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President’s Message

Sorry for the lateness of the newsletter. On the day I was going to send it out, fate had another plan for me. I have spent the last two weeks in and out of doctor offices and ERs and in the hospital. In the end I have a pacemaker added to my life unexpectedly.

I am getting back on track but will miss the next meeting. Our very capable vice-president Cari Raynae Jacobson will step in to keep things in order. “God willing and the creek don’t rise” I will be back in service later in September.

Some deadlines are coming up in August and early September for you to take notice of:

- Gallery update (**already started**) **August 30 - September 13, 2024** – see the website for details. Also, Steve Cole sent out an email recently with information.
- VAA Fall Art Exhibit at the Heyde. Entries due by **September 15**. “Celebration” is the theme. There will be a board award of \$100 and an honorable mention award of \$25 both new this year. Exhibit runs **October 21st- December 30 (change in ending date)**. CFA attached with newsletter.
- 13 members of the VAA were accepted into the juried “Arrivals and Departures” exhibit. Congratulations to all of them! (see list below). Awards presentation will be **held September 8 from 2-4pm** at the Heyde Center. The VAA has provided a \$100 award for “the best use of light”. I hope you can attend this award ceremony and will take time to visit the exhibit which runs **September 5-October 16** at the Heyde. (see email attachment)
- A new venue is opening up this fall at the **Wild Flour Bakery in Chippewa Falls**. Two artists will be able to exhibit for two- month period beginning this fall. A Call for Artists will go out soon. Cudos to the exhibit committee for finding new venues for VAA members.
- Another new exhibiting opportunity will come available soon at the **Banbury Holiday Market on December 7**. The project is being developed right now. Stay tuned.



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Your VAA Board Members

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

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Website VAA GALLERY

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. Next update is September 2024. **NOTE: THIS is not a site to sell from, but provides a secure web link with Bio, contact, and reference photos for sharing.**

<https://www.valleyartassociation.org>

Schedule of Meetings and Events 2024

September 5th– at Heyde Center 1:30pm Noriko Slowinski presentation

October 3rd– at Heyde Center 1:30pm TBA

November 7th – **Artists Reception at the Heyde** -5:00-8:00pm

December 5th– Brewing Projekt VAA Holiday Party 5:00-8:00pm