

West Virginia Watercolor Society

SUMMER 2024

Greetings from our WVWS President, **Nancy Maunz**



As we continue to celebrate our 40th anniversary with this summer newsletter I would like to acknowledge our charter members. These extraordinary people had a vision and founded our organization in 1984. We salute these members who are legendary in the state's art scene. Many who exhibit and have art in collections on a national level. Thank you, we have all benefited from your vision.

WVWS Charter Members since 1984

Linda J.C. Turner
Joseph M. Sweeney
Jo Ann Browning
Clifton Fleenor
Robert Wren Smith
LuAnn Woodyard
Nancy Handlan
Rita J. Montrosse

Currently our directors are working with members in their regions to organize their Regional Anniversary Shows. Watch for announcements about the dates and venues of their shows as they develop. I hope you are planning to show in your region and are able to show your support and visit some of the other regions too.

It is also time to look to the future and find members who are willing to fill upcoming vacant positions within the society. I have appointed a nominating committee who will be contacting members. Please consider filling a position within our organization. We appreciate your collaborative spirit and willingness to step in and fill roles within the organization. Please contact me or a member of the nominating committee if you are interested in any position.

As always do some painting for fun and relaxation and I hope you find time to paint often.

Region III members hold WVWS anniversary exhibition in Martinsburg

Region III members **Ronda Albright, Mary Alice Bowers, F. Dennis Clarke, Kristen Colebank, Kathryn Gillespie, Nancy Kautz, Pam Lake, Linda Walker Roberts, and Monica Wilkins**, as well as out-of-state WVWS member Hilary Davis-White, are displaying work at the Berkeley Art Works Gallery in downtown Martinsburg through July 26 as part of the WVWS 40th anniversary celebration.

The Berkeley Art Works gallery, a project of the Berkeley Arts Council, is located at 116 N. Queen St., Martinsburg. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Some of the show participants paused for a photo after the show was put up in the gallery. From left to right are **Monica Wilkins, Kristen Colebank, Mary Alice Bowers, Ronda Albright, F. Dennis Clarke, and Linda Walker Roberts.**



Christine Rhodes' watercolor "Snow on the Honeysuckle" is currently on exhibit in the "Inspired Landscapes" juried exhibition at the Culture Center in Charleston. Two of her paintings have been invited to Crosscurrents 2024 at the Stifel Fine Arts Center in Wheeling - "Silver Lining" and "Sandscrest Tree Study" - a watercolor and an oil respectively. Her watercolor "Two Koi" will be part of Tamarack's Life Art-quatic exhibition.

Christine was also selected to complete a piece for the Artisans Celebration fundraiser for the Hoops Family Children's Hospital in Huntington. Her painted sculpture entitled "Little Camouflage" along with 46 pieces of sculpture by other artists will be on exhibit at various locations around Huntington through the summer and will be auctioned afterward. Christine Rhodes states, "Two of my paintings are in the Best of West Virginia exhibit at Tamarack."

She will have a watercolor included in the Inspired: Historic Buildings and Structures exhibition at the State Museum in Charleston which will open July 28.

And will have a solo exhibition in the Market Street lobby of WesBanco in Parkersburg during the month of July.

The next newsletter deadline is October 20, 2024 for our Fall issue. Please remember to send your news items of interest regarding recent exhibits, classes taught, workshops taken, and images of recent art to pamelalake@yahoo.com