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WVWS Members  
re: Change in AWARD AMOUNT  
for ALL MEMBER EXHIBIT 2010

Folks,

I recently spoke with one of our members who was unable to participate in the 2010 Juried Exhibit in Huntington, WV because he does not have access to internet, and did not receive a prospectus. I can assure you, it was not my intention to discriminate or exclude any members based on computer knowledge or access to internet, and it is most definitely not a requirement of membership to use the internet in order to be represented on the website. Please contact me if you wish to have your artwork placed on the website for the public to view. I will work with you to get your images digitized.

The use of internet and the website are very valuable tools for our organization, and allow us access to view the current work of members on a level we were unable to do on a statewide basis before. Use of Email also allows us timely feedback on exhibits and has been the primary means of contact between galleries wishing to exhibit and promote our work. I admit I have had to take a few lessons in order to keep up with the new methods of submitting applications and images! Technology has opened many doors for the WVWS recently.

This being said, all members need to be assured that there are no plans to eliminate the paper distribution of newsletters and prospectus. The 2010 Juried exhibit in Huntington, WV was held up with administrative issues at the gallery level, and I made the call last minute to have an online prospectus without fully considering the impact it would have on all members. I sincerely apologize for any discourse this caused, and am attempting to make amends with this letter of personal appeal.

The board members of WVWS have agreed that the awards for the All Member Exhibit will be changed to equal the amount of the juried exhibit for the 2010 exhibit only. This means there will be 1500.00 in awards given. They will be given as follows:

**Best of Show: 400.00**

**3 Awards of Excellence @ 200.00**

**3 Merit Awards @ 100.00**

**4 Honorable Mention @ 50.00**

**This change will allow all members the opportunity to compete for award money. I encourage every member to take advantage of this and enter your artwork in the 2010 ALL Member Exhibit at the Cynthia Bickey Gallery in Beckley, WV.**

**Post mark deadline for entry fee is Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Shipped entries should arrive Sept. 16-17th.**

**Hand delivered work Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 11am-4pm.**

Paper prospectus have been mailed to every member in the directory. If you have not received a prospectus, or know of a member who needs one, please call me personally. I will be certain they get one. My cell number is 304.672.0222, and home number is 304.622.8255.