

West Virginia Watercolor Society

Winter 2024

Greetings from our WVWS President, **Nancy Maunz**



Hope everyone is settled into their studios this winter and finding quiet time to paint.

To continue my series on Art friends I have to mention another friend I got to know through WVWS. Martha Reynolds and I were roommates at a workshop at North Bend State Park. I was going through a patch of insomnia that summer, awake most of the night, then a few hours of heavy sleep in the early morning hours.

Sharing a room, we laid in our beds talking for a couple hours every night. I will never forget Martha's descriptive stories of her house and gardens, painting techniques, past presenters and life in general. Our discussions were soothing to say the least. Tips on how to handle a husband remain invaluable. Love you Martha.

I hope you made it to Parkersburg to see the 2023 All Member Exhibit. The exhibit and reception were both a huge success. Thank you Debbie Lester, our exhibit chair, for all your hard work and attention to detail.

Enjoy your winter and have fun painting. Picasso said "When I am finished with a painting I paint again for relaxation."

Member News

Congratulations to Members, **Linda Elmer** and **Jeannine Romano**, their work is on display at the Rotunda Art Gallery in Princeton, WV, until February 5, 2024! Here are a some pictures taken by **Debi Eastep**! Thank you Debi.



Lifetime member, **Debbie Lester**, has been very busy. She had 2 paintings in the Tamarack show "Southern Gothic" and 6 in their "Small Packages" show. She won memorial award for Roses on Yupo in All Member show. Also she was part of a show at the Grant Building in Beckley WV this past Dec. with **Rita Montrosse** and **Linda Elmer** and **John Coffey**. Recently she was in a sale downtown at Beckley where she sold 2. Lastly Debbie will be teaching 3 watercolor classes scheduled for 2024 at Cedar Lakes. People can call them to register for these classes taught during the months of April, September and October.

Four WVWS members were invited to exhibit at a December pop-up show in Beckley by art collector Jose Rizo. **John Coffey, Linda Elmer, Rita Montrosse and Debbie Lester** exhibited their work as part of the I Love NY/WV exhibit at the Grant Building, Beckley. The exhibit was a fundraiser that benefitted four charities/non-profits: The United Way, WVCollective, Beckley Art Center and Children's Home Society of WV.

The exhibit was open for 2 weekends and a door fee was collected to raise money for these groups. Rizo also raffled two prints from his collection as part of the benefit. Rizo's art collection focuses on early 1900s American art. This exhibit featured his New York scenes. Our thanks to Jose for the invitation. The exhibit was well attended

Announcements

Kathrn C. Gillispie, signature member, announces that she is retiring from her art business in Green Bank, WV. Her work and art materials are deeply discounted to interested parties, Contact her at kathryn@pocahontasarts.org or phone 304- 456-4116. Kathrn C. Gillispie, watercolor and pottery.

Judy Reed, Workshop Chair announces:

The **WVWS Workshop for 2024** will be back to Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center in Davis, WV.

July 25-28

Arrive on the 24th to be ready for the workshop to begin at 9:00 the next morning .

The instructor this year will be **Lynn Ferris**, AWS, NWS, TWSA of West Virginia.

The workshop is "Capturing the Light" and will emphasize raising your paintings to that "next level"! Details of cost will be determined. Please plan to attend!

There is a new gallery in Shinnston, WV. The name of the gallery is The Palette and curator is Bethany Nuzum, daughter of **Judy Reed**, a WVWS member.

The gallery will have exhibits and classes and a gift shop.

If you have suggestions for exhibits etc. contact Bethany Nuzum at reednuzum@gmail.com

The next newsletter deadline is March 20, 2023 for our winter issue.

Please remember to send your news items of interest regarding recent exhibits, classes taught, workshops taken, and images of recent art to pamelalake@yahoo.com