



Newsletter

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The Mission of the Valley Art Association is to promote visual arts and artists in the Chippewa Valley of Wisconsin through networking, creative development, and support for exhibits and Workshops.

Letter from the President

We had a wonderful turnout for the Member Exhibit at the Heyde last week with 2 pieces selling that evening! The display is beautiful and diverse with mediums. I'd encourage all members to walk thru all three of the galleries, even better, enjoy one of the many Holiday show options the Heyde has to offer.

As we approach the Holiday 'rush' season, many artists are selling their creations at exhibits, shows, and galleries in this area and beyond. I have always enjoyed both giving and receiving handmade creations, there is such thought and meaning in exchanging gratitude and love in this way! While this year winds down, I am encouraged by the new members breathing life into this organization and for having a group of creatives who share a passion for the Arts! One more newsletter to go, and my Exec board time will be complete, it's been a pleasure, and as always, BE WELL – Tammy

VAA Member Displays for Nov/Dec

Sweet Driver Cafe – Frank Nowak and Val Naber

*Next year's exhibitors email will go out soon.

Chippewa Valley Art Events and Exhibits

Heyde Center for the Arts October 26th - December 4th, "Words of Inspiration" VAA Member Exhibit

Confluence for the Arts September 15th – Nov. 12th at the Pablo Center's James W Hansen Gallery. Several VAA Members were accepted into this local exhibit.

Banbury Art Crawl Registration by December 1st for this juried Art Event at <https://www.banburyartcrawl.com/registration>

Other places for ongoing art displays & events involving VAA members include, Bridge St. Art & Gifts Co-op, Tangled Up in Hue, 200 Main, Collective Charm, and The Heyde Center for the Arts

Monthly meeting info:

Next meeting will be Dec. 7th 5-8 PM for the Holiday Party

All members should have received their invitation via email, if not please reach out to one of the board members listed below to confirm your email address. Please see the invitation below, and designate Gluten Free when you RSVP.

Please contact any board member for questions you may have regarding Membership, Exhibits, Programs, opportunities, etc

President – Tammy Ford tford67.tf4@gmail.com

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The legacy of the VAA organization lies with its members and their ability to serve its mission.

Nominations can be submitted at any time for any future executive board positions to the Members At Large via email. Also, Thank You to all who have served on board and committee positions over the years.



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Executive Board Nominees

President, Kathy Stockton-Behnke
Treasurer, Val Naber

Vote to install by majority will be held at the
Holiday Party On Dec. 7th

Community Opportunity for Art Classes

Chippewa Falls Cardinal Community Outreach is now taking applications from instructors for this Springs courses. For more information, or to sign up contact:

Community Education Coordinator, Jenny Schafer
715-720-3749 schaferjl@chipfalls.org

Committee Opportunities

VAA is looking for both Committee Chairs and members for the following: Exhibit and Education

*Currently we have an Interim Exhibit Chair, and no Chair or members for the education committee.

Special WRAP Recognition

During the WRAP State Event in Madison on September 23, Val Naber, our WRAP coordinator was recognized for having the most NEW artists participate in a regional WRAP event in its 83 years of existence, and the VAA received a check for \$100.00. This award is also a credit to the fantastic VAA WRAP Committee including Beth Creekmore, Lindamerry Udell, Ellen Wynkoop, Bob Wynkoop, Karen Clark and Tammy Ford. They all deserve a round of applause. Well DONE!!

Upcoming Meetings/Programs

December – Holiday Party at The Brewing Projekt in Eau Claire, ‘program’ will include music, silent auction, and exec board vote!

NO meetings January & February

If you or someone you know has interesting art, unique techniques, or savvy skills to share via presentation or demonstration with our members, or you have suggestions for a program, please contact Program Chair, Kathy, at

kasbehnke@gmail.com .

Website GALLERY

Winter updates will occur Dec 1st-20th for updates to the gallery bio’s. Webmaster, H. Steve Cole will be contacting ALL eligible members, as well as offering appts for photographing artwork or self for a personal Bio image. Photo Ops had been done pre-Covid and WILL have limited dates & times for those who are challenged with producing images for online platforms.

The VAA Website Gallery is available to *all members in good standing*, a PDF is available on the website **EVENTS & MEMBERSHIP Pages** with instructions for both current gallery members and new to gallery members. Updates are completed twice per calendar year.

NOTE: THIS is not a site to sell from, but provides a secure web link with Bio, contact, and reference photos for sharing.



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VALLEY ART ASSOCIATION

HOLIDAY PARTY

December 7, 5:00pm to 8:00pm

At the Brewing Projekt
1807 North Oxford, Eau Claire

Italian buffet catered by K.P. Katering
(gluten free options available)

Members free

Guests \$15.00 each payable with reservations.

Mail check to VAA, P.O Box 674,
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

RSVP to vaaspecialevents@gmail.com by
November 30, 2024

Bring an item for the silent auction.

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS