

WV Watercolor Society January 2021 Winter News

*Greetings from our new
WVWS president,
Christine Rhodes:*

I hope you are all safe and well as we say goodbye to 2020. We've come through a most challenging year, sometimes disappointing, sometimes heartbreaking, but here we are at last on the other side.



As your newly elected president, I have high hopes for the year ahead. I look forward to gathering face-to-face again, to viewing beautiful artwork in actual galleries again, to leaving isolation behind and getting back to the people and activities we loved, but may have taken for granted. I'm optimistic that we will once again be able to exhibit, work and learn TOGETHER.

I would love to hear from you. (Email is best.) Tell me your ideas. How can WVWS better serve you? How can we help you grow as an artist? Offer up your gifts and abilities by volunteering. This society has opened a world of opportunity and growth for me and I am so grateful and honored to serve. Thank you and Happy New Year!

Christine Rhodes, president -- christinerhodes56@msn.com

A note from our outgoing WVWS President, Debbie Lester:

I want to thank the Watercolor Society for allowing me the honor of being your president. It's been a very different year for all of us and we don't know what the future brings, but hopefully we'll be able to meet in person again soon. I want to thank all the officers of this wonderful organization for your great leadership and help these past two years.

Debbie Lester, past president -- deborahdlester@gmail.com

The 2021-22 Board of Directors was elected at our recent general membership meeting: President Christine Rhodes; Vice President Nancy Maunz, Secretary Linda Roberts, Treasurer Linda Elmer, and Corresponding Secretary Jane Michael.

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“One’s art goes as far and as deep as as one’s love goes.” - Andrew Wyeth

“The worst enemy to creativity is self-doubt.” -Sylvia Plath

Whether it’s triggered by the criticisms of others, or our own internal fears, self-doubt can be paralyzing. Even the most successful people experience self-doubt. The difference is, they never let it stop them from achieving their goals.

Instead of letting self-doubt get the better of you, try and focus on your immediate goals. If others are getting you down, surround yourself with people you trust, or look to past successes or positive feedback to help build confidence.

NATIONWIDE ART PROJECT

The Great American Paint In is on a mission to document the 2020 world pandemic through the eyes of America’s great artists, specifically featuring artists from every state. Pieces submitted and accepted for the collection may be sold through the project's marketplace, with a majority of the payment going to the artist. A small portion of the purchase price will go to support the Paint In project, whose eventual goal is to publish a book of the featured art. Currently, very few artists from West Virginia have submitted. You can find more information by clicking here: thegreatpaint-in.com.

WVWS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The last WVWS general membership meeting of 2020 was held December 28 via Google Meet. Those in attendance were Debbie Lester, Christine Rhodes, Judy Reed, Linda Elmer, Linda Roberts, Jane C. Michael, Kathleen Snoderly, Nancy Maunz, Rita Montrosse, and Janet Hart.

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About Our Newsletter... Effective with *this issue* WVWS is discontinuing the mailing of hard copies of the society's newsletter and will post the newsletter on our website only. The decision was made over eight years ago to move away from mass mailings wherever possible, but we left the printed option available for those who preferred it. Now, with printing and postage expenses increasing and our volunteers' time at a premium, it's time to follow through on becoming a leaner, greener organization. We have an excellent website where you may access newsletters, member galleries, archived exhibitions and more. We promise that you won't miss a thing, except maybe a snowy trip to the mailbox!

MEMBER NEWS



Janet Sheehan was the featured Artist of the Month at Artworks Around Town in Wheeling, and had a solo show in the Studio Gallery, titled "A Few of My Favorite Things."

Her show was on display for the months of October and November 2020. She is also a juried member of the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society. Her paintings are in various personal and commercial collections in North and Central America and Great Britain.

Janet Hart had a watercolor accepted in the online exhibit for The Great American Paint-In. To the right is "Rockefeller Owl," which you can see in their exhibit, as well as other wonderful art, at thegreatpaint-in.com.



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We were saddened to hear that WVWS charter member **Joseph M. Sweeney** passed away recently. Members Linda J. C. Turner and Mr. Sweeney started WVWS, and he was our first president.

Joseph M. Sweeney, 89. Beloved husband of 65 years to Mildred; cherished father of Lisa, Suzan, Sean, Stephen, and Mary Sweeney. For over 40 years, Joe was podiatrist and foot surgeon; he served on the board at St. John's West Shore Hospital and as past president of the Academy of Podiatry of Northeast Ohio, and mentored podiatrist residents at his practice. Joe was an artist at heart; he enjoyed painting watercolors and sculpting bonsai trees. After retirement, he volunteered by providing art therapy for brain trauma patients. Memorial services to be held at a later date. For more information, please go to www.buschcares.com.

March 20, 2021 is the deadline for newsletter items for our springtime issue. Email items of interest to janetlynnhart@comcast.net.



Winter in the Connecticut Hills, 1906 - Childe Hassam

The End