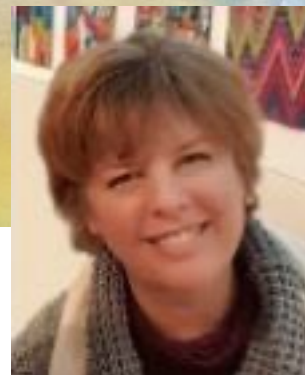




*Western Ohio Watercolor Society
May Newsletter 2025*



Hello WOWS Members,

It feels like art show season has kicked into high gear, and my art calendar has filled up fast with submission deadlines, art drop-offs, art pick-ups, receptions and show dates, going all the way into the fall. I'm busy keeping up with all that and at the same time trying to get my garden started. Little tomato and pepper seedlings have poked their way out of their seed-starter cups, and so far I've managed to keep them alive. Just waitin' on that last frost date...

The Ohio Watercolor Society has made its selection of works for this year's Watercolor Ohio Exhibition, and a few of our members made the cut. (They are listed in the News section.) Major congratulations to everyone selected! I can't wait to see their masterpieces hanging in the show, which will be conveniently located nearby in Springfield Museum of Art this fall.

Our April meeting included a demo from WOWS member Bonnie Kuntz, where she showed us her technique for creating spontaneous landscapes. The demo recording will be posted soon to our YouTube channel, and I'll send out a message when it is ready to be viewed. Thank you, Bonnie, for sharing your knowledge and expertise! Details of our annual formal report of business matters are listed below as well.

Our next meeting will be on May 20th, and we have quite the treat lined up for you; artist Dan Knepper will be sharing his watercolor talents with us, so you'll not want to miss this demo! Check out his website at www.danknepperart.com where you'll notice he's mostly known for his fantastic oil paintings of western landscapes and scenes, but we have it on good authority that he has also been known to wield a wicked watercolor brush at times!

Remember that membership dues are due, and don't forget about our WOWS Spring Show drop-off/registration on Thurs. May 15th, noon to 3pm at the Tipp Center.

*Cheers,
Tessa*

NEWS

Congratulations! Four WOWS members are juried into the OWS 2025 Watercolor Ohio Exhibition:

Donna Pierce Clark: "Spanish Lace"

Jeanette Ferguson: "Hocking Hills Evening Sun"

Yuki Hall: "Vintage Tram in Milan"

Lori Meyer: "Barn on Perry Road"

The juror for Rosewood Gallery's 30th Annual "The View" Landscape Exhibition has selected the works for this year's show.

A listing of our members who are included will be forthcoming.

WOWS annual business meeting, April 15, 2025:

During our business meeting (just prior to the general meeting and demo), the following items were addressed:

- The members present voted to approve last year's business meeting minutes
- Treasurer's report of the current financial status included current balance, primary expenses, tax filing status, and insurance status. Members approved the report.
- Membership status of the organization was announced
- Members voted in Shirley Harbaugh as the Membership Chairperson

Show Opportunities

Western Ohio Watercolor Society Members' Spring Fine Art Show

Our spring members show will be on display from May 16 through June 15, 2025, at the Tipp Center, in Tipp City, Ohio. The show will be exhibited in the large lobby area of the facility and should get a lot of good exposure due to all the visitors, employees and tenants who pass through. Because of the freestanding nature of the exhibit panels, our artwork size and weight requirements are a little different for this show; **please see the prospectus on the WOWS website for all the details and the registration form (www.westernohiowatercolorssociety.org).**

From Robine Wright of the Mad River Art League:

"I wanted to reach out to you regarding a sales opportunity for WOWS members. Since we started Mad River Art League, there have been opportunities for sales in our Spring and Fall Art Shows. So many galleries are charging 50% in sales to artists we wanted to create a chance for the artist to meet the public locally and receive 100% of their sales. We have 21 booths that will be available this year. Booth price is \$40.00. Ted and I thought this would be a great way for WOWS to have a booth for WOWS artists to showcase their artwork for sale to the public."

You can register at madrivartleague.square.site See advertising poster below



Painting Opportunities

Tecumseh Land Trust Plein Air Paintout

Sun. May 18th at Fen Run Farm in Springfield, 9am - Noon
See the TLT website [here](#) for details

Guided Hike for the B-W Greenway Community Land Trust/Fairborn Art Association's "Landscapes2025" juried art exhibition

Koogler Wetland Prairie Reserve in Beavercreek, Thurs. May 8th, 10am
See their website [here](#) for details and prospectus

Shows to Visit

Fairborn Art Association's Members Fine Art Show

April 26 - June 3, 2025 (Various dates and times throughout)
FAA Gallery, 221 N. Central Ave., Fairborn, OH. See their website for details.

Gallery of Dayton Society of Interior Designers Show House 2025

April 26-May 11, 2025 (closed on Mondays).
Café Fairborn and Art Gallery, 58 South Central Avenue in Fairborn, OH

J. M. W. Turner: Watercolor Horizons

March 1-June 15, 2025
Taft Museum of Art, Cincinnati, OH
<https://www.taftmuseum.org/exhibitions/turner250>