

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2009



Upcoming Events

25th Year Anniversary Traveling Exhibit

The next meeting will be held in Wheeling in November, at the Stifel Fine Arts Center. Our exciting new format continues, with some social time along with a Program.

Website Information

All members with email addresses have been "invited" to join the MyFamily.com web service for the West Virginia Watercolor Society (WVWS).

This web service is an excellent vehicle for keeping members up-to-date on upcoming events. Only WVWS members are allowed entry to the WVWS section, therefore it is a safe area to list member information and post pictures.

The WVWSociety web site, wwatercolorssociety.org is being updated and will still include information for the general public, along with some specific information on upcoming events.

Contact Tammy Marple, 304-677-2257 or tammy.marple@courtswv.gov to be added to MyFamily.com or for more information.

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Region Reports

REGION I

Mary Anne Hodson, Barbara Daniel and Deborah Lester are in the "Tamed, Trained and Named" exhibit at Tamarack May 2 - June 13.

Phyllis B. Crickenberger is exhibiting at the Beckley Newspaper Gallery and Greenbrier Valley Theatre. She attended two Lynn Ferris workshops where she learned more about leaving lights in watercolor paintings.

Phyllis spent January and February in Leesburg, FL, living at The Legacy of Leesburg. She also took a trip to Key West, FL, visiting galleries and shops with art displays. Phyllis also attended the Mt. Dora, FL, Art Show in February

and The Plantation at Leesburg Fine Arts Festival. She attended the opening Reception for the Lynn Ferris Show at the Leesburg Center for the Arts. In addition, Phyllis taught a watercolor class and gave a demo at Hawthorne Fine Arts in Leesburg.

REGION V

Robert Wren Smith exhibited his art at the Art Works Around Town at Center Market in Wheeling, WV. The Exhibition was on display during the entire month of April, with an opening on April 3.

George Harper, Region V Director for over 10 years, has requested a replacement. He has given the Society years of dedication and hard work and

we will miss him in the Region V Director capacity. We hope that he will continue to remain involved with WVWS and - most importantly - that he will continue to create his Award-winning watercolor paintings. **Thank you George!**

Director duties include "the advancement of the purposes and objectives of the Society and the encouragement of membership in the Society in their respective regions." Anyone in Region V is eligible to become Director. If you would like to give George a break and step up to help the Society, please contact Jeamine Romano at JRM26385@aol.com or 304 622-8255.

June 6 Meeting at Waldomore Mansion, Clarksburg

The West Virginia Watercolor Society (WVWS) met at the Clarksburg-Harrison Library's Waldomore Mansion on Saturday, June 6. We began with an excellent luncheon catered by Jeannine Romano's sister, Celeste. Following the luncheon, we began the meeting with a program on the Jurying process by Linda J.C. Turner.

Linda had lots of tips for Juried and Signature status and also excellent tips for being accepted into exhibits.

After the program, the meeting resumed with Old and New Business and Good of the Order.

At several points in the meeting, names were drawn for door prizes.

Congratulations to Jeanne Brenneman, Katy Crim and Jeri Ellis Platt who all won a door prize. Door prizes consisted of a \$20 Gift Card to AC Moore, art supplies from Cheap Joe's, a spa package and a



"Smiley Face" mug filled with flowers and sugar-free candy. Our next meeting will correspond with the Traveling Exhibit opening at the Stifel Fine Art Center in Wheeling. We hope to have another great

educational program and more door prizes.

25th Anniversary Traveling Exhibit Participating Artists

Linda J C Turner	Come on Grammy Staying Close	Judy Mattson Reed	Mountain Meadow Traveling West Virginia
Debbie Kalt Sisson	An Old Car Can Shine	Betty Neely	Misty Morning at Ruby Creek
Patricia Helmick	Idesia II.1	Linda Elmer	Spirit Lifts the House Moved by the Spirit
Nancy Handlan	Flight Patterns	Mary Russell	Gates of Ephesus
Sandra Pealer	Heart of the Garden Friendship	Carolyn McCauley	Wednesday, 4' oClock
Kenneth D Waddell	Festival	Libby Cagle	Abuela's Lookout Old Woman Resting
Rita Montrosse	Where Once We Lived	Sharon Johnson	Sunset Stream White Iris
Jeanne Brenneman	Before the Parade Grassy Meadows	Marietta Lyall	Home Place (Hayrake) Wisdom Watches Over Me
Phyllis Crickenberger	Peony	Katherine M Crim	Maddie Down for the Count
Jeri Ellis Platt	I Remember You Hostal Invasion II	Pat Anderson	Nevis Palm
Jo Anne Jacobs	At The Break of Day Bluebirds of Happiness	Betti Bland Volkens	The Potting Shed
Lou Riffe Gates	Bare in Winter	Jeannine Romano	Polished 'til They Shine Rainy Day Adventure
Rema White	Palm Branching Tired Turtle	Becky Williams	Nassau Amigos
Lee Fritch	Woods Walk Canaan Marsh	Doris N. Bright	On Solid Rock Poppies
Judith B Douglas	Cashmere	Robert Wren Smith	The Barber
Monica Wilkins	East Coast Rocks West Coast Rocks	Barbara Hale	New York Night

The 25th Anniversary Traveling Exhibit includes several
Best of Show

works from WVWS exhibits over the past 25 years.

The participating artists are:

George Harper

Carolyn Martin Light

Carolyn McCauley

Linda J.C. Turner

We appreciate the opportunity to enjoy these wonderful
paintings again.

WVWS 25th Anniversary Exhibit - Clarksburg

June 6 - August 15

- Clarksburg Library Exhibit in Waldomore Museum
Sunday & Monday - Closed
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 9 - 5
Thursday - 1 - 8
Saturday - 9 - 12

25th Anniversary Traveling Exhibit Awards

Best of Show

Katherine M Crim - Maddie Down for
the Count

Awards of Excellence

Lou Riffe Gates - Bare in Winter
Judy Mattson Reed - Mountain Meadow
Betti Bland Volkers - The Potting Shed

Awards of Merit

Kenneth D Waddell - Festival
Lee Fritch - Canaan Marsh

Jeannine Romano - Rainy Day
Adventure

Libby Cagle - Old Woman Resting

Honorable Mention

Linda J C Turner - Staying Close
Rema White - Tired Turtle
Nancy Handlan - Flight Patterns
Rita Montrosse - Where Once We Lived

David Springston Award

Becky Williams - Nassau Amigos

CONGRATULATIONS AWARD WINNERS!

WVWS 25th Anniversary Exhibit - Parkersburg

August 29 - September 26

- Parkersburg Art Center Exhibit
Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Reception Sunday, August 30, at 1:00 PM

Letter from the President

I am very excited about the 25th Anniversary Exhibit! In planning this over the last two years, I thought the phrase "25 Years of Excellence" reflected the high standard of quality in water media we have in our membership. Several of our artists are also juried and signature members of national societies, as well as established artists in their local business communities. "To promote and ensure the high standards of the art of watercolor painting in the state of West Virginia" is a slogan that is put into action by our members who teach professionally in public schools and the retirees who still teach community

classes. These fabulous artists are building a legacy of excellence that will continue to grow far into the future.

The anniversary exhibit shows the diversity of our members from Kenneth Waddel's life like daisies to the misty morning blues of Betty Neely, all points of the art spectrum are well represented. This exhibit also marks the appearance of some new techniques such as Aquaboard and Yupo paper, which give a whole new appearance to water media.

Please join with us in this celebration of our past and push toward the future that is bright and very colorful indeed.
Jeannine



"Gates at Ephesus"
Mary Russell



"Spirit Glow II"
1999 Best of Show
George Harper

WVWS 2009 Jury Information

Members desiring to change their membership status can request a jurying packet for 2009. "Juried" Status is available to associate members and "Signature" status is available to "Juried" members.

Packets will be sent per your request by contacting Linda Elmer, jury chairperson, between now and August 1, 2009. Slides or CDs with completed packets will be due by September 1, 2009. You can contact Linda by mail, email or phone at the following:

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Members can anticipate submitting 4-6 images, depending on which type of status. Slides or CDs will be juried during September/October. Members will be notified by December 2009.

Information concerning image format, calendar will be in the jurying packet.

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- w Past President
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- w Corresponding Secretary
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Katy Crim
- w Region V
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Joseph Sweeney
- w Newsletter Editor
Amy C Post
- w Publicity Chair
Linda J. C. Turner

We need a Region V Director. Please contact Jeannine Romano (304) 622-8255 if you can help out.

Meet Your Board Members

Jeannine Romano, President

Even though Jeannine is fairly new to watercolor painting and the West Virginia Watercolor Society (WVWS), she is not new to art as she has painted portraiture for several years. As evidenced by her exemplary paintings on MyFamily.com and her numerous awards in past exhibits, Jeannine can paint with the best of them. In her day job, Jeannine is an X-ray Tech at Clarksburg Veterans Hospital. Jeannine is a Juried member of WVWS.

Judy Mattson Reed, Past President

Judy just finished an extended term as WVWS President, where she brought calm and order to the organization as it was going through some rough transitions. When not producing her award winning watercolor paintings, Judy is a part time professor of Art Appreciation at WVU. She retired after 35 years of teaching in public schools, with a long stint at Salem International University and WVU. Judy is a Signature member of WVWS.

Linda Elmer, Vice President

Linda has been a member of WVWS since the mid-1990s. In addition to working in watercolors, she also likes to work in acrylics. Over the past 28 years, she has taught grades 1 through 12 in the public schools. She is currently teaching at North Marion High. She has also taught art methods courses at the undergraduate level. In addition to being a Signature member of WVWS, she is a Tamarack and Mountain-made artist.

Bruce Brenneman, Treasurer

Bruce is a non-painting member of WVWS. He joined WVWS to support his wife, Jeanne Brenneman, who is our Membership Chair. After retiring from his forestry career, Bruce was recruited to take over the WVWS books.

Katy Crim, Recording Secretary

In addition to owning Art by Crim in Clarksburg, an Art Gallery and Framing shop, Katy is also an art teacher at Liberty High. Her award winning watercolors can be seen at MyFamily.com and www.artbycrim.com. Katy is a Signature member of WVWS.

Amy Post, Corresponding Secretary

Amy has been the Newsletter Editor for WVWS since 2008. Even though she has not painted in several years (due to several career moves and busy job) she enjoys staying active in the arts. In addition to watercolors, Amy has won several awards for her color photography work.



“Maddie Down for the Count”

Katherine M Crim



“Canaan Marsh”

Lee Fritch

Welcome New / Reinstated Members!

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Email Address information

Please check your email addresses in the Membership Directory and contact Jeanne Brenneman, Membership Chair, with any corrections.

I sent out a notice for the Clarksburg Reception to all members with email addresses and received quite a few "Undeliverable" messages back. I will keep these next time so that we can let members know which ones have email issues. Thank you.

Email updates to:

Jeanne Brenneman
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"The Barber"

Robert Wren Smith



"Grassy Meadow"

Jeanne Brenneman

Volunteers are needed for the first move of the Traveling Exhibit on Saturday, August 15. The works will be packed up and trucked to Parkersburg. Parkersburg Art Center will handle the unpacking and hanging of the show. Please contact Jeannine Romano, 304-622-8255, to find out what you can do to help.

Workshop 2009

The 2009 workshop was held at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg, WV, August 3 through August 5. The workshop featured "Content through Design and Color Strategies" presented by Susan Webb Tregay, NWS. A report of the workshop will be included in the next Newsletter.

We are looking for donations of artist's cards, prints, etc of their work to be given as Door Prizes at WVWS meetings and events. This is a great way to spread your art to appreciative recipients! And remember - your donation is TAX DEDUCTIBLE! Contact Amy Post at 304-203-6920 or AmyCPost@aol.com to donate.

West Virginia Watercolor Society Membership Application

This application may be photocopied, or go to our website
www.wvwatercolorssociety.org for a copy

Please type or Print Legibly

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

County _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____

Business Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Website _____

Signature _____

Date of Application _____

Please include a check for \$30.00 / one year dues made out to West Virginia Watercolor Society (WVWS).



Mail to:
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2009 25th Anniversary Juried Exhibition Calendar of Events

June 6 - August 15

- Waldomore (Clarksburg Library) Exhibit
- Awards Reception was held July 18

August 29 - September 26

- Parkersburg Art Center Exhibit
Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Reception August 30, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

October 29 - December 12

- Oglebay's Stifel Fine Art Center Exhibit
- Reception date to be announced

January 4, 2010 - February 14, 2010

- Charleston Cultural Center Exhibit
January 30, 2010 (Saturday) 1:00 pm

- WVWS Meeting date/time to be announced

January 30, 2010, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

- Grand Finale Gala Reception

February 14, 2010 (Sunday)

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

- Pickup work
- Shipped work repacked and returned

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