

# WVWS NEWSLETTER

March 2016



## Dear WVWS Members,

I HOPE THE WINTER was a productive and Happy one for you, with all of the FABULOUS SHADOWS on the snow.

This Spring is filled with not only the promise of colorful flowers but the many color-full exhibit opportunities for our ARTISTS! From the AQUEOUS 2016 in Beckley to the Artistry on Main in Buckhannon, there is something for everyone. The space in Senator Manchin's Fairmont office is ready, and we are gathering paintings to hang that exhibit. We are looking for any painting that would be representative of WV life: Music, Culture, Scenic Vistas, even Still Life. We will also accept paintings with a Patriotic/Americana theme. There is no date limit, but the same rules for a juried show would apply as far as sound framing. Plexiglass is preferred, but not mandatory, since it is such a small show. (6-10 paintings at a time). This is an on going event, so if you don't have something, get busy!

We completed the jury process and are pleased to announce that several members achieved JURIED Status. Congratulations!

Our Timberline workshop with Jean Gill promises creative experimentation, and as always, lots of friendship and fun.

Visit [www.wvwatercolorsociety.org](http://www.wvwatercolorsociety.org)

for more updates on activities and opportunities, and Keep Painting!

*Jeannine Romano*

PRESIDENT  
West Virginia  
Watercolor Society



## AQUEOUS 2016

The WVWS national juried exhibition, **Aqueous 2016**, will be at the Bickey Gallery in Beckley, home of the Beckley Art Group, from May 21-June 21.

Juror will be Pat Cook, AWS, NWS. The prospectus can be downloaded from the WVWS website:  
[www.wvwatercolorsociety.org](http://www.wvwatercolorsociety.org)

**Deadline to enter is April 1, 2016.**

### **Aqueous 2016 calendar**

**April 1:** Entries Due (postmarked)

**April 21:** Notifications sent out

**May 14-18:** Deliver work to Bickey Gallery

**May 21:** Exhibit opens

**June 4:** Awards reception 6:30-8:30pm

**June 22-25:** Pick up work

### **In this Issue....**

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**President's Message**

**Christine Rhodes** of Parkersburg Had three pieces on exhibit at Apartment Earth Gallery in Charleston as part of the gallery's Inaugural Juried Exhibition. Her second piece from the West Virginia Juried Exhibition has been purchased by the West Virginia State Museum for their permanent collection. The painting, "All Fall Down," earned an award of excellence in the WVWS Aqueous Exhibition in 2015.

Signature member **Kay Gillispie** invites everyone to participate in a free plein air painting workshop in Pocahontas County this fall. "Plein Air Painting in Green Bank" will take place Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 in Green Bank, and will also feature historical accounts of many of the pre-Civil War buildings in the area, as well as old farmhouses and barns.

The free two-day workshop is sponsored by the Green Bank Art Center and Kay wrote a successful grant application to cover expenses. Call 304-456-4747 or email [kathryn@pocahontasarts.org](mailto:kathryn@pocahontasarts.org) for more information.

## "Generation;" The Crickenberger Family ART SHOW

Last June 2015, The Crickenberger Family exhibited at the Visitor Center in Lewisburg. Participating with 56 drawings and paintings were **Phyllis B. Crickenberger**, Signature Life Member WVWS, and daughters Katie C. Ickes of Lewisburg, WV, Sara "Meg" Crickenberger of Christianburg, VA, grand children, Sarah Beth Crickenberger, a missionary in Honduras, Samuel Crickenberger and Naomi Crickenberger of Philippi, WV, Mary Claire Ickes, Jacob and Grace Crickenberger of Lewisburg, WV.

In addition, Phyllis had a wonderful exhibition year. In July 2015, Phyllis had one original painting and one original poem from the Greenbrier Artists at the Visitor Center in Lewisburg. In July 2015, she had an original watercolor on exhibit at the Hillsboro, WV Library with the Beatrix Potter program by Helena Goudry. Seventeen other Greenbrier Artists and members of the community also had paintings in the library during September 2015. And in October 2015, she had one original watercolor in the "Foods" exhibit at the Visitor Center in Lewisburg.

"Since January 2014, I have been putting 3 original watercolor paintings on exhibit at the Eastern Greenbrier Senior Center in Fairlea, WV. By the end of 2015, I exhibited 70 paintings to cheer up the place!"

## WVWS members recognized at West Virginia Juried Exhibition

Several WVWS members are part of the recently unveiled 2015 West Virginia Juried Exhibition, the biennial show organized by the West Virginia Commission on the Arts and the state Division of Culture and History.

Jurors Jurors John A. Hancock of Waynesboro, Va., and Lenore Thomas of Pittsburgh, Pa., selected 119 pieces for the exhibition, which were on display at the Dickirson Gallery at Tamarack in Beckley through Feb. 21, 2016.

Award winners include Award of Excellence (Purchase Award of \$2,000) for Christine Rhodes of Parkersburg for "Balancing Act"; and Merit Award (\$500) for Mary Grassell of Hurricane for "Vandalia Vantage Point."

Other WVWS members who have pieces in the exhibition are George Harper of Harrisville, Marietta Lyall of Lewisburg, Pat Roberts of Charleston, and Debbie Sisson of Ripley.

More information on the exhibit can be found at [www.wvculture.org](http://www.wvculture.org).

## Sue Archer teaching for Allied Artists

Allied Artists of West Virginia is holding registration for a 4-day workshop with artist Sue Archer, AWS, NWS, TWS, Oct. 26-29, 2016 (Wed. thru Sat.).

Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7pm, there will also be a lecture and demo by Sue Archer.

Application and materials list will soon be posted on AAWV website. Cost is \$300 for AAWV members; \$350 nonmembers. Class limited to 15. Level: Advanced beginner through advanced. No refunds after Sept. 1, 2016 unless replacement is found.

Contact Brenda Beatty, 304-727-3015 or [icbeatty7@suddenlink.net](mailto:icbeatty7@suddenlink.net)

**Betty Neely** of Fairmont was a part of the group exhibition, "The Manifestation of Milieu," Dec. 1-22, 2015, at the Agora Gallery in Chelsea, New York City. Betty's online show with Agora is ongoing and includes a video interview with Betty. It can be seen at [http://www.agora-gallery.com/artistpage/Betty\\_Neely.aspx](http://www.agora-gallery.com/artistpage/Betty_Neely.aspx)

**Nina Brode Everson** of Dry Fork and Mooresville, N.C. has been invited by the online retailer Shopvida to share her artwork. Shopvida uses work by artists and photographers to design fabric and clothing. Nina's wearable art collection can be seen by visiting <http://shopvida.com/collections/voices/nina-everson>

## Want an online gallery?

Don't forget, your membership in WVWS includes an opportunity to either link your existing website to the Members' Gallery on [www.vvwatercolorssociety.org](http://www.vvwatercolorssociety.org), or, if you don't have a website, to have us build you a small gallery (no more than nine images).

**Interested? Contact WVWS webmaster Kristen Colebank at [kcolebank@waitesrunstudios.com](mailto:kcolebank@waitesrunstudios.com).**

## WVWS workshop with Jean K. Gill, AWS, NWS

The 2016 WVWS workshop will feature another award winning artist, Jean K. Gill of Oak Hill, VA near Washington, DC. The workshop is set for July 14th through July 17th, 2016 and will again be at The Timberline Four Season Resort near Davis, WV. Jean K. Gill's, AWS, NWS work and biography can be seen at [www.jeankgill.com](http://www.jeankgill.com).

The cost of the workshop, payable to WVWS is \$275 for members, \$300 for nonmembers. The workshop fee is nonrefundable after June 13, 2016, unless you can find a replacement. More information about the workshop, including a reservation form, can be downloaded from the WVWS website: [www.vvwatercolorssociety.org](http://www.vvwatercolorssociety.org)

## "Plein Air" Painting Workshop

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The following members have changed their status from Associate Member to Juried in the recent jury decisions:

**Donna Ashbaugh**  
**Janet Sheehan**  
**Deanna Gillum**  
**Karen Ensor Brown**

**Sandra McIntyre** also achieved Juried Status, but later notified me that she is not renewing her membership this year.

**We welcome all new members!**

## In remembrance

We are saddened to learn of the passing of two WVWS members in December 2015.

**Connie Stover**, 64, of Hurricane, died on Dec. 28, 2015. Her obituary can be read at [https://www.meaningfulfunerals.net/home/index.cfm/obituaries/view/fh\\_id/10544/id/3539581](https://www.meaningfulfunerals.net/home/index.cfm/obituaries/view/fh_id/10544/id/3539581)

**Joanne Frazier**, 84, of Union, died Dec. 29, 2015. Her obituary can be read at <http://www.wallaceandwallacefh.com/webcast/36676>

## 2015 WVWS All-Member Exhibit

Judged by Jennifer Hall Boggess  
Joe N' Throw Co-op, Fairmont

**Nov. 4, 2015 - Jan. 4, 2016**

**BEST OF SHOW:** Christine Rhodes  
*"Off the Deep End"*

**Award of Merit:** Katherine Crim  
*"The Scenic Route"*

**Award of Merit:** Linda Elmer  
*"Walks of Life"*

**Honorable Mention:** Becky Williams  
*"Mercy Unveiled"*

**Jean Whistler Call Memorial Award:**  
Rema White  
*"White Waterlily"*

### Show Participants

Louise C. Braddock, West Union, *"The Guardians"*  
Katherine M. Crim, Clarksburg, *"The Scenic Route"*  
Linda Elmer, Fairmont, *"Walks of Life"*  
Janet Hart, Wheeling, *"Summer Red"*  
Betty Neely, Fairmont, *"Hunger"*  
Sandra Pealer, Rangeley, Maine, *"Chair Trio -  
Autumn Light"*  
Judy Mattson Reed, Salem, *"Tree of Life"*  
Martha Reynolds, West Union, *"Those Blues"*  
Christine Rhodes, Parkersburg, *"Off the Deep End"*  
Jeannine Romano, Lost Creek, *"Pumpkin Flow"*  
Janet Sheehan, Wheeling, *"Oscar in the Garden"*  
April Waltz, Wheeling, *"Square Lily"*  
Becky Williams, Buckhannon, *"Mercy Unveiled"*  
Rema White, Jane Lew, *"White Waterlily"*  
Linda Walker Roberts, Beverly, *"Nights Garden"*



Becky Williams  
*Mercy Unveiled*



Rema White  
*White Waterlily*



Linda Elmer  
Walks of Life



Katherine Crim  
The Scenic Route



BEST OF SHOW  
Christine Rhodes  
Off the Deep End



# Stifel Fine Arts Center

## *Accepting Proposals for Exhibitions*

Oglebay Institute's Stifel Fine Arts Center in Wheeling, WV is currently accepting proposals for exhibitions to take place between 2017 and 2020.

Artists and artisans throughout West Virginia and the tri-state region, 18 years or older, are encouraged to respond. The Stifel Fine Arts Center presents individual, group and theme exhibitions in all artistic media and genre. Proposals are subject to inclusion into group exhibitions.

A review panel of Stifel Fine Arts Center staff professionals will decide which proposals are accepted for exhibition. Decisions are made based upon the quality and appropriateness of the works. Please note in your proposals if there are any special requirements or handling needed to present your work (i.e. if the work is very fragile, heavy, or requires display cases, pedestals, etc). Artists working in non-traditional mediums including video, installation, and performance are encouraged to submit proposals.

### **Proposal Deadline: August 1, 2016**

#### **Proposals must include:**

- **Current résumé or vita**
- **6-10 images on CD or high-quality printed photos of proposed artwork**
- **Cover letter with project outline**
- **Estimated number of works available for exhibition**
- **Educational workshops, lectures, demonstrations or other programs you can present (if any) relating to the exhibition.**

#### ***Send Proposals to:***

Director of Exhibitions  
Stifel Fine Arts Center  
1330 National Road  
Wheeling, WV 26003



# What's new?

## Individual Member News for the West Virginia Watercolor Society Newsletter

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Region # \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please list any news items for the upcoming WVWS Newsletter. Return directly to the News Editor via snail mail. If you have news, fill this form out now! We love hearing about your accomplishments! Please type or print clearly and provide dates.**

**Current or Recent Exhibitions** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Recent Workshops** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Recent Trips** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Other** \_\_\_\_\_  
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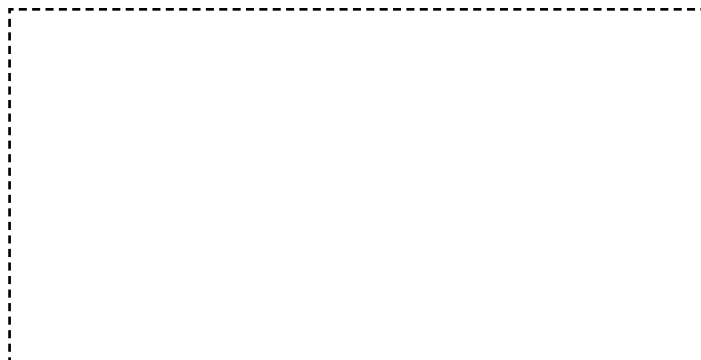
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## West Virginia Watercolor Society

### WVWS Officers

- **Jeannine Romano**, president
- **Martha Reynolds**, vice president
- **Linda Elmer**, treasurer
- **Janet Hart**, recording secretary
- **Kristen Colebank**, corresponding secretary,

### WVWS Directors (Trustees)

- **Lou Gates**, Region I
- Region II (Vacant)
- **Joy Cooper**, Region III
- **Katherine Crim**, Region IV
- **Janet Hart**, Region V
- **Robert W. Smith**, Region-at-Large

### WVWS Committees

- **Diane Mitchell**, membership
- **Doncia Franklin**, archives and video library
- **Judy Mattson Reed**, workshops
- **Linda Elmer**, videographer
- **Linda J.C. Turner**, public relations
- **Kristie Napoli**, exhibitions

The West Virginia Watercolor Society actively seeks new associate members. Applicants must be a West Virginia resident at the time of application. Dues are \$30 per year (January to December). Membership applications can be downloaded from the WVWS website, [www.wvwatercolorsociety.org](http://www.wvwatercolorsociety.org), or contact Membership Chair Diane Mitchell at [dianedmww@hotmail.com](mailto:dianedmww@hotmail.com).

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