

# AQUEOUS 2025

BECKLEY ART CENTER 600 JOHNSTOWN RD.  
BECKLEY, WV

May 2 - June 21

West Virginia Watercolor Society National Juried  
Exhibition

## PROSPECTUS

\$2,300 - \$2,800 IN AWARDS will be given in the form of Best of Show, Awards of Excellence, Awards of Merit, Honorable Mentions and People's Choice

### About the Juror Seay Earhart

A multifaceted artist, Earhart works in many artistic endeavors creating a wide range of art from realistic to abstract. As a fine artist, he has presented workshops and seminars across the U.S. Originally from Beckley, Earhart began as a self-taught watercolorist exhibiting locally and has also been juried into National and Regional exhibitions as well as outdoor juried festivals across the country. He has won over 200 awards. His work can be found in 250 private and corporate collections. For the past 20 years, he has worked in Atlanta as a scenic charge artist and designer creating sets for productions like The Hunger Games, The Walking Dead, and five seasons of Stranger Things. His most recent film, The Idea of You, also used several of his paintings.

Entries accepted into Aqueous 2025 will be considered for our 2025 full color calendar. The calendar will be for sale later this year. This is a fundraiser for the WVWS. To be eligible, the artist must be a member of the WVWS and accepted into Aqueous 2025. 12 images will hopefully be selected out of this exhibit. West Virginia scenery or subject matter in a horizontal format will be considered. Images selected will be recognized at the award ceremony. This is not a monetary award. If more images are needed, members will be notified immediately and additional submission (if we do not find 12 images from the show) can be submitted at a later date. Images need to proportionately fit the 8.5"x 11" calendar format. Paintings can be any size but your paper need to be proportional to the format. If you need help sizing your paper to fit the format contact Linda Elmer.

### Calendar

Entries Due April 1  
Email entries to  
[deborahdlester@gmail.com](mailto:deborahdlester@gmail.com)  
April 11  
Notification of entries  
By email  
Delivery of  
Entries  
April 23-26 10-4 pm  
Call 304-276-4795

### Exhibit Opens

May 2  
Member  
Meeting May 3  
12pm  
Reception  
May 3 1-3pm  
Awards  
presentation  
2 pm

### Show Ends June 21

Pickup Artwork  
June 18-21  
10-4 pm  
Or by arrangement  
with  
Linda Elmer  
Shipped work will by  
mailed shortly after June  
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PLEASE READ DIRECTIONS FOR ENTRIES ON PAGE 2

- **Criteria for Submitting Your Images:**

Images need to be in a digital format. A sharp, accurate (in color) image is necessary. Images must be cropped to the edge of the painting (do not include mat or frame in image). File type must be a jpg, no smaller than 300 dpi, but not to exceed 5MB in file size. Please try opening your image on other computer because unreadable files will not be considered for jurying. Digital images must be submitted by email. The file is to be labeled as: LastNameFirstInitial\_Title (Example: LesterD\_Bicycle)

Mail your check, and entry form by **April 1** to Deborah Lester 426 Country Roads Estates I, Shady Spring, WV 25918 Contact info and email for submitting images by **April 1** to: [deborahdlester@gmail.com](mailto:deborahdlester@gmail.com)

- **Calendar:**

**Entries Due:** April 1, 2025 as emailed images. Print the entry form and send payment (made out to WVWS) to: Deborah Lester 426 Country Roads Estates I, Shady Spring, WV 25918 Email: [deborahdlester@gmail.com](mailto:deborahdlester@gmail.com)

**Notification:** Artists notified by email about jury results. April 11. Painting selected for the 2026 calendar will be notified by Linda Elmer via email.

**Deliver work:** Hand-delivered work. April 23-26 10-4 pm. (Beckley Art Center 304-276-4795, if needed).

**Delivery:** April 23-26 10 am-4 pm. Deadline for receiving shipped work is Friday, April 25. Northern and Eastern panhandles, and central regions can contact Linda Elmer for transport.

[lindaelmer58@gmail.com](mailto:lindaelmer58@gmail.com) The Southern region can contact Deborah Lester for arrangements. Deliver to Beckley Art Center- 600 Johnstown Road Beckley, WV 25801. Deborah's number is: 304-276-4795

**Exhibit Opens May 2, 2025:** Exhibit hours- Wednesday through Saturday 11 am -5 pm

**Reception:** Award presentation is Saturday, May 3 from 1-3 Awards at 2 pm; Members Meeting May 3 at 12 pm

**Pick Up:** Wednesday - Saturday, June 18- 21, 11-4 pm. Shipped works will be mailed shortly after; pick up for northern, eastern, and central regions will be arranged individually.

- **Entry qualifications:**

**Up to 3 paintings per applicant.** All WVWS members are qualified to enter, paying \$20 per painting. Non- members may enter by paying \$25 per painting. Paintings must be created using a water-based media in an aqueous manner on paper or board (no canvas or masonite board). Also, they must have been created since January of 2023. Artwork cannot have been exhibited in any previous WVWS exhibits. Paintings created from photo images must be of original sources (property of the entering artist). Sources must not be from copyrighted materials, including Internet sources or appropriated/copied from other art. Work created in a workshop is not allowed. In mixed-media pieces, water-media must be dominant. Subject matter must be family-friendly. Accepted entries must be framed in 2-inch minimum width white or light, neutral color mat and have sturdy frames with *plexi-glass*. **Paintings up to 16" x 20" can use regular glass.** No cardboard backings. Accepted work must stay for the duration of the exhibit. Identification labels (found on the entry form) must be taped to the back of the work. Floated pieces are acceptable as long as they do not touch the plexi-glass. No saw-tooth hangers or poster frames will be accepted. Wire hangers only. The exhibit committee reserves the right to not hang paintings that do not follow the above-mentioned guidelines or are found unsuitable due to framing or subject matter. Fees must be included with the entry form. *Checks should be made out to the West Virginia Watercolor Society.* A 20% commission will be retained by the Beckley Art Center; 5% will be retained by WVWS. The West Virginia Watercolor Society is not liable for any damages or loss of paintings during the duration of the exhibit. If you cannot hand-deliver your work, you can arrange a delivery by contacting: Debbie Lester 304-276-4795 or Linda Elmer 304-216-8498.

***Receiving/Shipping Work:***

Shipped items must arrive by Friday, April 25. Work must be shipped to: Beckley Art Center 600 Johnstown Road, Beckley WV 25801. Packages must be pre-paid for return. Proper packaging is imperative to protect your work. Improper packaging may result in damage. All packaging must be in sturdy containers that can be re-mailed. No wooden containers or popcorn packing. Air-Float boxes are strongly recommended. Pieces not following any of the packing instructions will not be unpacked nor hung. Questions about receiving/shipping work can be directed to the gallery 304-894-1251 or to Debbie Lester 304-276-4795

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**WVWS Aqueous 2025 Juried Exhibit Entry Form**  
**Beckley Art Center**

**Mail form and entry fee by April 1, 2025 to:**

**Debbie Lester, 426 Country Roads Estates I Shady Spring, WV 25918 (phone: 304-276-4795)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose Entry fee \$20 per painting, limit of 3 entries per person. Non member entry fee \$25 per painting. Make checks payable to West Virginia Watercolor Society. Email your images to Debbie Lester, [deborahdlester@gmail.com](mailto:deborahdlester@gmail.com) labeled with a file name: Last,FirstInitial\_Title (Example: **LesterD\_Daffodils**)

Entry #1 Title \_\_\_\_\_ Price \_\_\_\_\_  
Entry #2 Title \_\_\_\_\_ Price \_\_\_\_\_  
Entry #3 Title \_\_\_\_\_ Price \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to the terms of this prospectus and by my signature attest that my work was created from original sources. No purchased stock/internet/published photos as references were used. These paintings have not been shown in any previous WVWS exhibit. I also agree that my images of my work may be used to promote or be reproduced for publicity purposes.  
Signature/Date \_\_\_\_\_

Paintings must have wire for hanging. Mats must be white or light neutral color.  
Plexiglass required on paintings larger than 16 x 20.

Contact Debbie Lester, Linda Elmer if you need help transporting paintings. Mail the above form by April 1. Fill out tags below with the same information. KEEP TAGS to attach to the back of your paintings. Place tags on the back of lower left corner of painting

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**2025 WVWS Juried Exhibit-Beckley**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Entry #1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Price \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 WVWS Juried Exhibit-Beckley**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Entry #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Price \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 WVWS Juried Exhibit-Beckley**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Entry #3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Price \_\_\_\_\_

