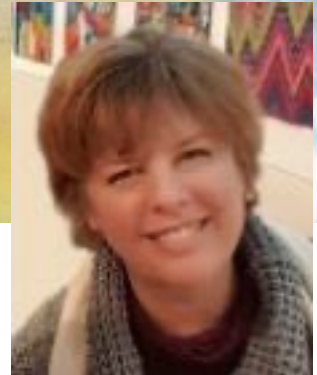




*Western Ohio Watercolor Society  
June Newsletter 2025*



Hello Everyone,

Welcome to June! I'm happy to report that most of my garden is planted, and now it's mostly in the hands of Mother Nature to help it along (with a little help from me.) I'm hoping that a few months from now I can complain that I have more tomatoes than I can handle. I have to admit that this time of year I am often torn between using my spare time to do gardening stuff or to paint, but at the end of the day, I'm just thankful I have the spare time that creates such a quandary.

Our May members meeting featured a demo by the inimitable Dan Knepper - it was enthusiastic, insightful and at times comedic! Dan is such an accomplished and experienced artist, and it was a treat to hear his stories and learn of not just his technical technique for watercolor, but his thoughts and theories on the art business in general. Our next meeting will be on June 17th, and will feature WOWS member and award-winning artist Rhonda Sloan as she leads us through a demonstration on painting a farm scene. As one who often paints rural landscapes, I'm excited to see what tips, techniques and knowledge she can offer us.

Since our last newsletter, the Spring WOWS Fine Art Show has gone up and is on display at the Tipp Center in Tipp City. The show is a bit smaller than in the past, but the quality of work is outstanding. If you haven't seen it yet, you have until June 15th to check it out. See the News section below for results of the judging.

I'll wrap this up by inviting you to a little different activity for WOWS: we'll be joining some of the Dayton Area Plein Air painters at [Wegerzyn Gardens](#) on Thursday, June 5th from 9am - 1pm. I've found that painting outdoors opens up a whole new experience in the way I create a painting, and I encourage experienced plein air painters or newbies to join us Thursday. At the moment, the weather is looking iffy, so let's hope it cooperates...

*Cheers,  
Tessa*

## NEWS

### ***Congratulations to the winners in the 2025 WOWS Spring Fine Art Show!***

1st Place, **Jeanette Ferguson**: "Oregon Grapes"

2nd Place, **Tessa Kalman**: "Judging the 4-H Lambs"

3rd Place, **Rose Schultz**: "Around the Bend"

Honorable Mention: **Marsha Elliott**: "Neon Beacon"

Honorable Mention: **Shirlee Bauer**: "Shadows of Yesterday"

Honorable Mention: **Eileen Thomson**: "I Wonder"

Honorable Mention: **Carol Edsall**: "Just Follow Me"



*"Oregon Grapes" by Jeanette Ferguson*

### ***Congratulations to WOWS member Libby Rudolf for Acceptance into AWS show!***

Libby's painting "Spring Tapestry" has been accepted into the American Watercolor Society's Associate Members Online Show, that runs June 12 through August 30, 2025 on the AWS Youtube channel. Way to go, Libby!



*"Spring Tapestry" by Libby Rudolf*

***Congratulations to WOWS members selected for Rosewood Gallery's 30th Annual "The View" Landscape Exhibition!***

Come to the exhibition at Kettering's Rosewood Art Center Gallery, June 9 - July 19 to see works by Charlene Fox, Yuki Hall, and Tessa Kalman on display at this prestigious regional art show. Some other local names you might recognize in the show are Sharon Stolzenberger, Brendan Higgins, Tamiko Stump, Lorenzo Lee, and David Yeamans. Show awards will be announced at the closing reception on July 19th.

***Congratulations to WOWS members who won awards at the Fairborn Art Association's Members' Fine Art Show!***

1st Place: **Tessa Kalman**, "Precarious Perch"

3rd Place: **Eileen Thomson**, "My Dad the Dude"

Honorable Mention: **Linda Brandenburg**, "Angry Duck"

Honorable Mention: **Susie Scott**, "Windows"

Honorable Mention: **Marsha Elliott**, "Wise Contemplation"

Honorable Mention: **Connie S. Gifford**, "Different Spokes for Folks"

Honorable Mention: **Carol Collett**, "Daybreak"

Judge's Merit Award: **Paula Whittington**, "The Gardener"

Judge's Merit Award: **Sue Seitz**, "Person of the Forest"

Judge's Merit Award: **Rose Schultz** "Ready, Set, Go"

Judge's Merit Award: **Barbara Olekas** "Time for Shopping"

Judge's Merit Award: **Shirlee Bauer** "It Rained on our Parade"

***WOWS Member Connie Gifford invited to give demo at Beaver Creek Library***

**Connie S. Gifford** will be the demonstration artist on Saturday, June 7, from 1:00–2:00 pm at the Carol Graff Beaver Creek Community Library, located at 3618 Dayton-Xenia Road, Beaver Creek, OH 45432. During the demo, Connie will use a limited watercolor palette to paint a colorful sunflower. The library's summer of fun theme is "Color Our World." During the month of June, Connie will have several of her watercolors on display in the Media room of the library. Access the library website link for this program [here](#).

**Artist Demonstration**

On June 17th at our WOWS meeting, join Rhonda Sloan for a watercolor demo focused on capturing the rustic beauty of barns, farm scenes, and cows. With an emphasis on creating atmosphere, Rhonda will demonstrate how to use soft washes, muted color, and selective detail to bring mood and storytelling into rural landscapes. Learn how to suggest weathered wood, open fields, and the gentle presence of grazing cows—all



without overworking the scene. Rhonda's loose, expressive technique allows the subject to breathe, inviting the viewer into a peaceful, familiar setting full of charm and character.

See the WOWS website's "Programs" page [here](#) (and scroll to bottom) for more details about Rhonda, and images of her and her artwork.

## Show Opportunities

### ***B-W Greenway Community Land Trust's "Landscapes2025 Juried Art Exhibition"***

This year's inspiration spot is Koogler Prairie Wetlands Reserve near Beavercreek. Entries to be delivered to the FAA gallery on Sat. June 28 or Sun. June 29, 1-3pm. See the prospectus on their website [here](#) for all the details.

### ***Miamisburg Art Gallery 2025 Juried Art Show***

Submission dates for entries are Fri, Aug 8 (5-7pm), Sat, Aug 9 (1-5pm) at the Miamisburg Art Gallery. See their website [here](#) for the prospectus and details.

## Painting Opportunities

### ***Dayton Area Plein Air outing at Wegerzyn Gardens***

WOWS is joining up with DAPA for a paint-out at the beautiful Wegerzyn Gardens on Thursday, June 5th from 9am - 1pm. [1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton, OH 45414](#) (Meet near the formal garden area.) For experienced plein air artists or newbies, and all mediums are welcome; this is a very casual get-together to paint with other artists.

## Shows to Visit

### ***Western Ohio Watercolor Society's 2025 Spring Fine Art Show***

Through June 15th at the Tipp Center in Tipp City, OH. Open Mon - Fri, 8am - 6pm; Sat & Sun 9am - 2pm. (Artwork pickup is Monday, June 16th, 3pm - 6pm)

### ***The TriArt Society Show***

Through June 7th at the Miamisburg Art Gallery. See the M.A.G.'s [website](#) for location and times.

### ***J. M. W. Turner: Watercolor Horizons***

March 1-June 15, 2025

Taft Museum of Art, Cincinnati, OH

<https://www.taftmuseum.org/exhibitions/turner250>