• A note from our President, Debbie Lester:

I hope everyone is healthy and painting while you are at home. Since we don't know what the future holds, we will stay with the deadlines in the prospectus for Aqueous 2020. We will post



the Aqueous exhibit online and hope to have an actual exhibit in June. Happy painting! (See Aqueous 2020 Newsflash below.)

"I can never accomplish what I want, only what I would have wanted had I thought of it beforehand." -Richard Diebenkorn, landscape abstractionist

#### **AQUEOUS 2020 NEWSFLASH**

WVWS is working on making changes to Aqueous 2020 due to COVID-19. One of the following will occur:

- 1 cancellation with refund of entry fees
- 2 an online juried exhibit
- 3 delay the show.

Entries are being accepted. Deadlines will probably be extended. But as of today we will stay the course with April 10 as the deadline.

#### **MEMBER NEWS**

#### TAMARACK

"Critters and Hollers" exhibition included a piece by member, Debbie Sisson. The show was held in January and February.

The exhibition, "Kitsch Me Like You Mean It" held in March displayed Debbie Lester's painting.

Member News

Jamie Lester Lester are at Carnegie Continued...

and Debbie having a show Hall in

Lewisburg the month of April. A reception is planned for Friday, April 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Barbara Wilcox currently has a solo show at Chuck Mathena Center in Princeton.

Janet Hart has a solo show at Vintage Bookstore in Wheeling. She sold five pieces including watercolors and collage work.

Several members are included in the Beckley Art Center show, Paint the Town Red. They are Barbara Daniels, Rita Montrosse, Jerry Birdsong, and Debbie Lester.

Jane Michael's oil painting, "Wasatch Folds" was accepted into the Berkeley Arts Council Tenth Annual Art and Earth Juried Art Exhibit. The show runs April 1 through May 16, 2020 in Martinsburg. The juror was Janis Goodman of the George Washington University Corcoran College of Art. She selected 42 works by 39 artists out of 194 pieces submitted by 78 artists from 19 states.

#### STUDENT AWARD

WVWS has recognized Jamie Daugherty, a student at Tyler Consolidated High School, with the West Virginia Watercolor Society Award at the annual Youth Art Month exhibit, held at the Parkersburg Art Center. Jamie's award-winning piece is titled "Autumn Vase." Jamie's art teacher at Tyler Consolidated is Jennifer Stephens.

#### THANK YOU FROM ARTSPRING GALLERY

Tucker, the AmeriCorps serving with ArtSpring at Cottrill Opera House in Thomas, thanks us for contributing small pieces of original artwork to their auction fundraiser. They raised \$2218!



#### **ALL-MEMBER EXHIBIT 2019**

Our beautiful All-Member Exhibit held at ArtSpring Gallery in Cottrill Opera House in Thomas this winter had 52 pieces entered by 27 WVWS artist members. Juror was Brenda Hounshell from Harrionsburg, Virginia. Award winners were:

Best of Show – Volcano by Linda W. Roberts

Award of Excellence – Parisian Street by Linda Elmer

Award of Merit – Natalie By the Window by Rema White Honorable Mention – High Street Shoppers by Jamie Lester Honorable Mention – One Brush, Two Brush by Deanna Gillum Memorial Award – 21 Cows by John Coffey First Time Exhibitor – It's Just Not the Same Without You by Ina Armstrong.

# NATIONAL WATERCOLOR SOCIETY 50 STARS EXHIBITION

A jury panel selected two of our members' paintings to be included in this special exhibition to be held in San Pedro, California from July 9, 2020 through September 6, 2020. NWS contacted every state watercolor society for entrants for this special exhibit. Congratulations to Rita Montrosse for "Scattered Petals" (painting on the left) and Linda Turner for "Winter Shower" (painting on the right).





"I shut my eyes in order to see." -Paul Gauguin

#### **REMINDERS:**

April 10, 2020 is the deadline for Aqueous 2020 registration and fee payment to Linda Elmer.

April 27, 2020 is the Aqueous 2020 juror notification date. June 20, 2020 is the deadline for newsletter items for our summer issue. Email items of interest to <a href="mailto:janetlynnehart@comcast.net">janetlynnehart@comcast.net</a>.

Thank you for your news items and congratulations to all!

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