's Fall Again (original Sept. show) will occur at a later time.

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.

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.

Member News

- **Mansion House Spring Cleaning.** Reminder: people who have items upstairs at the Mansion House & aren't paying for storage or studio space to keep them there, should notify the VAA Gallery Directors or the VAA President asap (no later than 5/1/25). There will be a thorough cleaning out of all unclaimed items before the Mansion House has its usual annual spring cleaning.

Please note: Do not reply to Hal, please contact Gallery Directors (Denise Ruby at denise7231@aol.com or Maria Holloway (mholloway72@gmail.com)). Or email me at donnamasonart@myactv.net Thank you.

SEE LAST PAGE OF NEWSLETTER FOR GALLERY DIRECTORS' & PRESIDENT'S CONTACT INFO)

- **Elections of VAA Board Members.** We'll be taking nominations for Board members at the April 23, 2025, 7pm General meeting. The elections of the nominees to the

Board will take place at the May 28, 2025 general meeting. Newly elected Board members will take office on July 1, 2025 and their terms will end on June 30, 2026. Those members who are interested in a Board position should notify the VAA

Nomination Committee (Roy Tressler or Hal Mason, whose contact information is on the last page of this newsletter) Or they may nominate themselves at the April, or May meeting prior to the elections taking place. For questions about these Board positions, please talk to Roy or Hal, or to a Board member.

- **Announcing a "City Park Plein Air Art Festival" taking place in City Park on August 9, 2025! ALSO a Plein Air Art Exhibit & Sale of the works created at the "City Park**

Plein Air Art Festival" by participants (& other plein air art by VAA artists), taking place at the Mansion House from August 29 to September 28th AND a FREE and open to the public **"City Park Plein Air Art Festival Reception"** at the Mansion House on September 6, 2025! (Stay tuned for more info to follow)

(These events will be brought to you by the partnerships of the Valley Art Association (VAA), Hagerstown Parks & Recreation, Washington County Museum of Fine Arts (MFA), and the Washington County Arts Council (WCAC.)

There's a new Program available to VAA members to display their paintings, if interested. It's a new relationship between Valley Arts Association and Cafe Roma on Pennsylvania Ave. in Hagerstown.

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

For details on the Program and Requirements ie: contract, size of painting & limits, PLEASE

CALL: Coordinators;

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

FIGURE DRAWING

Open studio figure-drawing sessions are scheduled at the Mansion House Art Center and Gallery for the following dates in April - May.

These uninstructed sessions are on MONDAYS, 10 am to 1 pm. The dates for the sessions are April 7, 14, 21, and 28, and May 5, 12, and 19 (no session on Memorial Day). Professional models, shared model fees only. Drop in O.K., but pre-registration helpful. To register or if you have questions, contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call (no text) 304-261-9583.

WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES

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.

Michael Timothy Davis - One Day Portrait Workshop: April 25, 2025, 10 am to 4 pm

On Friday, April 25, 2025, a six hour workshop from 10 am to 4 pm: \$75 for VAA and Museum Members and \$85 for nonmembers. Develop skills with Michael Timothy Davis, multiple Award winner in international Art Renewal Center competitions - see his work at michaeltimothydavis.com

and <http://www.instagram.com/@michaeldavis.fineart>. Minimum number of

artists is 6 and maximum 10.

This will be intensive class on the fundamentals of a portrait, beginning with a demonstration

Members,

1. Just a reminder that the April show, A Few of My Favorite Things, opens Friday, next week. If you have any artwork you'd like to put in the show, please drop it/them off Sunday, March 23, 1 - 5, or Tuesday, March 25, 10 - 11. (Artwork in the February show can be picked up the same times as the drop offs).

2. Carol Wilks will have a solo show in May with a reception on Sunday, May 4th. The show that was originally scheduled for May is postponed.

3. More information about the September show will be forthcoming.

Thanks,
Denise

Members,

So far, we haven't received your emergency contact information.

We would like to have it on file in case something happened to you.

Additionally, if you have artwork at the Mansion House, we'd like to be able to get it back to you or your contact.

Please email me your:
Emergency Contact
Relationship to you
Telephone Number
Thanks,
Denise Ruby
Membership Chair

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Workshops

Trish Suder – Do You Want to Know How to Frame Everything? Saturday, September 27, 10 am – 2 pm

Trish Suder, artist and certified conservation framer of 27 years, will demonstrate: **The** reason for matting and how to choose the best colors. **Conservation** framing of watercolors, paper goods and prints. **How** to cut glass. **Mounting** and framing of needlework. Glass or no glass. **How** to frame charcoal and pastel artwork. **Make** a memorabilia shadow box.

Pre-registration required. **Fee** is \$50. Framing gift bags and two free drawings. **Questions** about the class, text Trish at 240-313-0659. **To register, contact:** Denise Ruby - phone or text 240-818-7547, email denise7231@aol.com. **Payment Method:** Payment by check made out to Trish Suder, or by cash, to be mailed or dropped off (during business hours) to the Mansion House Art Gallery, Attention: Denise Ruby, 480 Highland Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740

Art Workshops

Thursdays in May! 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22. 10AM - 12PM at the Mansion House Art Center. Whether you are an artist or aspiring artist, we welcome you to join us! Art workshops are open to individuals of all abilities. Participants will learn how to create art with a variety of mediums including paint, recycled/found objects, and everyday items. Participants will also have an opportunity to connect with local artists in the community. Instructors/Guest Presenters will include Amanda Taylor, Founder/Director of Creative Chance, Guest Artists from Creative Chance, and Valley Art Association Members. Visit creativechance.org or go to Facebook: @CreativeChanceBaltimore for more artist info. All supplies will be provided, just bring yourself! Fee to participate: \$75 per participant. Caregivers/supporters are welcome, free of charge. Please provide identification. Creative Chance is an organization that serves individuals with and without disabilities and encourages art of all forms. Workshops are offered by Creative Chance in partnership with the Valley Art Association. For more information and to register, contact Amanda Taylor at 240-338-8099 or amanda.creativechancebaltimore@gmail.com

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This will be intensive class on the fundamentals of a portrait, beginning with a demonstration accompanied by explanations of process, with the opportunity to observe closely and ask questions.

Students may use drawing media or paint media in their work. Michael Davis will provide high quality photographic subject for portrait in order to focus on fundamentals. To register, please contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call (no text) 304-261-9583.

Lesa Cook - Two Day "Low Relief Sculpture" Workshop: Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31, 2025, join a two-day workshop with sculptor and painter, Lesa Cook, instructor at the Delaplaine Art Center: students will create a low (bas) relief sculpture in water-based clay. The workshop will be held from **10:30 am - 4:00 pm** each day, with a half-hour lunch break (lunch provided). Materials for the workshop are included with the use of sculpture stands and tools, and the clay will be provided by the instructor for a \$20 supply fee. Cost for two days is \$138 for VAA and Museum members, \$150 for non-members plus \$20 supply fee for clay provided by instructor. Minimum is 6. To register, please contact Elaine Wolfe at valleyartinfo@gmail.com or call (no text)

Andy Stanicek - Airbrush Workshop (proposed for May 17, 2025)

The artist Andy Stanicek is seeking to learn if there is sufficient interest among Valley Art Members to support his holding a one day workshop on the subject of how the airbrush may be incorporated as a tool in many art mediums. **Please contact Andy by email**

at: stanicek.andrew@gmail.com to express your interest.

Lynn Ferris - Watercolor Classes: July 10 - August 14, 2025, 9 am to noon

Six weekly watercolor classes on Thursdays, July 10 through August 14, from 9 am to noon.

To register, contact Lynn directly at ferrislynn@yahoo.com.

Information on her 2025 exhibitions and workshops is on her website <https://www.lynnferris.com>.

These classes fill up quickly - to avoid disappointment, please register early.

Amy Lindenberg - Colored Pencil Workshop: August 21, 2025, 9 am to 4 pm

On Thursday, August 21, 2025, from 9 am to 4 pm, nationally acclaimed artist and author, Amy Lindberger, will hold colored pencil workshop at the Mansion House. Details will be available by the end of April, and will be emailed to membership at that time by contact person, Elaine Wolfe, valleyartinfo@gmail.com / 304-261-9583 (no text).

OFF-SITE

Nicole Troup - Incorporating Silver Leaf into

Portrait Painting Two-day workshop Saturday, June 7, and Saturday, June 14, from 9:30 am to 4 pm.

Gallery 50 in Waynesboro W. Main Street in Waynesboro, The class will focus on how to incorporate silver leaf gilding techniques and painting techniques with "Golden Open Acrylics", which have a slower drying time to facilitate wet-on-wet blending techniques. Price \$275 check, cash or Paypal. To register and make payments, please contact Nicole Troup at 717-331-1003 or via email nfntroup6@gmail.com or you may make contact via her website: Nicole Troup - Portfolio of Works or via Instagram/Facebook@nicoletroupmasterpiece.

Two-day Virtual Learning Series workshop held by the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts on April 12 and 19, 10 am - 2:30 pm (EST). The link will be provided upon registration. Cost \$140 for Museum members and \$160 for general public. Register and pay by calling the Museum at 301-739-5727 or via their website wcmfa.org, using link to eventbrite.

More information about Nicole Troup is available on her Website and Facebook page.

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 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 see a list of all programs and classes, or to register for events via links to eventbrite, go to their website at wcmfa.org.

With any questions, please email info@wcmfa.org or call 301-739-5727 during Museum hours, Tuesday - Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm.

EXHIBITIONS

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts
Museum hours Tuesday- Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm.

The Cumberland Valley Photographers Exhibition

The annual juried regional Cumberland Valley Photographers Exhibition (MD, VA, PA, DC, WV) March 29 through July 27, 2025. This show has a stunning array of talents and visions and subjects using photographic media. For more information, visit their website, wcmfa.org.

Master Copyists

This special installation features the work of a number of regionally based artist who are officially "master copyists" with authorization to copy paintings in the National Gallery's collection. Examples of their work are on display, and they are also creating new copies of selected works in our collection. Come, observe, talk to them in action!

A copyist is at work on Thursday and Fridays through May 10, from 11 am to 3:30 pm. *Note: our workshop artist, Lesa Cook, is one of these copyists.* For further information, please email info@wcmfa.org or call 301-739-5727.

Berkeley County Arts Council

15th Annual Art and Earth Juried Exhibit

This juried show is open from April 16 - June 14, 2025, with reception on Sunday, May 11, 2 - 4 pm, at the Berkeley Art Works, 116 N. Queen Street in Martinsburg. The gallery is open Thursday - Friday, 11 am to 5 pm and Saturday, 11 am to 4 pm. Out of 83 entries from 36 artists representing 13 states, the judge, Claudia Giannini selected 38 pieces by 33 artists, including **Valley Art member, Lily Ramos-Burrows. Congratulations, Lily!** Telephone: 304-620-7277. Their website is berkeleyartswv.org.

Gallery 50 -50 W. Main Street in Waynesboro through April 26, 2025. Gallery hours are Friday from 5 - 8

pm and Saturday from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. **People and Places** Featuring 10 artists' work, including VAA member, Nicole Troup. See Facebook page for additional hours or for more information, go to the Arts Alliance of Greater Waynesboro at

contact@artsalliancegw.org.

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