

# West Virginia Watercolor Society

FALL 2024

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



I am preparing for my final meeting as president of our society. In January 2025 I will hand over my position to Rita Montrosse. It has been my great privilege to serve as your president. I have traveled around the state meeting new people and seeing great art. I have so much respect for the talented painters I have gotten to know. We have worked together on projects like our new Facebook site, regional shows, our first Zoom demo along with Delaware and now planning for our 2026 WVWS Calendar. Thanks everyone for all your work and the many good times.

And thanks to those who stepped forward to replace our **outgoing** officers. It takes many hands to make the work light.

If you haven't gotten the chance, I encourage you to visit the All Member Show that is currently on exhibit at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg through the end of the year. It's a great show in a very nice venue. Lewisburg is a fun place to visit and makes a fun day of art, shopping and good restaurants. It will be there through the end of the year.

Thanks again. And I hope you find time to paint often and paint for fun.

Here are some pictures from the workshop at Canaan Valley.





Several Regions had shows celebrating the 40th year of West Virginia Watercolor Society here are some highlights:

Holler: Contemporary Appalachian Art Gallery  
present:  
Region 1 WV Watercolor Society

*40th Anniversary Exhibit*

September 6th- October 19th

Reception Friday September 6  
5:30-7:30 pm

Gallery Hours: Friday 1-5pm  
Saturday 10-5pm

Free and open to public  
Located 900 Mercer Street Princeton  
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Region IV



## Region III

Berkeley Arts Council hosted the regional watercolor exhibit in downtown Martinsburg.



## Calendar Opportunity

**The WVWS is going to produce a 2026 calendar for sale featuring the artwork of its members. A committee will be looking for West Virginia subject matter in the form of landscape, people, still life, etc. The committee, comprised of WVWS members, will select paintings from the Aqueous 2025 exhibit.**

**To be eligible, paintings must be produced by a WVWS member (Aqueous is open to non-members). The artists will need to provide a high resolution image (if chosen) and agree to having their painting used for the calendar and publicity purposes. If enough images cannot be found within the show, a "call for images" will be opened up to all members. The image must be a horizontal format as we are going to make this an 8.5"x11" calendar. If your work is selected for the cover, your image will also be inside as one of the featured twelve months.**

**We want to make this an annual event. Our purpose is to sell these calendars and make some money for WVWS. We will have this printed and available for sale**



September 1, 2025 and are asking members to help sell them. Final information/criteria will be in the 2025 Aqueous prospectus. Questions? [lindaelmer58@gmail.com](mailto:lindaelmer58@gmail.com)

## Member News



"Monster Finger," watercolor by **Janet Hart**, was accepted and exhibited in Gallery 2265's latest exhibit, MONSTER. Gallery 2265 is on Market Street in Wheeling. **Forty-two** artists exhibited their themed artwork in this invitational exhibit which concludes the end of October. "Monster Finger" sold on the first day before the exhibit opened to the public.



**Debbie Lester** is exhibiting 2 paintings at Holler Gallery in Princeton, Nov 1 through their December Halloween show. She will also be teaching watercolor class at Cedar Lakes week of Oct 28, and she will be exhibiting at Beckley Newspaper office during the month of December.



**Nancy Kautz**, had her painting accepted into the Mid-Atlantic Watercolor Show. It's called "Conversing" and is 28"x40".



The next newsletter deadline is December 20, ---2024 for our Winter issue. Please remember to send your news items of interest regarding recent exhibits, classes taught, workshops taken, and images of recent art to the newly elected editor.