

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2009



Upcoming Events

25th Year Anniversary
Traveling Exhibit
Moves to Wheeling's Stifel
Fine Arts Center on
October 10.
Exhibit opens Thursday,
October 29, with a Reception
open to the public from
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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, wwwatercolorssociety.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@courtsv.gov to be added to MyFamily.com or for more information.

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Region Reports

REGION I

Juanita Akers Peyton is finishing up eight weeks of teaching watercolor classes in Lewisburg. She will begin a new watercolor class in Florida in January 2010. Juanita has donated several large watercolor paintings to Hospice and nursing homes trying to bring beauty into their closed surroundings.

Rita J. Montrosse had a one person show, "Patterns and Textures" at Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke, VA, in August and September.

She is currently exhibiting in the Allied Artist's All Member 2D Exhibition at the The Chuck Mathena Center in Princeton, WV, September through October.

Rita will be exhibiting October through November in the Tamarack "Coal - A Legacy" exhibition.

Rita will again be teaching metals and casting and watercolor at Concord University during the Fall and Spring terms. She is also an AP Studio Art Consultant for the college board.

REGION II

Bruce Bowersock entered five paintings in the Beckley Art Group Gala

Grand Opening and received an Honorable Mention. He also sold a painting.

Lillianne Bowersock also entered five paintings in the show.

Bruce will teach Figure Drawing at Huntington Museum of Art & Renaissance Gallery between September 26 and November 18, 2009.

Bruce and his wife, Lillianne, spent 2 weeks touring and painting coastal subjects in North Carolina.

Bruce and Lillianne will be featured as Artists of the Month at Upstairs Gallery, Ashland, KY, in October.

Lillianne won Second Place in the First Annual "Windows and Doors" Photography Exhibition at Renaissance Gallery, Huntington, for a black and white digital photograph titled "Ascension." Lillianne will be exhibiting in a photography exhibit at the Upstairs Gallery in September and October.

REGION IV

Centra Bank has chosen nine of **Linda Schweitzer's** paintings for their Centra Bank 2010 Mon County Calendar. The calendars will be available free of cost in the banks. Linda is unsure if the

calendar will be available in other counties.

REGION V

Robert Wren Smith was awarded First Place for his painting titled "Land, Sea and Sky," in "Splash," an annual 2D exhibition at the Parkersburg Art Center. Robert is teaching a Drawing class for all levels at the Parkersburg Art Center in October.

Janet Rodriguez is exhibiting in Artworks Around Town "Rural Scenes and Flowers" for the month of October. The show takes place in Center Market in Wheeling, Monday - Thursday from 10:00 - 5:30 and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 - 6:00. It is closed on Sunday.

Region V is still in need of a Director to take over for **George Harper**.

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 Jeannine Romano at JRM26385@aol.com or 304 622-8255.

Volunteers are needed for the moves of the Traveling Exhibit on Saturday, October 10, in Parkersburg and Saturday, December 19, in Wheeling. The works will be packed by the Art Centers, but then need to be loaded into the vehicles for transport. For the loading of the vehicles for the transport to Parkersburg, it only took about an hour. Please contact Jeannine Romano, 304-622-8255, to find out what you can do to help.

Letter from the President

We have had a very busy Summer! The 25th Anniversary Exhibit Clarksburg show was a success, Parkersburg is going well, and we are just about to pack up and move on to Wheeling. I encourage everyone who can to attend the Wheeling reception, October 29th at 6:30pm, at Stifel Fine Art Center. Also, please make plans now to attend the Charleston event on January 28, 2010. The legislature is invited, and we are expecting a good crowd to view the paintings.

During the September 20, 2009, meeting in Flatwoods it was proposed that we set up a scholarship fund to give to a fine arts student. Bruce is crunching the numbers, and it looks like it is a very doable thing. We will be drawing up a proposal and defining rules, and then mailing ballots out to everyone for the vote. If anyone has any experience with setting up this sort of thing, contact me or one of the board members. This is one of the first steps toward reaching out to our communities across the state and meeting our fundamental principles of setting standards and teaching the art of watercolor. I am excited for our future, and hope you all will be, too!

We are also taking nominations for a Lifetime Achievement Award to be given at the Charleston Reception. Please contact me if you wish to nominate a WVWS member who is an active painter, has achieved a National Society level, is commercially successful, and has or is currently teaching the art of watercolor. Basically, someone who fulfills the initial purpose of the West Virginia Watercolor Society.

Happy Painting!

Jeannine

Meeting Materials

Do you have some nice art books that you don't want or need the space for books you do want? There are probably other artists in the same boat...we are looking at having a book exchange at a future meeting. More details later.

Door Prizes

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.

A BIG THANK YOU to Jeannine Romano and Juanita Akers Peyton for their generous donations of note cards of their artwork!

WVWS Members Win Awards at Forest Festival

Best of Show
Linda J.C. Turner
"Flags and Windsocks"

Second Place
Robert Wren Smith,
"Portrait of the Artist"

Merit Award
Mike Ledden
"Main Street," oil

Merit Award
Linda Walker Roberts
"Bubble Trouble"

West Virginia Watercolor Society Award
Katherine M. Crim
"Heather - Chapter 2"

Talbott Frame Shop Merchandise Award
Kenneth D. Waddell
"Stacked"

Davis Trust Purchase Award
M. Grey Darden
"Walk With Me"

Honorable mention awards
M. Grey Darden
"Late Evening on the River"
Rema White
"Paddle Like Mad"

CONGRATULATIONS AWARD WINNERS!

WVWS Officers

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Jeannine Romano
- w Past President
Judy Mattson Reed
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Bruce Brenneman
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- w Region-at-Large
Robert W. Smith

Committees

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Linda Elmer
- w Videographer
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.

Please check your information - and especially your email address - in the Membership Directory and contact Jeanne Brenneman, Membership Chair, with any corrections.

Send updates to:
 Jeanne Brenneman
 RR2 Box 173A
 Lewisburg, WV 24901
 Or email:
bjbrenneman@gmail.com
 Thank you.

We would like to put together a set of note cards of the 25th anniversary show. The proceeds from these cards will go toward funding the scholarship we are setting up. If you would like your work included in the 25th anniversary note cards, please send an e-mail with a statement of **permission to use artwork** to president Jeannine Romano, jrmm26385@aol.com, **by October 30th**. Please use "permission" in the subject line, and the name of your painting(s).

Welcome New Members!

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West Virginia Watercolor Society Membership Application

This application may be photocopied, or go to our website
www.watercolorssociety.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).



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2009 25th Anniversary Juried Exhibition Calendar of Events

October 29 - December 12

- Oglebay's Stifel Fine Art Center
- Reception Thursday, October 29, 6:30 - 8:30
 Open to the public - invite your friends!

January 4, 2010 - February 28, 2010

- Charleston Cultural Center
- WVWS Meeting date/time to be announced

January 28, 2010, 6:00 pm

- Grand Finale Gala Reception
 Open to the public - invite your friends!
 Award ceremony in the theater

February 28, 2010 (Sunday)

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

- Pickup work
- Shipped work repacked and returned

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