

West Virginia Watercolor Society

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Greetings from our WVWS President, Christine Rhodes:

Who would have thought that normalcy would ever be something worth celebrating? But here we are, beginning to see the light at the end of a very long tunnel by the name of Pandemic and even the smallest things we once took for granted now feel celebration worthy.



On Thursday, July 15, we will be gathering at the Stifel Fine Arts Center in Wheeling for the opening reception of Aqueous 2021. I hope you can join us. We'll be getting up close and personal with actual artwork – no virtual show this time around. Members, friends, and family will be on hand, and won't it be great to see each other in person? Yes, an art exhibit is a small step on the way back to normalcy, but I know it's going to feel like a giant leap, and I can't wait to get there! See you in Wheeling.

Best regards, Christine

UPCOMING WVWS WORKSHOP – FILLED WAITLIST ONLY

The WVWS Workshop has been moved to Canaan Valley Ski Resort in Davis, WV due to North Bend State Park remodeling.

- The dates are August 5-8
- Arrive August 4th by 4:00 p.m. to check in to your room if staying at Canaan Resort.
- August 8th is a half-day session, and you need to be out of your room by 11:00 a.m. if staying at the resort.
- The conference room (The Birch/Hawthorne Room) will be available at 8:00 a.m. on August 5th to set up.
- Workshop will start at 9 and run until 4 p.m. each day, except for the Aug. 8th half-day session.
- Covid protocol is determined by Gov. Jim Justice.

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- Canaan Resort will provide sanitizers and encourage social distancing, but mask wearing is an individual choice as the governor proclaimed June 20th the last date for mask wearing if you are vaccinated.

- **If you want to be put on the waitlist in case an opening becomes available**, contact Judy Reed, 132 Liberty Street, Salem, WV 26426 as soon as possible. Registration form is on the WVWS website at

<http://www.wvwatercolorsociety.org/2021/06/03/2021-wvws-workshop-watercolor-wax/>

- This workshop by Robin Poteet on Watercolor and Batik will be interesting and fun!

- Check out the amenities and reserve your room at Canaan Valley Resort State Park (\$300 workshop fee does not include accommodations) at <https://www.canaanresort.com>

Image Caption (above): Robin Poteet posing with some of her paintings.

IN MEMORY

Brenda Beatty, 78, of St. Albans died July 2, 2021, at CAMC Memorial Division. Brenda was an advocate for Allied Artists and WVWS, taught many art classes in the St. Albans area, and encouraged many students to try watercolor and to join WVWS. Her obituary and information about her upcoming memorial service can be found at <https://barlowbonsall.com/obituaries/mrs-brenda-lynn-kincaid-beatty/>

ART OPPORTUNITIES

Artworks Around Town in Wheeling is hosting *Ohio Valley Plein Air Paint-Out* September 1-5, 2021. Each day is a planned painting destination at a different location throughout the Ohio Valley (downtown Wheeling, Moundsville, Palace of Gold, Bethany, and Oglebay Park). Please visit www.artworksaroundtown.com for the prospectus and complete information.

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Steubenville Art Association is planning a painting event, *Celebrate Steubenville Today* in late fall. More details will be forthcoming.

The Berkeley Arts Council (BAC) announces *Watercolor Expressions*, a national juried exhibit, to be displayed at the Berkeley Art Works, 116 N. Queen St. in Martinsburg, WV, from Oct. 13 through Nov. 13, 2021. Juror will be Lynn Ferris, AWS, NWS. Visit the BAC website: <https://berkeleyartswv.org>, for more information and click the "Enter Here" link in the show announcement to get to our online entry system. Deadline for entries is 12 midnight on Monday August 30, 2021.

West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History Seeking Entries for the 2021 West Virginia Juried Exhibition

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) is announcing a call for entries for its 22nd biennial West Virginia Juried Exhibition. The show will be on display at the Culture Center in Charleston. Since 1979, the exhibition has celebrated the exceptional talents and creativity of Mountain State artists. Submissions for the exhibit in the form of digital images on CD or USB flash drive will be accepted until **Monday, Aug. 2.** **For the prospectus and more information, visit** <http://www.wvculture.org/museum/juried/2021/juriedexperspectous2021.pdf>

Pittsburgh Watercolor Society will be sponsoring a Pam Wenger watercolor portrait workshop October 1-3, 2021, in Carnegie, Pa. For more information, please visit www.pittsburghwatercolorsociety.com

MEMBER NEWS

In April 2021, **Christine Rhodes** received notification that she had achieved Signature Status with the National Watercolor Society. She was one of 19 artists who were elevated to signature status out of a field of 37.

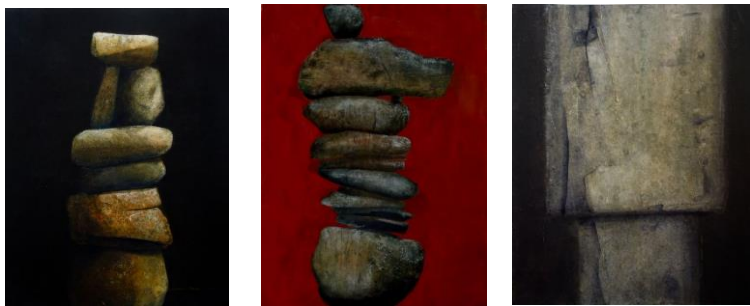
Artists whose work is selected for the annual NWS International Open Exhibition are invited to submit four paintings, the selected work and three additional pieces, for review by the jury of selection. The jurors evaluate the artwork and look for a collection/body that is consistent with your technique,

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a unified series that is of the same high quality as the painting which was accepted for the exhibition.

The following is an excerpt from the jurors' statement: "Throughout the signature selection process, we looked for work that balanced form and content, and exhibited a consistent level of expertise. We saw pieces that exhibited amazing technical prowess and work that spoke to our sense of narrative. When we reviewed our choices for signature membership, we all agreed that technique alone, while impressive, also needed to speak to the heart to be totally successful."



When the artists combined both technical and narrative skills, the resulting paintings exemplified the best in contemporary water media. Congratulations to everyone receiving signature letters and to everyone contributing to the 2020 National Watercolor Society 100th International Open Exhibition."

Katherine Chang Liu, NWS
Dean Mitchell, NWS
John Salminen, NWS

Image caption (above): Christine Rhodes with "Under Pressure" and her other submissions for NWS Signature Status.

Hilary White, MAT, CDA announces *Hilary's Artists Fall Art Retreat* October 18-21 at Capon Springs, WV, which will entail an open studio format. Paint

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whatever you wish with your own supplies, and she provides critiques and assistance in this beautiful rural setting. A short workshop/lesson is also planned for this retreat. Please email Hilary for more details at artist@shentel.net. Visit www.caponsprings.net for information about the resort.

Debbie Lester and **Jamie Lester** have both been accepted in Tamarack's "The Best of WV" and have also been juried into the Beckley Art Center Show. **Christine Rhodes** has two pieces in Tamarack's "The Best of WV." See the show online at <https://www.tamarackwv.com/gallery/current-gallery/>

Christine Rhodes' painting titled "Rock Steady" is included in the American Watercolor Society's inaugural Associate Members Exhibition. The show is online from June 7 through August 20, 2021.

Marietta Lyall recently exhibited about 30 of her paintings in the Greenbrier County Convention and Visitors' Bureau in Lewisburg, WV. The show, which featured some of her artwork that was done during the pandemic, was entitled "A Glimpse of Blue Sky." The theme painting signified a bit of hope for the upcoming year. Marietta also exhibits at Tamarack, the Lewisburg library, Carnegie Hall (when it's open!) and has an ongoing window display on Washington Street downtown Lewisburg.

Carolyn Cavendish is exhibiting in a gallery in Oakland, Maryland, and selling her cards in the shop at the National Wildlife Refuge Center in Canaan.

Artists after Hours is a new series of arts events starting in Clarksburg on the 3rd Thursday of every month. The events will feature a visual artist and performing artist at the Uptown Event Center at 305 Washington Avenue. WVWS members debuting this summer: **Carolyn Light** on June 17 and **Katherine Crim** on July 15.

Monica Wilkins of Shepherdstown, WV, has launched a new website www.monicawilkinsart.com. Take a look!

Janet Sheehan, **Christine Rhodes**, and **Janet Hart** each had paintings accepted in Oglebay Institute Annual Crosscurrents Exhibit at Stifel Fine Arts

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Center in Wheeling this summer. Oglebay has been featuring a sampling of work on the show through a series of Facebook posts since the show opened this spring: <https://www.facebook.com/oglebayinstitute/>

Janet Hart currently has two paintings exhibited through Pittsburgh Watercolor Society in the Cooper-Siegel Library in Fox Chapel, Pittsburgh.

“Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together.” -Vincent van Gogh

Reminder: Applications for WVWS Juried Status and Signature Status are now on the WVWS website. Deadline to apply is July 13, 2021. Details can be found at <http://www.wvwatercolorssociety.org/2021/05/23/2021-juried-signature-status-application-available/>

WVWS AQUEOUS 2021 RECEPTION

Linda Elmer, Exhibits Chair, announces that a reception is planned to celebrate Aqueous 2021 and will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on Thursday, July 15, at Stifel Fine Arts Center, 1330 National Road, Wheeling. Awards will be presented at 7 p.m. The gallery staff advises that reception attendees who have been vaccinated are not required to wear masks. Those who are not vaccinated are expected to wear a mask while in the gallery.

*“Get rid of the chatter in your head while painting; it hinders creativity.”
- Frank Eber*

September 20, 2021, is the deadline for newsletter items for our Autumn issue. Email items of interest to janetlynnhart@comcast.net. Please remember to submit images and information about recent exhibits you may be participating in, classes taught, awards, local art events, etc.

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