



Western Ohio Watercolor Society

Hello Everyone,

Well, I think we all knew that we needed some rain, but...wow.

Craig and I were fortunate in that we didn't have any damage and only our internet went out for a few days, whereas other folks in our neighborhood were still without power as of this morning. I'm guessing some of you did not fare as well as we did; my heart goes out to you and to the people trying to get things back into working order.



The silver lining to having no internet was that, without the distraction of YouTube watercolor demos, I got out into my studio (which is just my enclosed back porch, but hey, it works) and started a painting I've been meaning to do for a while. This is also the time of year I start going through my photo references and deciding what would make good paintings for next year's shows. I need the extra time because I tend to do a lot of pre-work for my pieces (multiple composition sketches, a b&w value study, a small color study) so that when I dive into the actual work, I have a plan and therefore some confidence. One of my goals this year is to improve the quality of my brushwork; you know...those purposeful, elegant strokes that say "I know what I'm doing"...that some of our more experienced members can do...

The Ohio Watercolor Society reception and awards banquet was on Sept. 21, and it was exciting to see our group well-represented, and a number of WOWS artists were recognized with awards and/or inclusion in the travel show. Former WOWS member Sharon Stolzenberger was the Show Chairperson, and did a great job working with the Middletown Arts Center, volunteers, juror Ken Call, and the Forest Hills Country Club to put on an impressive show. All the entries and show results can be viewed on OWS website, click [here](#).

And to wrap it up, I'd like to shout out to Shirlee Bauer for the great job on the WOWS roster for 2024-2025. Thank you, Shirlee!

*Here's to masterful brushstrokes and storm recovery,
Tessa Kalman, President WOWS*

News

Congratulations are in order! These WOWS members were honored at the following shows:

Piqua Fine Art Exhibition:

Category Miscellaneous: **Marsha Elliott**, "Winter of Life", Honorable Mention

Category Water Media: **Yuki Hall**, "Vintage Tram in Milan", 3rd Place

Donna Pierce-Clark, "Serenity", Honorable Mention

Jeanette Ferguson, "Pomegranates and A Pear", Honorable Mention

Category Photography: **Tessa Kalman**, "Waiting for Otis", Honorable Mention

...and **Joann Davenport** sold her mixed media piece "Rainbow Trout" at the show; congratulations!

Watercolor Ohio 2024 Exhibition:

Award winners: (which are included in Travel Show):

Yuki Hall, Bronze Buckeye Leaf Award (3rd Place), "In the Shadow of the Cathedral"

Jeanette Ferguson, Cheap Joes Award, "Canal Shadows"

Travel Show selection:

Shirlee Bauer, "Oh That Hair!"

Donna Pierce-Clark, "China Town, San Francisco"

Accepted Works:

Aileen Cave, "Fallingwater"

Billie Dickson, "Touristas en La Habana"

Diana Hoke, "South Beach"

Tessa Kalman, "The Homecoming Parade"

The exhibition runs through Oct. 17th at the Middletown Arts Center. After that, you can see 32 selected works in the travel show; to learn more about all that, See the MAC's website.

B-W Greenway's Landscapes2025 Guided Hike

A Juried Art Guided Hike will be held on **Thursday, October 3, 2024**, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. at Koogler Wetland Prairie Reserve in Beavercreek. See B-W Greenway's [website](#) for their *Landscapes2025 Juried Art Exhibition* prospectus for details. Another hike will be held in May.

Remember, if you'd like a mention in the newsletter for your newsworthy accomplishments or events, please send an email to wows4info@gmail.com a few days before the first of the month.

Area Shows to Visit

Ohio Watercolor Society's "**Watercolor Ohio 2024**":
09/21/24-10/17/24 at the Middletown Arts Center.

The 2024 Ohio Plein Air Society Member Show:

An All Member, Plein Air Exhibition
K12 Tejas Gallery, Dayton, OH
October 21 to December 31, 2024

Show Opportunities

Middletown Arts Center Area Art Exhibition

11/08/24 - 12/12/24

www.middletownartscenter.com/events-exhibits

WOWS Holiday Members' Show 2024

December 8, 15, 22 at the Fairborn Art Association Gallery.

Art drop-off and pick-up dates as well as a link to the prospectus will be sent in a follow-up email and Facebook post as soon as those details are finalized. Please consider volunteering to help with show if you can.

Art-making Events

Tipp City Area Arts Council's **"The Great Outdoors Plein Air"** event
Saturday, October 5, 9am registration at the Tipp Center
See their [website](#) for details.

Workshops and Demonstrations

October 15th WOWS Meeting and Demo

This month's demo will be a little different than usual; instead of having an artist do a painting demo, we'll be enjoying a mini-workshop with instructor Andrea Walker from Holbein USA. Here's what it will entail:



Holbein, Legion Paper, and General Pencil Watermedia Workshop

This Brand Ambassador Workshop is a hands-on workshop for artists of all levels and experience from beginner to professional. Along with the instructor Andrea Walker, this guided workshop is a learning experience where participants have the opportunity to experiment with and learn about many different materials. The Watermedia Workshop will focus on Holbein's Watercolor, Gouache, Acrylic Gouache, and Watercolor Mediums, as well as Legion's Stonehenge Aqua and Yupo papers, and an assortment of General Pencil materials. All participants will take home free samples!



Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month:

March, April, May, June, September, October

(NO meetings the months of:

January, February, July, August, November and December.)

Fellowship at 12:30 PM; Program at 1:00 PM