Greetings from our WVWS President, Christine Rhodes:

I hope everyone is well and creating lots of new paintings. Aqueous 2022 is coming up soon and it promises to be bigger and better than ever with three shows in one presented in the galleries of the beautiful Parkersburg Art Center. Visit the WVWS website for the prospectus and complete information. Get your entries ready and plan to come to the opening reception - we've been cooped up inside long enough. As you go about the business of artmaking this year, please remember to share news of your activities and accomplishments with us. We want to know what you're up to so that we can rejoice in each other's successes. I wish for each of you a year full of good health, good friends and blessings of every kind.

Happy New Year!

Christine

#### WVWS AQUEOUS PLUS Parkersburg Art Center 3 Galleries, 3 shows!

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- March 28 deadline for image submission and payment with entry form to Linda Elmer
- April 4 Notification of acceptance
- April 30 Deliver selected works to PAC
- May 6 opening, and reception at 5:30 (tentative regarding Covid status)
- June 7-11 Conclusion and pick up

See our website for further details.

#### **MEMBER NEWS**

**Debbie Lester** sold three paintings in Tamarack's "Small Packages" show in December 2021, and had four paintings in Tamarack's show "History of WV." Debbie has two paintings in WVWS All member show at Love Hope Center for the Arts, and she has taught a watercolor class at Cedar Lakes in Ripley February 4,5,6.



Image Caption (above): by Debbie Lester

Kopperston Coal Tipple

**Jamie Lester** has two paintings in WVWS All Member Exhibit at Love Hope Center for the Arts and was awarded Honorable Mention for "Twin Falls Golden Light."



Image Caption (above): Twin Falls by Jamie Lester

**Janet Hart** had three paintings exhibited in Pittsburgh Watercolor Society's "Living Life Out Loud" online member exhibit. Sticking with the theme, below is "Coffee Break," which was awarded People's Choice.



# The February Hush

Snow o'er the darkening moorlands,
Flakes fill the quiet air;
Drifts in the forest hollows,
And a soft mask everywhere.
-Thomas Wentworth Higginson

**Deanna Gillum** won the People's Choice Award for her watercolor titled, "Calm," at the 2021 WVWS All-Member Exhibition, which was held at Love Hope Center for the Arts. The People's Choice Award included a cash award of \$150. A \$100 donation in support of the People's Choice Award was made by Jose Rizo, a member of the board for Love Hope Center of the Arts. Rizo is also a devoted art collector. WVWS thanks Rizo for his support of our exhibition.



Image Caption (above): Calm by Deanna Gillum

We, at West Virginia Watercolor Society extend our deepest condolences to member, Karen Catlett, on the passing of her son, John Catlett.



March 20, 2022, is the deadline for newsletter items for our Springtime issue. Email items of interest to <a href="mailto:janetlynnehart@comcast.net">janetlynnehart@comcast.net</a>. Please remember to submit images and information about recent exhibits you may be participating in, classes taught, awards, local art events, etc.

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant. -Anne Bradstreet

The End