

President's Message

Hello WOWS,

We have quite a variety of information to relay this month: news of members' honors and awards, the upcoming demo, WOWS show details, a call for Life Membership and sad news regarding a former member.

At our last meeting, artist Michelle Walker demonstrated her method of accurate drawing when out on location, and I got to go paint with her after the meeting at Oakes Quarry! Our next meeting will be October 16th, and we'll be welcoming member Shirlee Bauer as she demonstrates the watercolor powders called Brusho. You won't want to miss seeing this unique medium in action!

We have results from the judging of the Ohio Watercolor Society show at the Springfield Museum of Art, and from the Ohio Plein Air Society's annual competition.

Please don't forget about our fall show "Essence of Autumn" that's coming up at the beginning of November. I've just begun my first piece for this show; hopefully I'll have two done in time.

I love October; this is such a good time of year to get outside with my paints and reacquaint myself with the true colors of nature, especially in the shadows that the camera tends not to capture. And I also can't wait to put Michelle's plein air drawing techniques into action.

And as one of our members is fond of saying, "keep those brushes moving!" The fall show will be here before you know it!

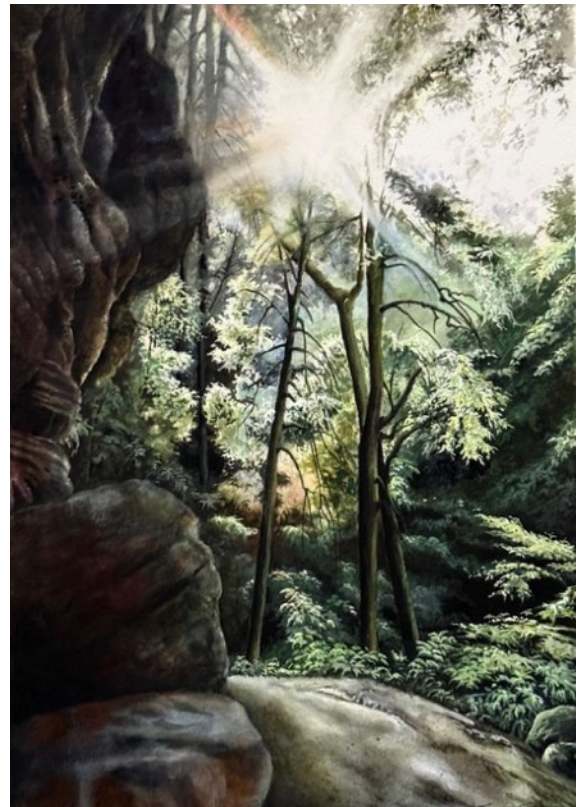
Cheers,
Tessa

WOWS MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to the following WOWS Members for making the Travel Show for the Ohio Watercolor Society's Annual Exhibition: *Watercolor Ohio 2025*. Thirty-two works from the exhibition are chosen for the Travel Show - see the OWS website to see the travel show's locations.



Yuki Hall
Vintage Tram in Milan



Jeanette Ferguson
Hocking Hills Evening Sun



Yuki Hall won second place for her painting at the Ohio Plein Air Society's Annual Competition

Sad News...

WOWS Past President (2004-2007) **Karen Benedetti**, passed away late Tuesday night, September 23rd, 2025.

Karen lived a rich and full life as an artist, teacher, and friend. She deeply valued her family, her “buds,” and the creative community she built around her. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Benedetti, who passed away on January 20th, 2020. Karen is survived by her two children, Chris and Geoff Benedetti.

If you would like to send a card or note, you can reach them here:

Chris Benedetti	Geoff Benedetti
4611 Foster Ave	3641 Taiga Dr
Baltimore, MD 21224	Anchorage, AK 99516



Lifetime Member Nomination

WOWS is calling for nominations for a Life Membership honoree. Active members may nominate another active member to the Executive Board by submitting a written statement describing why their nominee should be considered for the honor. We can award 1 (one) Life Membership every 3 years, unless there are unusual circumstances that justify awarding more. The applicable part of our By-Laws on this topic are as follows, and the entire by-laws document can be found on our website on the Board Members page (www.westernohiowatercolorsociety.org/board-members.html):

"Section 3.

Life Members are active members who have been awarded Life Membership by vote of the Executive Board, having all privileges of membership without requirements of payment of dues. “Life Member” is a special honor bestowed upon an active member who has contributed significantly during their membership to further the purpose of WOWS, as stated in Article I, Section 2, above.

- a. Any active member or Executive Board member may nominate another active member to the Executive Board for consideration of this special recognition.
- b. This nomination must be in writing, outlining and giving the specific contributions the nominee has made to WOWS and be signed by the recommending member.

c. The current Executive Board will then consider the nomination and a two-thirds vote of the attending Executive Board is required to grant this honor which would be presented at the following general meeting of the membership.”

Roster correction: The email address for Aileen Cave should have been listed as: aileencave@ymail.com - (not gmail.com) Be sure to change in your books.

Executive Board Position Opening

WOWS is calling for a volunteer to serve as Treasurer beginning in April of 2026! Julie Shuman has done an excellent job serving as WOWS Treasure for the past two years and is looking to hand off the duties for the next 2-year term beginning next April. Please notify a board member if you have interest in serving in this capacity!

WOWS Fall Members' Fine Art Exhibition: *Essence of Autumn*

Details for the WOWS fall show have been finalized and the prospectus is available on our website's page. <http://www.westernohiowatercolorsociety.org/shows.html>
(If you have any difficulty downloading the prospectus, contact show chairperson Carol Collett (cacollett22@icloud.com) to request it be emailed to you. Artwork drop off/registration is Monday, Oct. 27 at the Yellow Springs Arts Council Gallery on 111 Corry Street, Yellow Springs from 3-6pm

SHOWS TO VISIT

Tessa Kalman has a show - Paint & Pixels - hanging through Oct. 26 at:
London Visual Arts Center
121 E. High St
London, OH 43140
Open hours: Thurs. 11- 2, Sat. 10 - 2, Sun. 11 - 2

Libby Rudolf has a show hanging through Dec. 14th at:
Bruckner Nature Center
5995 Horseshoe Bend Rd
Troy, OH 45373

Bonnie Kuntz has a painting in the Springfield Museum of Art members' show through December, 2 paintings at "Earth Tones" exhibit the Woodbourne Library; and a solo exhibit "One Woman's Journey" at the Gallery at Sinclair Centerville campus.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

WOWS October demo artist will be **Shirlee Bauer**, who will be demonstrating the use of Brusho in watercolor painting. This is a powdered watercolor that can yield very interesting effects. Our next meeting is October 21, so put it on your calendar to see this new and unusual watercolor medium. Shirlee's information can be viewed on the WOWS website on the Programs page.

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Carol Strock-Wasson Pastel Workshop Oct. 13th - Oct. 16th, 2025. Sponsored by the Piqua Arts Council, held at the Apple Tree Gallery in Piqua. See the PAC's website for registration. <https://piquaartscouncil.org/workshops>

Bonnie Kuntz is teaching watercolor classes for LLC at the Sinclair campus. You can contact Bonnie at: bkuntz@roadrunner.com

MEMBER ART FOR SALE

Bonnie Kuntz

My big Fall Collector Event is coming up soon—but if you want an early look and a little treat, this one's for you. Use code FIRSTLOOK to take 20% off at checkout before the full event begins.

This offer won't last long, so if something's caught your eye, now's the perfect time to browse my online art gallery: [Shop Art](#)

Joke of the month

This one made me laugh even though I was blond in my past life:

A blond woman, tired of all the blond jokes, decided to dye her hair brown. She then decided to take a ride in the country just for fun. Driving along she spied a shepherd with a large herd of sheep so she stopped to talk with him a while. She said, "If I can guess how many sheep you have, can I have one? The shepherd agreed and she confidently replied, "382"! The shepherd was shocked-she was right!!! So, she picked one up and started walking away. The shepherd called out; "If I can guess your real hair color can I have my dog back?"



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