



Newsletter

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Letter from the President

As you may be aware we are entering the busiest half of the year as an organization. It will be abundantly necessary to meet our commitments with the assistance of our members as we take on WRAP and STAMP this fall. We are looking for able bodies to volunteer with their strengths over the upcoming months as we announce what is needing to be completed. The steppingstone this will bring for the VAA is vital to the Visual Arts and extended creative base in the Chippewa Valley. We've been dormant for a bit, and it is time to empower the creative spirit in and encourage others in our communities. Less fear, and more empowerment. Less anger, and more kindness. Less taking, and more giving from the heart without need of recognition or acknowledgment. It's time for creators to dig deep in their soul and manifest messages that will impact others on their journey.

The VAA can be part of that force in our communities! I look forward to working with many of you in the upcoming months.

~Tammy Ford

August General Meeting

August 4th, 5-7 PM at the Mill Ridge Community Center in Eau Claire. Directions are as follows: Turn south off 312 on to Kane Road. Turn left at entrance to Mill Ridge Condos. As you enter straight ahead to the left is community center. There is a parking lot and can park on the street if necessary.

Feel free to bring a sack lunch and a beverage as it is over the dinner time.

Program provided by acrylic artists Jane Mohler and Ruth Cronje on "Mark Making."

Artisan Forge Studios Gallery Exhibit RECEPTION

Will be held at Artisan Forge Studios on **Saturday, August 6th between noon and 4 PM**. Light refreshments will be available AND members Dave Udell and Robert Wynkoop will be participating in the Open Jam session, feel free to bring a string instrument and JAM along while enjoying the art and company.

In the Valley this month

Vino Cappuccino, near Elk Mound, is featuring VAA member Dee Brodt for the month of August. Be sure to stop in and say "HI" to the crew while you enjoy delicious homemade Bistro delights, coffee, wine, and cocktails!

Ongoing member exhibits at Lucy's Deli, Artisan Forge Studio Wall, and Altoona Library, be sure to check them out!

Upcoming Visual Art Events

August 6th Noon – 4PM Artisan Forge Studios/VAA Gallery Exhibit Reception

August 17-18th CVWA Watercolor and Ink Class, contact Lindamerry Udell at lindamerryart@gmail.com

August 27th – Clearwater Jazz & Art Festival at the Brewing Projekt in Eau Claire

September 9-10th Yellowstone Art Trail

September 9th – November 13th Pablo's Annual "Confluence of Art"

CONGRATS are in order!

Artisan Forge Studios now has new owners, John and Kelly Speros, the VAA looks forward to working with them as we continue to support the Visual Arts in the future!

Annual Fall Member Show, "COMING TOGETHER,

One Small Piece at a Time" hosted by the Heyde Center is running congruent to the WRAP show. Please be reminded each member may submit 2 pieces NO LARGER THAN 10" x 10" including frame, 10" x 10" x 10" for 3D pieces. **ALL members** encouraged to exhibit. Registration will begin August 20th and end Sept. 20th.



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The Registration for the Wisconsin Regional Art Program (WRAP) is open and we are excited registrations are coming in. Registrations will be on a first in basis, so if you plan to enter do it early.

Registration can be done through www.valleyartassociation.org under the events tab or through <https://wiscartists.wildapricot.org/event-4489667> under Chippewa Falls WRAP. When entering remember the maximum size for 2-d work is 3 feet by 3 feet framed, 3-d work will be displays on pedestals with a maximum height of 3 feet.

Registration for Statewide Teen Art Mentor Program (STAMP) also open. If you, have it in your heart to mentor a young student (age 13-19) please enter them in STAMP. There is no cost to enter.

You do not have to be a VAA member to enter WRAP or STAMP. Recruit your artists friends to join in on this fun experience, the Presentation by Allen Servoss and the Artists Reception.

Please remember to donate to the Silent Auction for WRAP. Some ideas include: Treats for Chocolate Lovers; Cooking Like a Pro; A Gardener's Bucket; Creative Supplies for Children; Summer Fun Spa Basket; The Young Adult Art Bin; a free class; and Rainy-Day Adventures.

If you have any questions, contact: Valvaa2021@gmail.com

Attention

Reminder to email any updates, personal exhibits, and accomplishments to tford67.tf4@gmail.com before the 20th of the month to be included in the newsletter/website.

Also, please visit the website often, as events are ever changing, and it's a one stop place providing information for members and the community.

www.valleyartassociation.org