



## President's Message

Hello WOWS,

Welcome to fall! Welcome to apple cider, bonfires, jacket weather, turning leaves, and pumpkin-spice-everything season. AND... 'tis the season for creating artwork for our WOWS "Essence of Autumn" show in November! The Yellow Springs Art Council gallery will host the show, so be sure to carefully read the prospectus when it is released (which should be soon; watch for it in your email inbox.) We'll also have them available at our September 16th meeting. It's a small gallery, so we'll need to implement size limitations on the entries.

For me personally, this is an eventful time filled with taking art to shows, visiting shows, attending receptions and helping out with the OWS exhibit in Springfield. In one of the art newsletters I get, an artist wrote a good article about attending opening receptions, so I'll borrow her advice to pass on to you.

She made the point that attending a show's reception - even when your piece didn't get in - can have benefits. Networking with other artists, meeting new ones, noting the art the juror *did* choose (good information to file away), and just showing interest in your colleagues' work by showing up can be beneficial. It helps ease the sting to realize that each accepted artist there has probably been juried out of a show at some point. As you walk around the room, be inspired by the outstanding pieces, and wonder at the ones that got in over yours, making you ask yourself what the juror was thinking (yes, we've all done that.) A few weeks ago, I attended the demonstration of a nationally-renowned artist who shared with us that he'd experienced a show rejection by jurors that had once been his own students! But he's able to shake it off and appreciate the irony.

So, this fall (and thereafter), if life hands you humble pie, get back in line and you may be given a big slice of pumpkin with extra whipped cream!

Cheers,  
Tessa

## **WOWS MEMBERS NEWS**

Congratulations to the following WOWS Members for their outstanding performance at the Miamisburg Art Gallery Juried Art Show 2025. Gorgeous works by our extremely talented artists!



1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mixed Media "Beyond The Boardwalk" by Rose Schultz



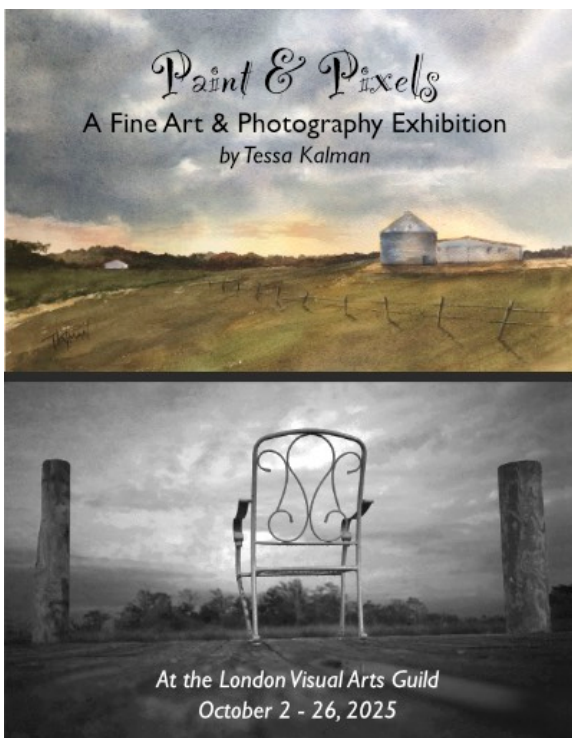
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Water Media "Pensive" by Billie Dickson



3<sup>rd</sup> Place Water Media "Just Follow Me" by Carol Edsall

## WOWS MEMBERS NEWS CONTINUED

Eileen Thomson has completed two of her absolutely outstanding commissioned works! Pictured below. Make sure to mention to her how very lovely they are. She will soon be finishing her 3<sup>rd</sup> commissioned work. I for one cannot wait to see it!!



Congratulations to our esteemed President, **Tessa Kalman!** She will be having a solo show at the London Visual Arts Guild, Oct 2 thru Oct 28, 2025.

### **“Paint and Pixels-A Fine Art and Photography Exhibition”**

at the London Visual Arts Guild  
5 E. High St.  
London, OH 43140



## WOWS MEMBERS NEWS CONTINUED

Also to Donna Pierce-Clark, Jeanette Ferguson and Kathy Moeller for the following exhibit at the Troy Hayner Center. **This is a must see exhibit!!!!**



### ***"Brushstrokes of Brilliance"***

Watercolor Exhibit

August 29, 2025 – October 5, 2025

Troy-Hayner Cultural Center

***Follow this link to learn more:***

<https://www.troyhayner.org/exhibits>

Also, congratulations to Shirlee Bauer for **Life as Art** solo exhibit at the Centerville Police Station from September 2, thru the 30<sup>th</sup>!

## **Life as ART**

*A Collection of Works by*

**SHIRLEE BAUER**



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### **Opening Reception**

September 7, 2025

2-4pm

### **Exhibit Dates**

September

2nd to 30th

Centerville  
Police Lobby  
155 W Spring  
Valley Pike

Centerville,  
Ohio 45458

## ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

*Greater Cincinnati Watercolor Society*

**TOM FRANCESCONI**

from THURSDAY, OCT. 2 to SATURDAY, OCT. 4 2025.

This is the link for more information and to sign up for this workshop.

<https://www.greatercincinnatiwatercolorssociety.org/calendar-of-events/event/painting-fresh-and-expressive-watercolors-a-3-day-workshop/2025-10-04/>

**TCAAC**

**Tipp City Area Arts Council**

REGISTRATION FOR PAINT OHIO HISTORY is now open. You can register at this info:

[www.tippcityartscouncil.com/paint](http://www.tippcityartscouncil.com/paint)



## FUN STUFF IN OUR AREA

### PorchFest at the beautiful Troy-Hayner Center

Next to the courthouse in:

Downtown Troy, Ohio

10:30 to 6:00

**September 13, 2025**

Artisan Tent Village

Country Workshop Artists will have a booth with great art work for sale as will other wonderful artists in our area.

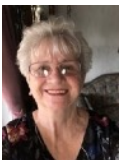
Food trucks, bands and some great local music with 7 new concerts every hour on the porches in the Historic Southwest District of Troy



## Joke of the month

I had two short ones that cracked me up this month:

- My husband and I have reached the difficult decision that we do not want children. If anybody does, please just send me your contact details, and we can drop them off tomorrow.
- My mom died when we couldn't remember her blood type. The last thing she said was, "Be positive." But it's hard without her.



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