

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2010



Upcoming Events

2011 Juried Exhibit and 2011 All Member Exhibit Details inside!

The next meeting will be held in Martinsburg on Saturday, March 19. After the meeting, members will have the opportunity to visit the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown, MD, which is hosting the American Watercolor Society (AWS) 143rd Traveling Exhibition. The AWS Exhibit will be there March 11 - May 8, 2011

Our Condolences

The WVWS would like to extend our condolences to Linda Elmer on not only the passing of her father in December, but also her mother in July. In these difficult times, she and her family are in our thoughts and prayers.

We would also like to pass on our condolences to Rita Montrosse, who lost her father in October. We also wish Rita success in her treatment after her surgery.

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Letter from the President

These last two years have flown by! We have accomplished many of the goals we set at the beginning of 2009, and created a standard for the future of the WVWS. Community projects such as funding a scholarship to promote watercolor media, and our traveling juried show have placed us on the map as far as recognition in and around the state. Being a member of West Virginia Watercolor Society is a prestigious mark to have on our artist's resumes. For instance, I was in Charleston in October and stopped by the art supply store downtown for some paper. The ladies who were shopping with me commented to the shopkeeper about the abundance of art shops and galleries in the area, and how they were enjoying their trip this year. The shopkeeper responded that there were even members of the West Virginia Watercolor Society featured in many of the stores, as well as

having their own co-op galleries. (Kudos to the ladies at Purple Moon!) Of course, this completely impressed my companions, who had no idea of my association with our group. They asked if I knew about these people who seem to have artwork in every shop they had visited, such as Wheeling, Parkersburg, and even Tamarack! I felt very proud of us at that moment, being talked about by "outsiders" who know enough about art to notice the "WVWS" after a signature. I smiled and admitted, "Yes. They are very talented folks!" I realized that afternoon that my original goal when I joined WVWS was to learn as much as I could about the media of watercolor, to make my paintings of salty characters glow and sparkle with light that only transparent watercolor can create. I feel I have gotten a good foundation in painting, but I also have learned a great deal from my experiences as president, and

have been able to use these experiences in other areas of my life. I am looking forward to the next year to paint and create, and I can't wait to see what everyone else is up to! During the coming winter, I challenge each member to try something new, and dedicate (at least) 1 hour a day to their art. Come Spring, put some thought into where you would like to see the WVWS go in the future, and **Get Involved!** Serve on a committee, submit an idea. Keep the WVWS wheels spinning forward! Together, **nothing** is impossible! I am truly grateful to everyone who helped to pull everything together these past two years, and I want to thank all the folks who continue to step up and take the lead. Happy Painting!
 Sincerely,
 Jeannine, WVWS President
 2009-2010

Election Results

During the Annual Meeting held in Beckley on October 30, the following officers were elected:

- President: Linda Elmer**
- Vice President: Jeannine Romano**
- Recording Secretary: Katy Crim**
- Corresponding Secretary: Amy Post**
- Treasurer: Bruce Brenneman**

Also, the following volunteered:

- Newsletter Editor Kristen Colebank**
- Workshop Co-Chair Brenda Beatty**
- Jury Status Chair Linda JC Turner**

THANK YOU for stepping up to help your organization!

WVWS 2010 Jury Results

The following members have achieved juried status:

Nancy Kautz

April Waltz

Debbie Sisson achieved Signature status

Congratulations to Nancy, April and Debbie!

The 2011 Jury information will be available soon

2010 All Member Exhibit Award Winners

BEST OF SHOW

Sharon Harms

Old Dog Blue

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Lou Riffe Gates

Impression of Rainy Day in Savannah

Pat Roberts

The Gathering

Betty Neely

Ancient Forest

MERIT AWARDS

Linda J. C. Turner

Sunlight and Shadow III

Jeanine Romano

Mother Knows

April Waltz

Snow White

HONORABLE MENTION

Kristin Colebank

Peace in the Valley

Pat Roberts

Dolly Sods

Linda Elmer

Raining City

April Waltz

Kettle Composition

Judges' Comments on the Exhibit

It was difficult to judge a show of such high quality, each and every piece chosen for an award showed the highest achievement of originality, creativity, skill of medium and was presented in a very professional manner in terms of framing.

It was an honor to judge the works in this show and I am overall impressed with the talent and originality of all the artists. Thank You !

WVWS Officers

w President

Linda Elmer

w Past President

Jeanine Romano

w Vice President

Jeanine Romano

w Treasurer

Bruce Brenneman

w Recording Secretary

Katy Crim

w Corresponding Secretary

Amy C Post

Directors (Trustees)

w Region I

Lou Gates

w Region II

Patricia Roberts

w Region III

Joy Cooper

w Region IV

Katy Crim

w Region V

Janet Hart

w Region-at-Large

Robert W. Smith

Committees

w Membership Chair

Jeanne Brenneman

w Archival/Video Librarian

Doncia Franklin

w Workshop Chair

Linda Elmer/Betty Beatty

w Videographer

Joseph Sweeney

w Newsletter Editor

Kristen Colebank

w Publicity Chair

Linda J. C. Turner

Paper or Plastic?

In an effort to move to a greener and paperless society, Members can opt to have their newsletter mailed to them or they can download it from the internet. Beginning in 2011, the newsletter will be available on our website, www.wvwatercolorssociety.org. Please notify Kristen Colebank by email, kcolebank@waitesrunstudios.com, if you would like to discontinue receiving your newsletter via U.S. Mail.

If you want to continue to receive your newsletter via U.S. Mail, you do not have to do anything.

Thanks to the members who stepped up to lead and help our organization!

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WVWS Bylaw Updates

At the October 30, 2010, Annual meeting the two (2) proposed Bylaw updates were approved.

Paragraph 2.1 will have the additional sentence at the end: **Instead of renewing annually, a member may elect to pay lifetime dues of \$300.**

Paragraph 2.2 will now read: **If a member's renewal dues are not paid by December 31st, a \$10 penalty will be added to the dues. This penalty will not apply to new members joining after December 31 or to members renewing at the life rate.**

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).



Mail to:
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Exhibitions Calendar of Events

2011 Juried Exhibition

June 13 - July 22

Chuck Mathena Center, Princeton, WV

May TBD

- Postmark Deadline for entries

May TBD

- Accept/Decline notices sent

June 10 (Friday)

- Hand-delivered work received

June TBD

- Judging for Awards
- Awards Reception will be held after Judging for Awards

July TBD

- WVWS Meeting
- Pickup work
- Shipped work repacked and returned

2011 All Member Exhibit

November 11 - December 30

Parkersburg Art Center, Parkersburg, WV

October TBD

- Postmark deadline for entries

October/November TBD

- Shipped work received

November 5 (Saturday) 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

- Hand delivered work received

November TBD

- Reception date/time to be announced
- WVWS Annual Meeting to be announced

December/January TBD

- Pickup work
- Shipped work repacked and returned

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If you have not yet paid your 2011 dues, please pay them before December 31, 2010, to avoid the \$10 penalty (see page 3 - Bylaws update)