

Greetings from our WVWS President, Christine Rhodes:

A few days ago, as I submitted my entry for Aqueous 2022 online, I was struck by the ease of the process. The phrase "It takes a village" came to mind. Our organization runs along smoothly because there are folks all along the way quietly and efficiently doing their (volunteer) jobs. I won't name any names here because I would surely forget someone, but please consider for a moment all the behind-the-scenes work that it takes to make websites, exhibits, newsletters, workshops, meetings, awards, mailings and lots of other activities happen for WVWS. Your fellow artists give generously of their time, talents, gifts and abilities to make it all possible. Next time you have the opportunity, I hope you will take a moment to say, "Thank you." As we emerge from the shadow of the past couple of years, I want to thank every member of WVWS for sticking with us through the difficulties and uncertainty of the pandemic. I wish each of you a happy spring and brighter days ahead. Sincerely, Christine Rhodes, NWS, WVWS

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP WITH LYNNE YANCHA at HOLLER GALLERY, Princeton, WV

A three-day watercolor workshop will be conducted by Lynne Yancha, a Signature Member of the American Watercolor Society and a Dolphin Fellow of the Society, at Holler Gallery, May 12 to May 14, 2022 from 9:00am-4:00pm. The price for the workshop is \$240. To register and pay for the workshop, or to ask questions and obtain the supply list, please contact Rita Montrosse at 304-921-6578. Holler Gallery is located at 900 Mercer Street, Princeton, WV. To see images of Ms. Yancha's work, visit: www.lynneyancha.com.

Sometimes I feel so entangled with the West Virginia seasons, it's like I'm breathing through them. -Heather Day Gilbert

Jerre Watkins will be conducting a watercolor workshop at Cedar Lakes; Folk Art at the Lakes Workshops, Ripley, WV on April 10. Visit the website at www.cedarlakes.com for more information.

Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.
-Oscar Wilde

AQUEOUS REMINDERS

Attention Aqueous and Signature exhibitors:

- *April 8 is the deadline for the Signature members entry forms and fees.
- *Aqueous entries are allowed three bin or card rack items. Send those to Linda Elmer as soon as possible. An inventory list must be generated.
- *Remember that April 30 is last day for all paintings to arrive at PAC, shipped or hand-delivered. Make sure paintings adhere to our standards of framing and that they have a label on the back.
- *June 7-11 are the pick up dates at the conclusion of the exhibit.

Summer Plein Air Workshop June 10 – 12, 2022

Award-winning artist and teacher, Theodora T. Tilton, will offer a workshop that explores the natural world though painting in the Shenandoah Mountains. Your choice of working in oil or watercolor, students of all levels will paint outdoors in the beautiful mountains surrounding historic Shrine Mont in Orkney Springs, Virginia. Ms. Tilton exhibits around the country and is a signature member of the Virginia Watercolor Society, and among many other societies. Accommodations are provided by Shrine Mont. Please go to www.shrinemont.com for more information on the venue and the workshop, or contact Ms. Tilton at 703.765.2746; www.tiltonstudio.com.



Above is a painting by Theodora Tilton

"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want --- oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!" -Mark Twain

MEMBER NEWS

Debbie Kalt Sisson had three paintings (two of them watercolor) accepted into the Women's Work Exhibit at Tamarack. The show concludes on April 13. She is also entering two signature member paintings into the Parkersburg Art Center through our Aqueous.

Jane Michael currently has a one-person show at Slight Indulgence in Morgantown which concludes the end of April. Slight Indulgence is a coffee and lunch cafe, located in Suncrest at 3200 Collins Ferry Road. The cafe is a strong supporter of area artists and displays local paintings on their walls.

Janet Hart has a watercolor on display through Pittsburgh Watercolor Society at Wilkins School Community Center in Pittsburgh in their gallery space. The exhibit is *Small Works/Big Ideas* and all watercolors must be limited to no larger than 14". She also has several paintings on display at Artworks Around Town in Wheeling through a watercolor class taught by Karen Catlett.

Stifel Fine Arts Center in Wheeling is offering old ceramic roof tiles to be painted and donated back to the center for a fundraiser titled, *Raise the Roof Fundraiser*. Benefits go toward a new roof for the arts center. Janet Hart painted one of the many tiles to help raise money at their auction on May 7.

What shoe brand do artists love? Skechers

The next newsletter deadline is June 20 for our summer issue. Please remember to send your news items of interest regarding recent exhibits, classes taught, workshops taken, images of recent art, etc. to janetlynnehart@comcast.net.

