



Western Ohio Watercolor Society

Dec. 1, 2024

President's Message

Hello Members,

As I sit here tapping out this message to you, the snow is falling, I've just enjoyed some Thanksgiving leftovers, and I have pecan pie awaiting me when I've finished. For this, I am thankful. Along with pie, I'm also looking forward to our Holiday Fine Art Show, because it's always fun to see what artistic endeavors our group has been up to. (See the "Show Opportunities" section for details.)

I'm also thankful for the folks who responded to my call for news-worthy events and information; you'll see those mentioned below. One news tidbit that I'll share here took me back to a time after I had just graduated college and attended a Guild of Natural Science Illustrators workshop in Seattle. One of the classes was on using watercolor techniques in botanical illustration. I learned a lot in that 2-day class, and although these days I've moved away from such exacting detail in my work, I still appreciate the blending of science and art in these beautiful paintings. A current artist whose work you might appreciate is Julia Trickey - an award-winning UK botanical illustrator who has painted, taught and authored articles about her work over the last 20 years. See her work here: <https://www.juliatrickey.co.uk/>, and thank you, Jane, for the tip!

I hope I see many of you tomorrow at registration, and even if you can't participate in the show, please visit the exhibit and enjoy the efforts of your WOWS colleagues.

Cheers,

Tessa

News

The Middletown Arts Center is holding their annual **Area Art Exhibition** that runs through Dec. 12th. Several of our members were accepted and two won awards:

1. **Billie Dickson** won a 3rd place award for Watermedia with "*Half Timber House in Normandy*"
2. **Rose Schultz** won Honorable Mentions in both Mixed Media and Watermedia for "*Woodland Path*" and "*Leeward Boat*", respectively.
3. **Carol Edsall** had 2 works accepted in to the show: "*Upstate Gorge*" and "*A Tale Of Many Swallows*"



Billie Dickson at the MAC's
Area Art Exhibition

4. **Sherry Li Cai** had her work *"The Voice of Waterfall"* accepted.
5. **Karen Livingston** exhibited *"Indian Lake - It's Dawn"*

Kudos to our members whose works so well represent the talent of WOWS in this show!



Rose Schultz's "Leeward Boat"



WOWS members contribute artwork for fundraiser

Former WOWS Treasurer Sue Konek issued a call for members who might be interested in donating miniature paintings for a tabletop Christmas Tree, to be auctioned at the Friends of Smith Gardens holiday fundraiser. Several members answered the call, and as a result the WOWS tree received the highest bid of the evening - \$400! Way to go, WOWS!

Marsha Elliott has recently completed two commission works, and also sold an original painting from her website on FineArtAmerica! See her amazing work at <https://fineartamerica.com/profiles/marsha-elliott>.

Shirlee Bauer participated in Tipp City's *"a holiday affair"* on Nov. 9th at the Tipp Center. This event featured handmade gifts crafted by local artists.

By the way...

WOWS Publicity Officer: Help Wanted

The WOWS Executive Board would like to extend an invitation to our membership for someone to assist with social media and possibly newsletter publicity activities for our organization. If you are adept at using Facebook and are a reasonably skillful writer, we could use your help in getting information distributed to the public about upcoming events, our members accomplishments, meeting reminders, etc. This doesn't require you to be a Board member, so there is no obligation to attend monthly meetings. If this interests you, please contact Tessa Kalman at wows4info@gmail.com for more details.

If you'd like a mention in the newsletter for your newsworthy accomplishments, please send an email to wows4info@gmail.com or call Tessa at (937) 902-2579 a few days before the first of the month.

Show Opportunities

WOWS Holiday Members' Show 2024

- Art Drop-off/registration at the Fairborn Art Association Gallery is TOMORROW (MONDAY, DEC. 2) from 2pm - 4pm. Please have your registration forms completed and affixed to the back of your artwork. The prospectus/registration form can be downloaded from our website at www.westernohiowatercolorssociety.org/shows
- The Opening Reception will be **December 8, from 1pm - 4pm. Mark your calendar!**

35th Annual Dayton Works On Paper

January 21–March 1, 2025

Artists living within a 40-mile radius of Dayton may submit two-and three-dimensional works of art on or of paper. Artwork to be submitted can be dropped off at Rosewood Arts Center on January 4, 2025, from 1:00–3:00 pm and January 6, 2025, from 12:00–8:00 pm.

Shows to Visit

Middletown Arts Center Area Art Exhibition

11/08/24 - 12/12/24

Village Artisans Peace on Earth Gallery Show

Village Artisans are presenting a “Peace on Earth” art exhibit in their Lobby Gallery at 100 Corry Street, Yellow Springs, Ohio. The show runs through January 7, 2025, during regular gallery hours, and is free and open to the public.

An All Member, Plein Air Exhibition

K12 Tejas Gallery, Dayton, OH

October 21 to December 31, 2024

Meetings at: FAA Gallery (Fairborn Art Association) 221 North Central Avenue, Fairborn, OH 45324