



President's Message

Hello WOWS members,

I'm thinking that the title for this month's message could be "*Metaphors*".

I hope this mid-summer message finds you well and enjoying the "fruits of summer" - a metaphor for whatever that phrase means to you. For me, it brings to mind the bounty from one's garden. Well, in my case not so much bounty.

I had difficulty this year with lack of seed germination, dying seedlings, non-thriving transplants, storm damage, etc. Suffice it to say, my garden is about a month behind where it should be, and I have been lamenting to my husband that I am a failure as a gardener, I didn't know as much as I thought, I made dumb mistakes that killed my plants, weeds are taking over, yada yada...

And then suddenly, some wax beans I planted sprouted up and are growing like gangbusters! After languishing for weeks, the cucumbers and yellow squash took off on a tear! So maybe all is not lost.

I can see how my garden pursuits are analogous to other areas of life - specifically when it comes to my art endeavors, as well as those of my art buddies. We experience periods of "unfruitfulness" - whether it be not getting into shows, not winning awards, not selling anything for what seems like eternity, and then, bloop! a sign of success bobs up from under the waves. In my case, I had been rejected from a big local show (major bummer), and then I realized that it had been a long stretch since anything had sold...and the negative thoughts kept popping up like the weeds in my puny garden. But then unexpectedly, a couple of pieces sold, I got into a different big show and won an award - all in the course of one week! Crazy! So ya just never know what good fortune can be waiting around the bend; just keep plugging away, doing what you love.

Oh, and one of the "weeds" in my currently unproductive garden turned out to be a volunteer cherry tomato plant, and it's the only one with decent tomatoes on it! How's that for a metaphor?

Cheers,
Tessa

WOWS MEMBERS NEWS

Congratulations to the following WOWS Members for their outstanding performance at the B-W Greenway Community Land Trust annual **“Landscapes 2025” Art Exhibition!** Beautiful work people!



1st Place: Connie Gifford,
“Thick in the Thistles”



3rd Place: Rose Schultz
Dappled Sunlight



Judges Merit Award Rose Schultz,
“Beyond the Boardwalk”



Judge's Merit Award: Marsha Elliott:
“Signs of Autumn”



Judge's Merit Award: Shirlee Bauer:
"Wetland Reflections"



Judge's Merit Award: Tessa Kalman:
"The Foundation"



A Watercolor Exhibit by:

Donna Pierce-Clark, Jeanette Ferguson and
Kathy Moeller

"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>

SHOW AND ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Springfield Museum of Art SMoA with the OWS is having Lunch on the Lawn

The dates for this event and opportunity for artists are as follows: Friday 7/25/25,

Friday 8/1/25, Friday 8/8/25 and Friday 8/15/25. The Springfield Symphony will be playing on all of those dates and Artists can sell their paintings right there.

Springfield Museum of Art “Come Find Art!” –

Free All-Ages Days of Creativity

Second Sunday of each month, 12:30 - 4:30pm, Drop-in

Features gallery experiences and artmaking, and is a free, all-ages day of creativity to spark discussions about art and offers hands-on creating.

Greater Cincinnati Watercolor Society –

TOM FRANCESCONI from THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 to SATURDAY, OCTOBER 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/> Below is an attached Flyer regarding this workshop.

Shows and Sales to Visit

Art On The Lawn 2025

Yellow Springs OH

Saturday 8/9/25

10:00 to 5:00

Art On The Commons

Fraze Pavillion Kettering

8/10/25

11:00 to 5:00

Englewood Art Festival

Centennial Park-Englewood

August 9th and 10th

Sweet Corn Festival

August 16, 2025

And do not forget FAA's Sweet Corn Festival! If you are able, please support the Fairborn Art Association by attending (especially the Watermelon Booth!) because it is their primary source for fund-raising. The money made from the Sweet Corn Festival allows FAA to maintain the meeting space and gallery that they allow Wows to use. If you are also a member of FAA, please consider volunteering to help at the festival, as it will benefit both organizations. (Contact FAA's Cheryl Miracle if you can spare a few hours of your time to volunteer.)

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

Sherlock and Watson Go Camping

Sherlock Holmes and Watson are on a camping trip. After a good session of singing Wonderwall around the campfire, they retire to their sleeping bags. Several hours later, Sherlock wakes up and nudges Watson awake.

Watson groggily asks, "What?"

"Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson thinks about this for a minute, wiping his eyes.

"I see millions of stars," Watson answers.

"What does that tell you?" asks Sherlock.

"Well, astronomically, it tells me there are millions of galaxies. Astrologically, I can see that Saturn is in Virgo. Theologically, I see that God is all-powerful and we are insignificant. What does it tell you, Holmes?"

Sherlock remains silent for a few seconds. "It tells me that someone has stolen our tent!"



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