

HARMONY

VAA Newsletter

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President’s Message

As we draw nearer to the end of the 2024 year of VAA and we have just opened our Fall Heyde Exhibit, it is hard to believe that so much time has passed! There have been many changes to our interface with the surrounding communities including the closing of past venues and the opening up of brand new ones. New this year, also is the planning for offering an early winter workshop on “Perspective” on January 16. It will be a day long class about one and two-point perspective taught by Jeff Nelson. More information on that upcoming.

Our **November 7** meeting is an artist reception sponsored by the Heyde Center. Our first board awards will be revealed at that meeting. I hope you can be there for that and for another **Art Doctor** critique of some of the artwork brought in by members who have signed up. This critique session is also new this year.

December meeting will be our Holiday Party at the **Brewing Project** on **December 5**. Members are asked to provide an item for the silent auction. Be thinking of what you might want to contribute. The food will be provided by Silly Serrano and Wild Flour Bakery, both of which are new exhibit venues for VAA. Guests price is \$15/person.

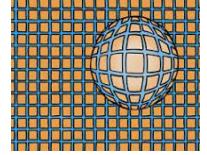
The December meeting event will also be for the election of vice president and secretary, both of which have been filled as interim positions for the last year. If you or someone you know would like to be considered by the group for an officer position or for a member-at-large position, please contact me at vaapresident2024@gmail.com. This is how we keep the VAA moving forward by members stepping up to help lead the group from time to time.

See you on November 7th!

Schedule of Meetings and Events 2024

November 7th – Artists Reception at the Heyde -5:30-7:00pm- the **Art Doctor** will be in! Sign up ahead of time if you want to bring art. Number limited. Contact vaapresident2024@gmail.com to get on the list. A few spots are left.

December 5th– Brewing Projekt VAA Holiday Party 5:30 Be planning for your silent auction contribution. Guests are \$15/person. Food provided by Silly Serrano and Wild Flour Bakery.



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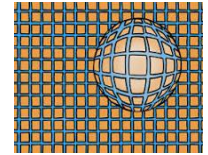
## Reminders for Exhibiting:

1. You are to bring the art and remove the art on the days and at the time determined by the coordinators. You may not remove your art on a different day or time. If you have a conflict on either of these dates or times, contact the coordinator.
2. You are responsible for hanging the art in coordination with each venue coordinator. If you are unable to fulfill this responsibility you must designate someone to take your place. You may not bring your work and drop it off.
3. Your artwork must be properly framed and labeled. You will be given the specific information regarding framing and labeling by the coordinators. If you need information about the guidelines on how to frame your artwork, contact your coordinator. Artwork not suitably framed cannot be accepted. Acceptance of artwork is coordinator driven.
4. Make sure your **dues are paid** for the year and your **exhibit fee** has been received by the treasurer. It is not the job of the coordinator to track you down to do this. If unpaid, your artwork cannot be hung.
5. If you don't follow the rules, you may not be allowed to participate in future exhibits.

## Venue Opportunities NOW

- **Wild Flour Bakery in Chippewa Falls.** Two artists will be able to exhibit for two- month period. June Haigh-Boley coordinator- [haighboley@gmail.com](mailto:haighboley@gmail.com)
- **Banbury Holiday Market on Saturday, December 7.** Limited availability for both 2D and 3D artists. Sign up now! **Deadline extended to November 1.** This is a great venue for selling your work and for highlighting the VAA. 6000 people attended the event last year! **Room for five 2D artists and four 3D artists.** Please consider joining in to sell your work and make a showing for VAA. Sarah Williams coordinator- [sarahj724@gmail.com](mailto:sarahj724@gmail.com)
- **Silly Serrano** restaurant- Two artists can display for a two-month period. Sarah Williams is the coordinator- [sarahj724@gmail.com](mailto:sarahj724@gmail.com)
- **Pilates Studio-** One artist per two-month period. June Haigh-Boley is the coordinator- [haighboley@gmail.com](mailto:haighboley@gmail.com)





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## Your VAA Board Members

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

**President** – Kathy Stockton-Behnke [vaapresident2024@gmail.com](mailto:vaapresident2024@gmail.com)

**Interim Vice President** - Cari Raynae Jacobson ([cariraynae@gmail.com](mailto:cariraynae@gmail.com))

**Interim Secretary** – Rhonda Bengtson ([r.bengtson.57@gmail.com](mailto:r.bengtson.57@gmail.com))

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### Members At Large:

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**Webmaster:** H. Steve Cole ([hubertscole@gmail.com](mailto:hubertscole@gmail.com))

### 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 April, 2025. **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>