

WV Watercolor Society April 2021 Springtime News

- *Greetings from our new WVWS President, Christine Rhodes:*



Spring forward! It's not just about changing the clock. We all want to "spring forward" in our creative practices, especially as we emerge from a trying year. How to do that, where to begin can be a challenge.

This spring give some thought to where you want to be next week, next month, next year. Then set some goals to help yourself get there. Stop making excuses. You're not too old. You're not too young. We are ALL busy. The truth is you deserve to be a priority in your own life.

Goals don't have to be overwhelming – they only have to keep you moving in a positive direction. It can be as simple as committing to spending an hour or two each day on your art. Maybe you need to finish that painting you started a while back. Perhaps you could take the leap and enter your first juried exhibition. Have you been wanting to take a class or workshop to learn a new technique? Are you longing for gallery representation? Would you like to jury for the next level of membership in WVWS or another organization? There's no limit to what we can achieve if we're willing to focus and work toward our goals.

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." (Lao Tzu)

So, decide where you want to go, set a goal and work toward your dream – Spring forward!

Best regards,
Christine

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Image Caption "John Singer Sargent (American, 1856–1925) - Landscape with Two Children, 1878-79. Graphite and watercolour on paper."

"Don't think about making art, just get it done. Let everyone else decide if it's good or bad, whether they love it or hate it. While they are deciding, make even more art."
-Andy Warhol

WVWS Aqueous 2021 Reminder:

Location: Stifel Fine Arts Gallery, Wheeling, WV

Calendar:

- Images due to WVWS May 31
- Entrants notified of jury results June 14
- Delivery and/or shipping to gallery by July 3
- Show opens July 15
- Reception (pending Covid-19 guidelines) July 15
- Show closes September 4
- Paintings picked up/shipped by September 11

As always, check the WVWS website regularly for detailed information or updates.

For other questions contact Linda Elmer at lindaelmer58@gmail.com

Side note: Clear Mountain Bank is sponsoring a best **West Virginia Landscape Award of \$100.**

"The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls." -Pablo Picasso

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Image caption Blossoming Almond Tree by Vincent vanGogh, 1890

MEMBER NEWS

Kristen Colebank of Wardensville has had two watercolors accepted into the 18th annual Juried Art Exhibition at VMRC (known as Art at VMRC), to be held May 30 to June 30, 2021, in Harrisonburg, Va.

Art at VMRC is a 2D/3D multi-media juried exhibition that is nationally advertised and uses a three-member jury for entry and awards, with academic and professional artists representing a range of disciplines on the jury. This is the fifth time since 2009 Kristen has had work accepted into this competitive exhibition (with at least three other years during that time frame when she was unsuccessful). Art at VMRC is unique because of its competitiveness, its superb management by a skilled group of volunteers, its generous award structure, its community support (many businesses/groups/individuals fund awards and on average a quarter to a third of the accepted works sell), and exhibition organizers do not levy a commission or payment-processing fee, so artists receive 100 percent of each sale. For more information about Art at VMRC, including recaps of some previous exhibitions, visit <https://www.vmrc.org/juried-art-exhibitions>.

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Image caption (above): "Flaming Out" by K. Colebank is one of the watercolors that will be exhibited at the 2021 Art at VMRC multimedia juried exhibition in Harrisonburg, Va.

AWS Signature status earned by Laurie Goldstein-Warren

WVWS member **Laurie Goldstein-Warren** of Buckhannon learned in late January that her entry, "The Funky Pirate," had made it into the 154th annual International Exhibition of the American Watercolor Society. But that acceptance notice came with a bonus. Because Laurie also had pieces accepted in the 150th and 153rd AWS exhibitions, she was eligible to apply for Signature membership in AWS.

So, the news of this year's show entry was also highlighted with notice that she also had earned AWS Signature membership. Congratulations to Laurie from WVWS for earning one of the most prestigious honors in watercolor! And watch the AWS website at <http://americanwatercolorociety.org/> for upcoming news about this year's exhibition and award winners.



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Image caption (above): “The Funky Pirate” by Laurie Goldstein-Warren has been accepted in the 154th AWS exhibition, to take place April 12 – 30, 2021, at the Salmagundi Club in New York City.

WVWS members Karen Catlett, Janet Sheehan, and Janet Hart had watercolors recently exhibited in Pittsburgh Watercolor Society Waterworks held live and online at North Hills Art Center in Pittsburgh. A total of 44 watercolors were in the exhibit.



Image caption: Toucan by Janet Sheehan; Memories in Watercolor by Karen Catlett; Tulip Sway by Janet Hart.

We were saddened to hear that WVWS member, Donell McCoy, 79, a longtime juried member of WVWS, who also was a member of Seneca Trail Artist Guild (Elkins) and Tucker County ArtSpring, passed away March 5, 2021. Donell was a resident of Parsons. Please find her obituary and more information at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home website: <https://www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Donell-Ridgway-Lee-McCoy?obId=20177164>

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June 20, 2021 is the deadline for newsletter items for our summertime 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, etc.

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