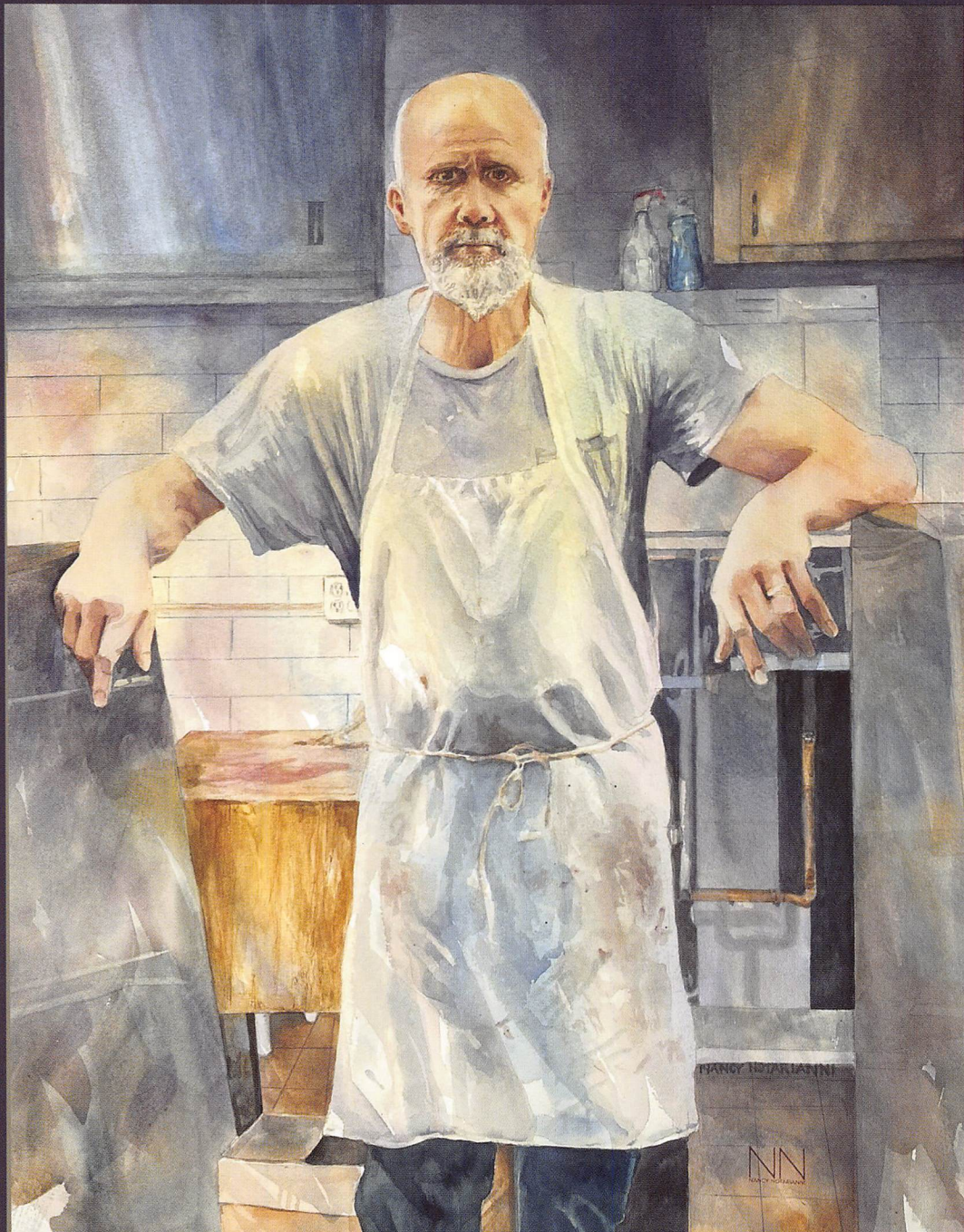


Watercolor
Ohio
2025

OHIO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
48TH ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBITION



2025 GOLD MEDAL WINNER

WEST SIDE MARKET MEAT MAN

BY NANCY NOTARIANNI



A Smithsonian Affiliate

Welcome to Watercolor Ohio 2025

It is our distinct honor to welcome visitors to Watercolor Ohio 2025 at the Springfield Museum of Art. This competitive juried exhibition organized by the Ohio Watercolor Society elevates the remarkable diversity of water media, showcasing over 60 outstanding works by some of Ohio's most accomplished artists working in watercolor, casein, gouache, thinned acrylic, and egg tempera. We are proud to partner with the Ohio Watercolor Society to present the 48th annual Watercolor Ohio exhibition.

As the only Smithsonian Affiliate art museum in the state of Ohio, the Springfield Museum of Art is pleased to serve as the premiere exhibition host for this year's events. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Ohio Watercolor Society for their trust and collaboration, and to this year's juror, American Watercolor Society signature artist, Paul Jackson, MFA for his thoughtful selections, engaging workshop, and masterclass demonstration. We warmly invite the community to experience the extraordinary creativity and technical mastery on display in this annual showcase of Ohio's finest water media artists.

Jessimi Jones, Executive Director

Jennifer Wenker, Curator of Collections and Exhibitions

Springfield Museum of Art

Message from the Exhibition Chair

Springfield Museum of Art is home to the only Smithsonian Affiliate art museum in the state of Ohio, a distinction that celebrates adherence to best practices and an exemplary permanent collection. At the same time, they host a variety of other exhibitions including—this year—ours! While the OWS has had two annual exhibitions in Springfield—the last in 1992—this year's show is being held in a recently renovated museum that can accommodate the exhibition itself, the workshop given by our juror Paul Jackson and the opening reception and awards banquet. Having a single site for all events is not a common situation for us!

Besides the physical spaces, the staff of the SoMA has been equally accommodating and helpful. Executive Director Jessimi Jones and Curator Jennifer Wenker paved the way to set up the exhibition and worked with us to craft a plan to optimize its success. Development Officer Patrick Wicker was instrumental in mapping the logistics and providing on-site, up-to-the-minute help in many ways from helping to arrange the banquet to figuring how to display Paul Jackson's demonstration and workshop instruction.

Our own volunteers were both efficient and pleasing to work with during take-in and the re-boxing of the work for storage between take-in and hanging. This despite power failures and stormy weather in the area during that weekend. Their names are listed in the catalog, which is a small token of our appreciation for their hard work and time.

Cathy Welner is this year's winner of the Jim Brower Lifetime Achievement Award. She is well known to many members of OWS—as well as many others—for her many years of teaching watercolor painting in northeast Ohio as well as being an exceptional artist in her own right. Cathy embodies the best qualities we commend in our members and we are proud for her to receive this honor.

Our Juror, Paul Jackson, was a pleasure to work with and remained chipper and helpful as we worked to tweak several things at the last minute in response to weather events sweeping through southern Ohio in late July. His demo and workshop were very well-received. Given how many events he was juggling this year around the country, we were fortunate to have him.

Thanks to everyone who helped make Watercolor Ohio 2025 a great success.

Tom Sorrell

Exhibition Chair, Ohio Watercolor Society



Exhibition Catalog: \$10.00

For sales information on exhibited paintings, please contact the OWS Treasurer: Aileen Cave, 937.631.5713 or aileencave@gmail.com

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Juror's Biography

Paul Jackson AWS~DF, NWS

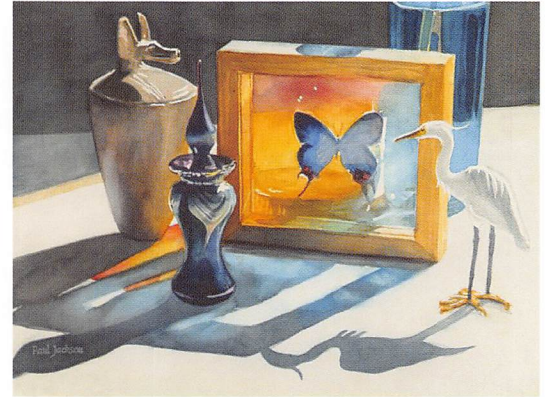
Paul Jackson spent his adventurous childhood in Starkville Mississippi. He discovered his passion for watercolor at Mississippi State University in 1985. He received a Master of Fine Arts degree in Missouri in 1992, and has since been relentless in pursuit of his creative dreams, receiving top honors in national and international competitions, contributing his art to a vast library of magazines and books and sharing his creative influence in all corners of the earth.

Paul was honored by the American Watercolor Society with signature membership at the age of 30, and more recently with the Dolphin Fellowship, the highest honor in watercolor painting. Paul is also a Signature member of the National Watercolor Society and an Honor Member of the Missouri Watercolor Society.

Paul was the Grand Prize winner in the Paint Your Way to Paris competition and has been featured as one of the Master Painters of the World in International Artists Magazine. Much of Paul's portfolio of watercolors hangs in private collections, but some examples are on display in museums and public buildings: the Missouri State Capitol, Governor's Mansion and Supreme Court all prominently feature Jackson watercolors.

In 2008, Jackson was the featured speaker at the International Watercolor Masters Invitational in Lushan, China. Paul was also the only American artist invited to the International Art Meet in Kolkata, India in 2011. Jackson frequently serves as judge for national and international art competitions.

A prolific artist and ambitious world traveler, Paul Jackson is one of today's most versatile and visible contemporary watercolorists. Whether his subject is landscape, cityscape, portrait, architecture, still life or abstract, Paul captivates his audience with genuine emotion, intensity and finesse that energize each of his creations.

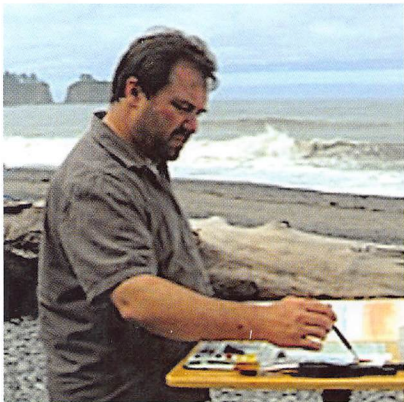


Light Lunch Paul Jackson



Right Place Wrong Time Paul Jackson

Juror's Statement



It was a privilege to serve as juror for the 2025 Ohio Watercolor Society Exhibition – an experience that offered not only a front-row seat to exceptional artistry, but a renewed appreciation for the many ways this luminous medium continues to evolve.

Watercolor is a medium of endless possibility. It can whisper or shout, dazzle with precision or drift like memory across the page. What struck me most in reviewing this year's submissions was the breadth of voices and approaches represented...each with something distinctly personal to say. From traditional realism to experimental abstraction, from intimate studies to bold, expansive statements, the works in this exhibition are united by their mastery and conviction. I was especially intrigued by the diversity of surfaces explored—most notably, two of the top five award-winning pieces were painted on Yupo. That alone is rare. But even more rare is seeing the surface used so effectively, with the kind of control and intentionality that elevates difficulty into something seamless. When handled well, Yupo brings a unique vibrancy to watercolor, and those artists earned every accolade.

Judging a show of this caliber is never easy. I spent time returning to each piece, looking closely for design strength, technical skill, clarity of concept, and emotional resonance. I'm drawn to work that surprises me, that invites a second look and then a third. I hope every artist knows how much their work was valued in this process.

To the Ohio Watercolor Society, thank you for your commitment to celebrating and uplifting watercolor in all its forms. To the exhibiting artists, thank you for your courage, your craft, and your stories. You've made this exhibition a dynamic and inspiring snapshot of where watercolor is headed. And to everyone who took the time to enter, please keep painting! The world is better with your vision in it.

Ohio Watercolor Society Jim Brower Lifetime Achievement Award

Cathy Welner



Cathy Welner was born in Syracuse New York to James and Viola Panto of Sicilian and Italian descent. An only child, Cathy grew up in a multilingual extended family home with her parents, grandparents, an aunt, an uncle, a cousin and a dog that understood the language. Cathy's mother, a beautiful and extraordinary woman who loved to paint and draw, was a great inspiration to her daughter. No surprise then that art and music always filled the house, and Cathy was encouraged to take singing, dancing and Saturday morning art classes as a child.

Upon graduating high school Cathy attended the State University Of New York at Cortland, (SUNY) from which she graduated with a BS degree in Education. She also met her future husband there. After marriage and a brief stint of teaching, they started their family and eventually had three children, David, Sharon and Lauri. As they grew, Cathy decided after a time to pursue her interest in art and began taking classes with Lowell Ellsworth Smith of Hudson, Ohio as well as other local, national and international artists available at the time. As her own style began to emerge, she was encouraged to start teaching. And so the journey began!



Fall Bounty Cathy Welner



Bass Harbor Head Light House

Cathy Welner

Joining the fledgling Ohio Watercolor Society shortly after its inception, Cathy was elected to signature membership in 1980 and subsequently served as Treasurer in the early 1980s. She has been a frequent exhibitor in the annual juried exhibition (Watercolor Ohio) and elected to the selection committee in 1983. During her years participating in Watercolor Ohio, Cathy has had two paintings selected for purchase for the OWS Permanent Collection; and among other awards she was given the Gold Buckeye Leaf Award in 2020 for her painting, *Winter Woods*.

Besides membership in the OWS, Cathy's associations with art and in particular with watercolor painting has led to exhibitions locally, nationally and internationally since the 1970's, and she has won many awards and honors. She was elected to lifetime membership in the Whisky Painters of America and in 2024, to signature membership in the American Watercolor Society. Cathy was a freelance artist for the American Greetings Corporation, based in Westlake, Ohio; and she is a member of the Hudson Society of Artists (Hudson, Ohio) where she founded (and chaired for 43 years!) Hudson Art on the Green, a juried fine arts and crafts show that features works of over 140 exhibitors.

While Cathy's artistic talent is undisputed, the most enduring legacy is probably her devotion to teaching. Cathy has taught workshops around the country and for several summers on Lake Como, Italy. Closer to home, Cathy was on the faculty of The Department of Continuing Education at the Cleveland Institute of Art and for many years has taught workshops and classes at The Cliffside Artists Collaborative (Hinckley, Ohio), which is committed to art education and to the encouragement of young artists planning a career in art.

Cathy says, "I would never have met some of the people or gone to some of the places I've been if it wasn't for this wonderful world of art. What a blessing!"

Her own words are just as true for her contributions to the Ohio Watercolor Society as well as many artists and residents of Ohio: What a blessing!



Venice Canal Cathy Welner

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Travel Show Venues 2025-26

Dec 2025/Jan 2026

Amos Memorial Library
Sidney, OH 45365

Feb/March 2026

Marathon Performing Arts Center
Findlay, OH 45840

April 2026

Piqua Public Library
Piqua, OH 45356

Exhibition Team 2025

Exhibition Chairpersons

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Janealla Killibrew

Workshop Chairperson

Aileen Cave

Juror's Assistant

Connie Gifford

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Connie Gifford
Sharon Stolzenberger
David Yeamans
Tessa Kalman
Rosemary Burkhardt

Reception Coordinator

Tessa Kalman

Exhibition Registrar

Tom Sorrell

Travel Show

George Kocar

Exhibition Catalog

Nancy Notarianni

Yearly Acceptances into the Annual Exhibition

Congratulations to the following OWS members for their acceptances of paintings into the Annual Exhibition.

5 Years

Donna Pierce Clark
Jeanette DeJesus
Jeanette B Ferguson
Pam Hartford
Gina Judy
Joan Satow
Peggy Stover

10 Years

George Harth

15 Years

Yuki Hall
Dennis Zimmerman

20 Years

Carol Stevens

Honorary Associates

The Ohio Watercolor Society designates Honorary Associates for a term of three years in recognition of performing meritorious work for the Society, for aiding in the advancement of Art or the protection of the rights of artists or in executing outstanding development and/or teaching of Art.

2023-2025

Stan Miller, Juror of Selection and Awards 2023

2024-2026

Ken Call, Juror of Selection and Awards 2024

2025-2027

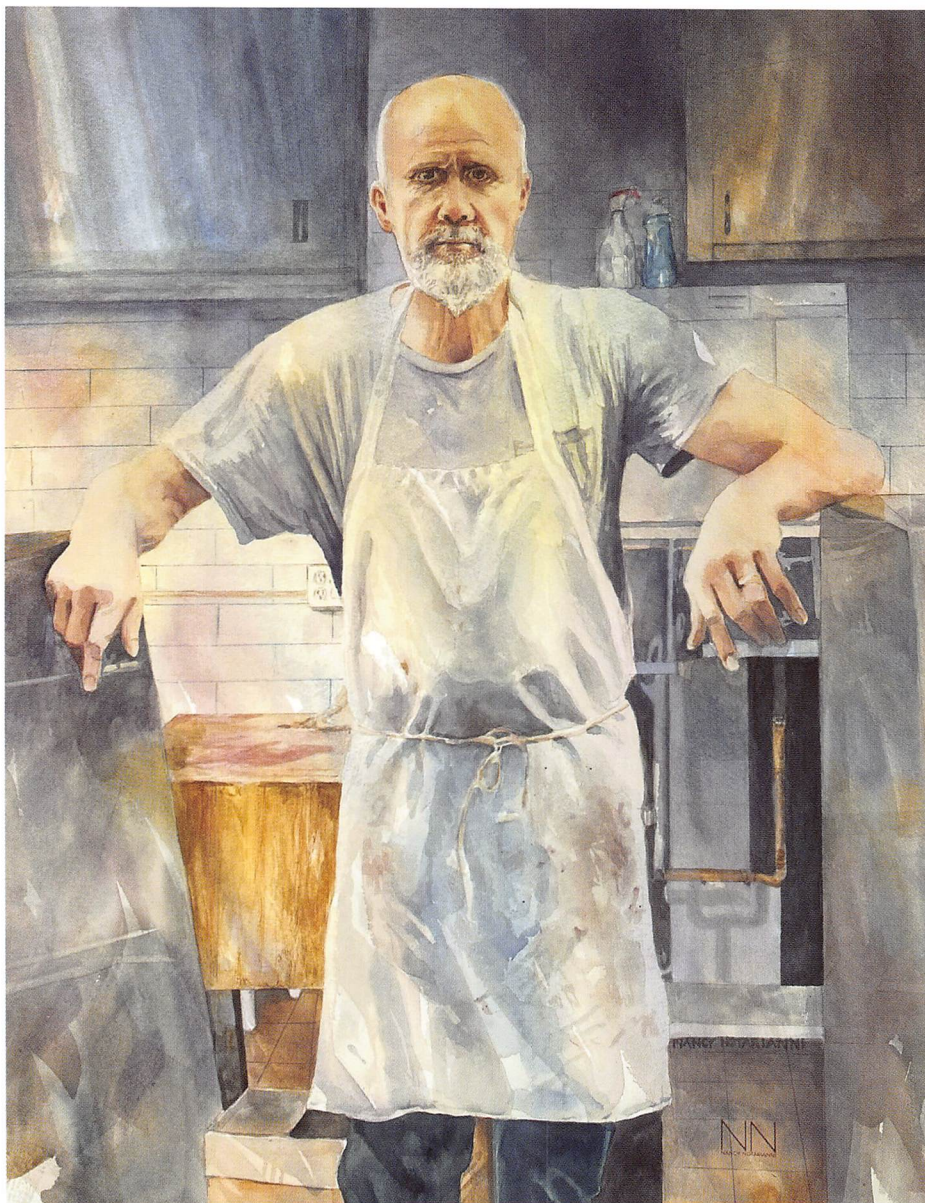
Paul Jackson, Juror of Selection and Awards 2025

Remembering OWS Members Who Have Passed Away

Joan Rothel 12/14/24 Cincinnati, OH

Exhibiting Artists 2025

Judith Anderson Westerville, OH	George Harth Medina, OH	Christine Misencik-Bunn Fredericktown, OH	Peggy Stover Ashland, OH
Ave Barr Frederick, MD	Marcia Hartsock Cincinnati, OH	Rick Mock Gahanna, OH	Jeffrey Suntala Strongsville, OH
Karen Beverly Athens, OH	Thomas Harwood Niles, OH	Chandana Mozumdar North Ridgeville, OH	Fred Ulrich Westerville, OH
Gary Brooks Amelia, OH	Millie Hawkins Warren, OH	Jack Mulhollen Silver Lake, OH	Colette Urquhart Galena, OH
Kevin Buckland Lewis Center, OH	Jack Howard Cincinnati, OH	Tim Myrick Euclid, OH	Andrea Walker Wilder, KY
John Burkard Poland, OH	Gina Judy Richmond, OH	Nancy Notarianni Middleburg Heights, OH	Howard Wood Dublin, OH
John Cameron Westerville, OH	Janealla Killebrew Findlay, OH	Martha Rice Cambridge, OH	David Yeaman Springboro, OH
Martin Chappuies Toledo, OH	Edwin Kitchen Columbus, OH	Vivian Ripley Columbus, OH	Benjamin Young East Sparta, OH
Donna Clark Springfield, OH	Chris Krupinski Downingtown, PA	Joanne Robinson Wooster, OH	Dennis Zimmerman Findlay, OH
Brenda Myers Cohen Girard, OH	Kathleen Kuhn Cincinnati, OH	Lynne Rosati Youngstown, OH	
Jeanette Dean-DeJesus Cornelius, NC	Mitzi Lai Broadview Heights, OH	Charles Rowland Lewia Center, OH	
Tom Derr Wooster, OH	Christopher Leeper Canfield, OH	David Ruckman Ontario, OH	
Jeanette B Ferguson Troy, OH	Raymond Lillback Mentor, OH	Joan Satow Berea, OH	
Kathie George Dayton, OH	Brenda Lloyd Columbus, OH	John Schlabaugh Boardman, OH	
Jim Gerkin Lancaster, OH	Susan Lyden Bay Village, OH	Keith Shebesta Amelia, OH	
Frederick Graff Salem, SC	Thomas Mayer Mogadore, OH	Jennifer Sowders Fostoria, OH	
Yuki Hall Beavercreek, OH	Lindy McMurray Poland, OH	Carol Stevens Medina, OH	
Pam Hartford Columbus, OH	Lori Meyer Covington, OH	Sharon Stolzenberger Kettering, OH	



OHIO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY GOLD MEDAL

with a \$1,200 value

Nancy Notarianni (OWS)

Middleburg Heights, OH

West Side Market Meat Man

21 x 17



OHIO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
SILVER MEDAL

with a \$1,000 value

Jennifer Sowders (OWS)

Fostoria, OH

Life's Work

19 x 15

OHIO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
BRONZE MEDAL

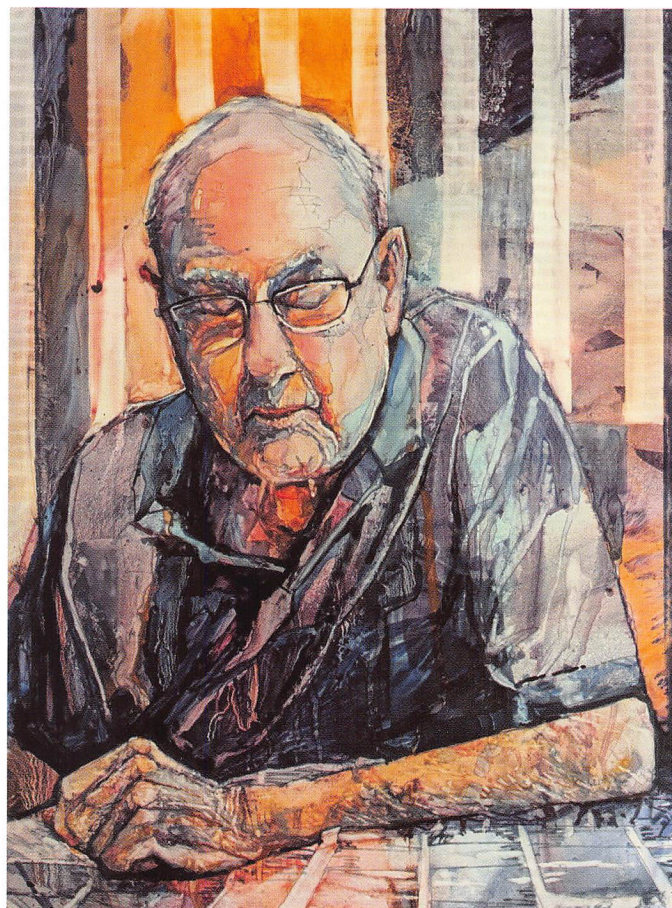
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Dennis Zimmerman (OWS)

Findlay, OH

Old News

21 x 13



OHIO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

with a \$500 value

Christine Misencik-Bunn (OWS)

Fredericktown, OH

Aiden

22 x 15



OHIO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

with a \$500 value

Chris Krupinski (OWS)

Downingtown, PA

Feeling Left Out

30 x 22



OHIO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
AWARD OF DISTINCTION

with a \$400 value

Kathie George (OWS)

Dayton, OH
Horn Section
13 x 16

OHIO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
AWARD OF DISTINCTION

with a \$400 value

Frederick Graff (C)

Salem, SC
State of Tension
30 x 22



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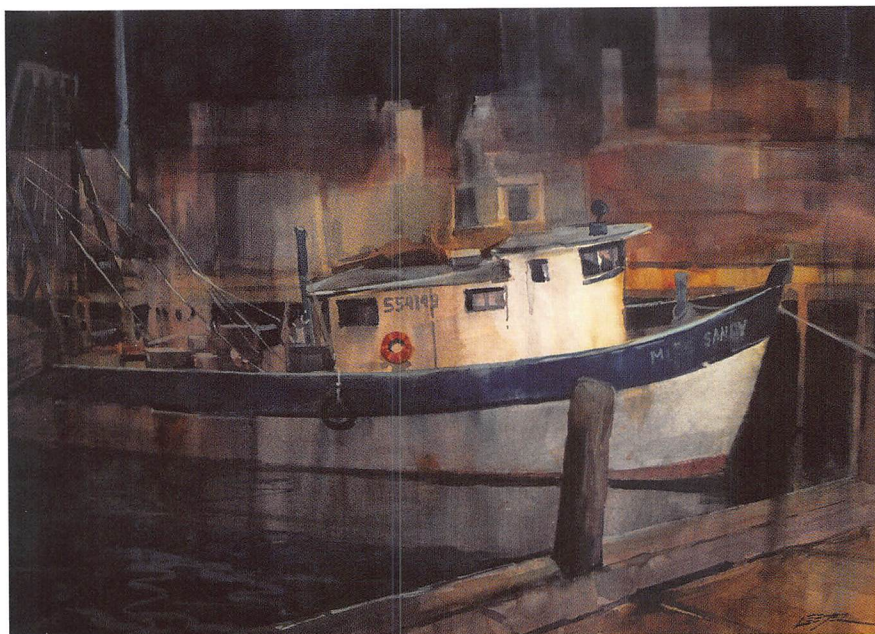
**Thomas Harwood
(AS)**

Niles, OH
McGuffey Epilogue
21 x 29



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**Christopher Leeper
(OWS)**

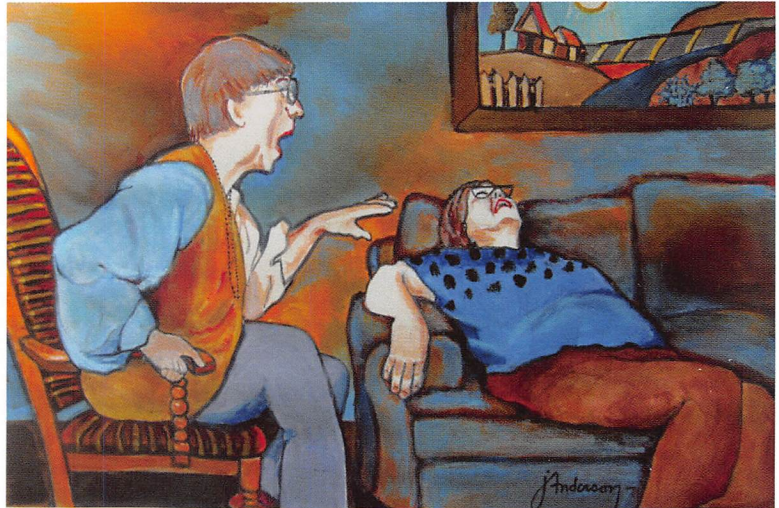
Canfield, OH
Miss Sandy
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Judith Anderson (OWS)

Westerville, OH
The Conversation
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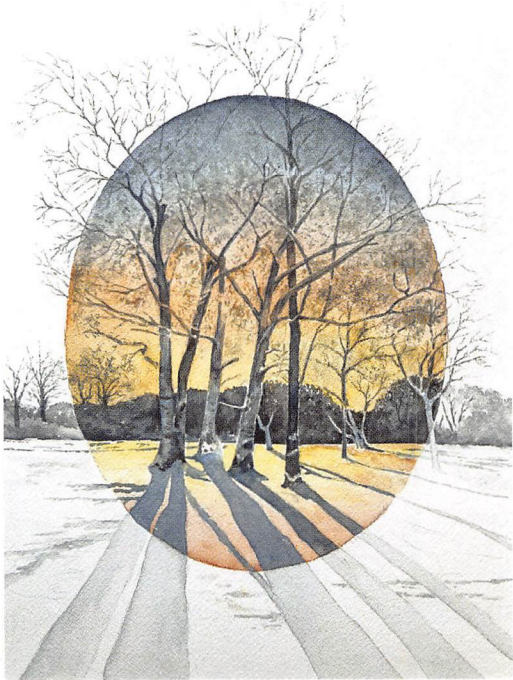
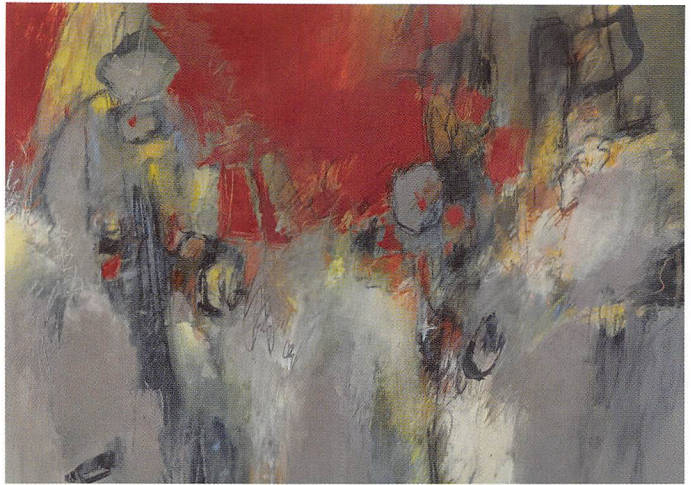
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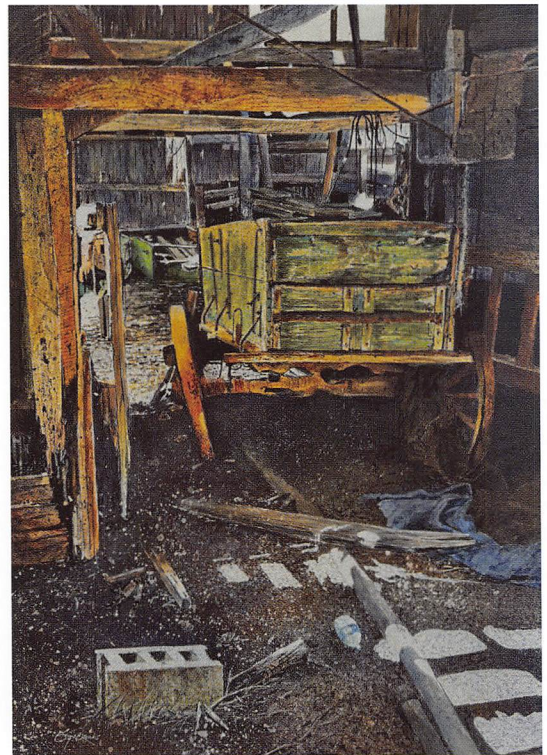
Chandana Mozumdar (AS)

North Ridgeville, OH
Morning Catch
16 x 12

Ave Barr (OWS)
 Frederick, MD
Apple Picking
 22 x 30



Karen Beverly (AS)
 Athens, OH
Colors of Sunset
 13.5 x 10



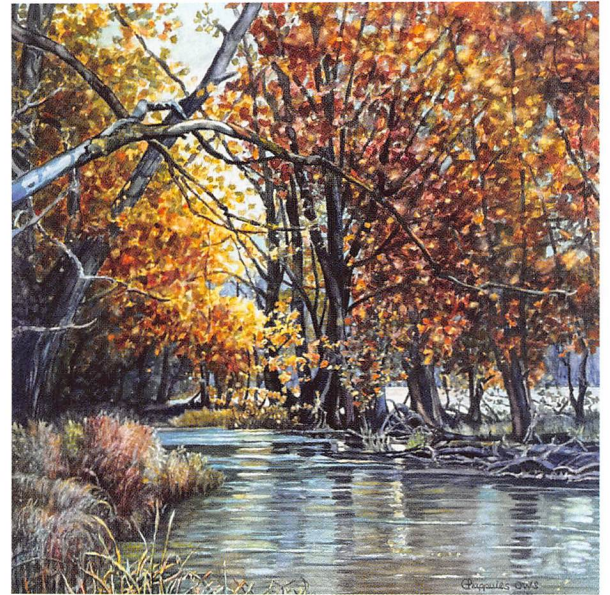
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 Amelia, OH
Along the Pike
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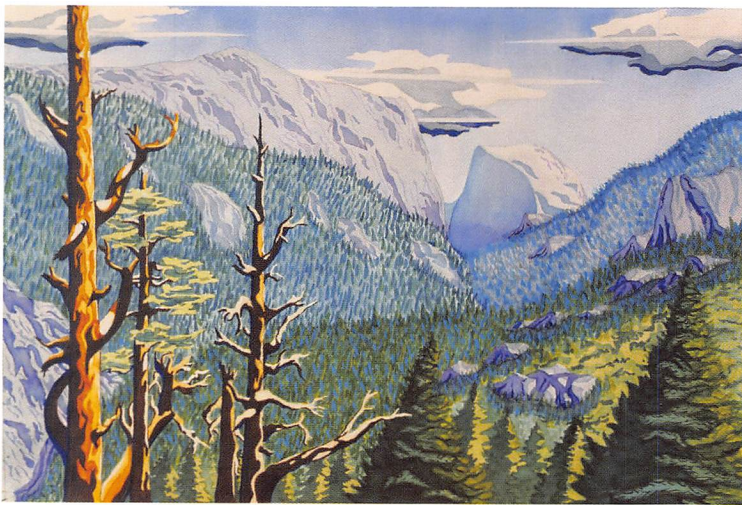
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 Lewis Center, OH
Windows To Paradise
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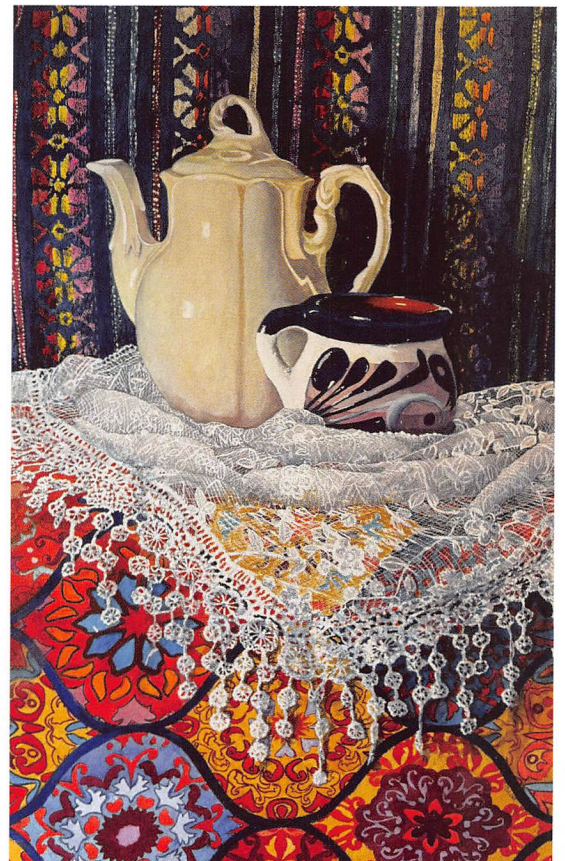
John Burkard (AS)
Poland, OH
The Gardener
28 x 17



Martin Chappuies (OWS)
Toledo, OH
Season Finale
21 x 21



John Cameron (AS)
Westerville, OH
Yosemite National Park- Half Dome
19 x 29



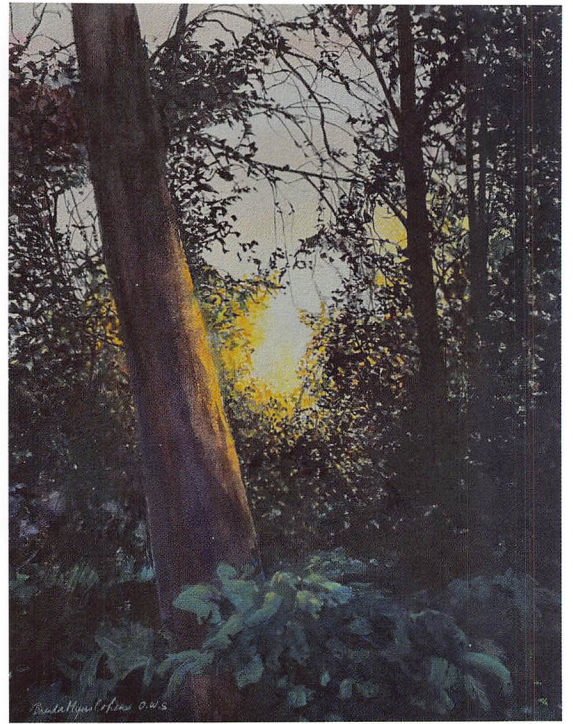
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Springfield, OH
Spanish Lace
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Girard, OH

Summer Solstice

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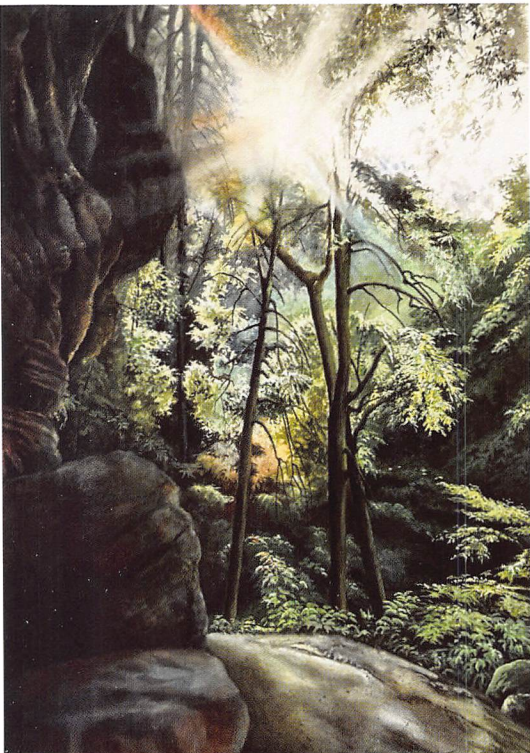


Jeanette Dean-DeJesus (OWS)

Cornelius, NC

Oh Happy Day

16 x 21



Tom Derr (OWS) ◇

Wooster, OH

Beyond South Bass

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Jeanette B Ferguson (OWS) ◎

Troy, OH

Hocking Hills Evening Sun

21 x 14

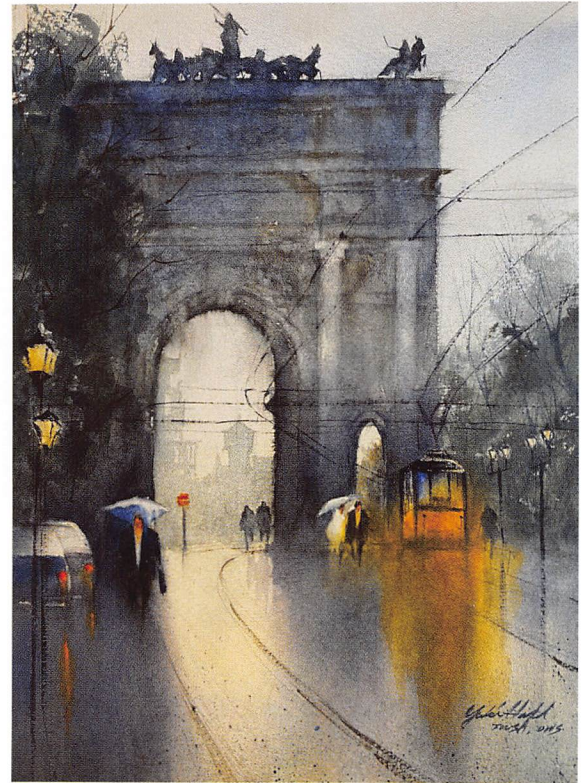


Jim Gerkin (OWS)

Lancaster, OH

Auld Lang Syne

14 x 22



Yuki Hall (OWS) ◉

Beavercreek, OH

Vintage Tram In Milan

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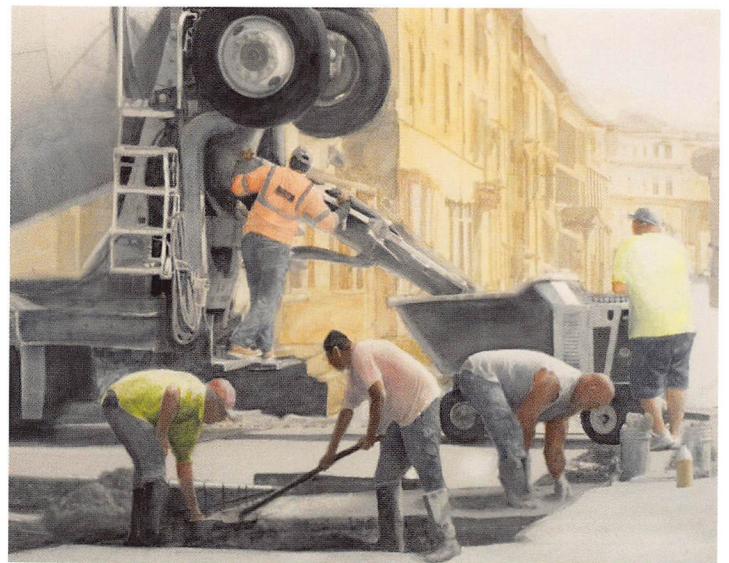


Pam Hartford (OWS) ◉

Columbus, OH

Koala in a Tree

14 x 17



George Harth (OWS) ◉

Medina, OH

Concrete Workers

11 x 14

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Cincinnati, OH
Morning Jewels
20 x 28

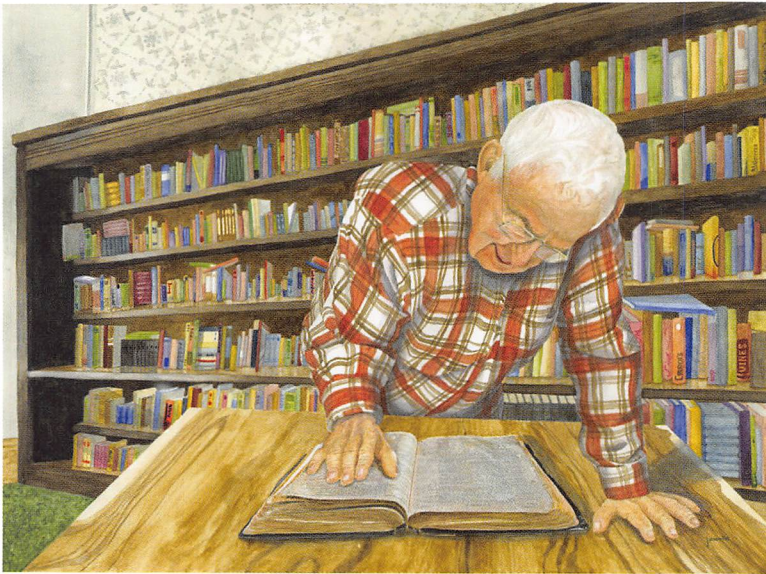


Millie Hawkins (OWS) ◉
Warren, OH
Nine Horse Power
16 x 21

Jack Howard (AS)
Cincinnati, OH
Coming In
9 x 14.5



Gina Judy (OWS)
Richmond, OH
Where I Grew Up In Steubenville
15 x 22



Janealla Killebrew (OWS) ♦ ◉

Findlay, OH

Book of Books

21 x 29



Edwin Kitchen (OWS)

Columbus, OH

Backroad

21 x 14



Kathleen Kuhn (OWS) ◉

Cincinnati, OH

The Vault

22 x 30



Mitzi Lai (OWS) ◉

Broadview Heights, OH

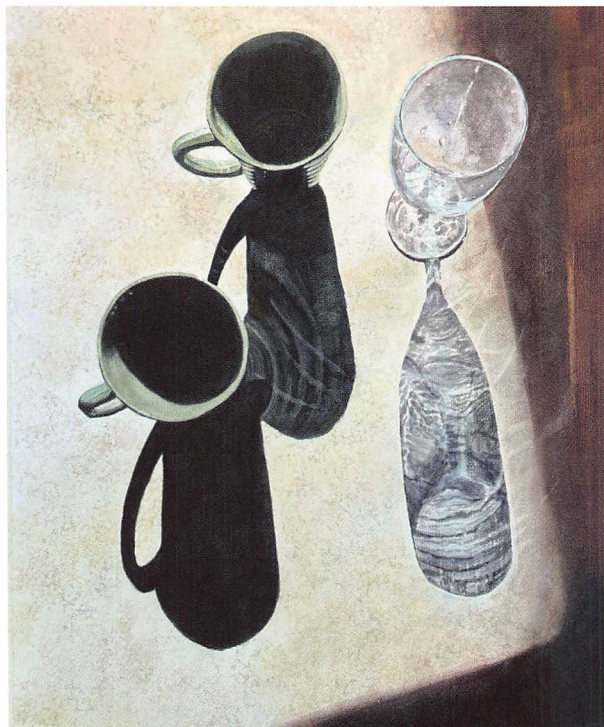
Come Join Us

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Mentor, OH
Nature Patience
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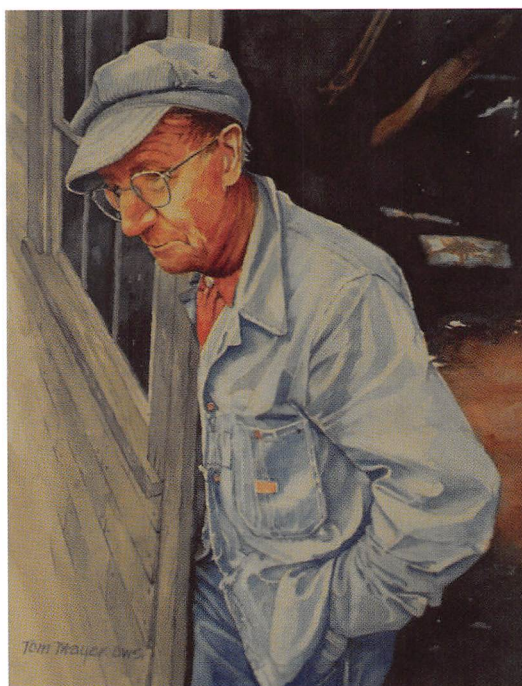


Brenda Lloyd (OWS)
Columbus, OH
Reflections of Last Night
24 x 18



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Bay Village, OH
Zinnias
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Thomas Mayer (OWS)
Mogadore, OH
Clem
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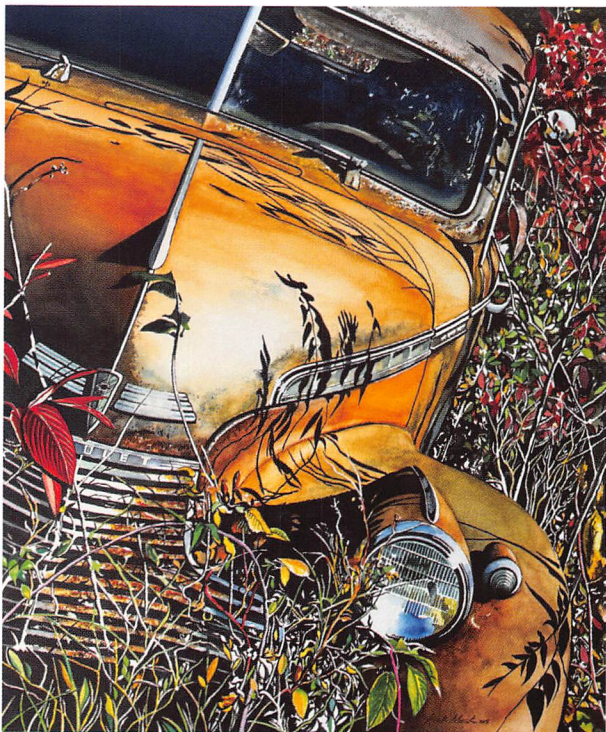




Lindy McMurray (AS)
Poland, OH
Railroad Rhetoric
17 x 20



Lori Meyer (AS)
Covington, OH
Barn on Perry Road
15 x 22



Rick Mock (OWS) ©
Gahanna, OH
Drove my Chevy to the Levee
23 x 18



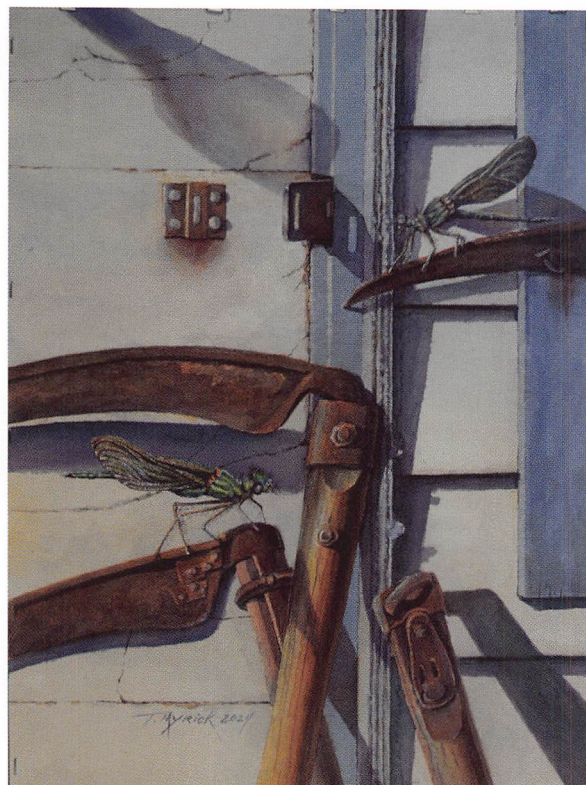
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Silver Lake, OH
Amish Country
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Tim Myrick (AS) ◉

Euclid, OH

Respite

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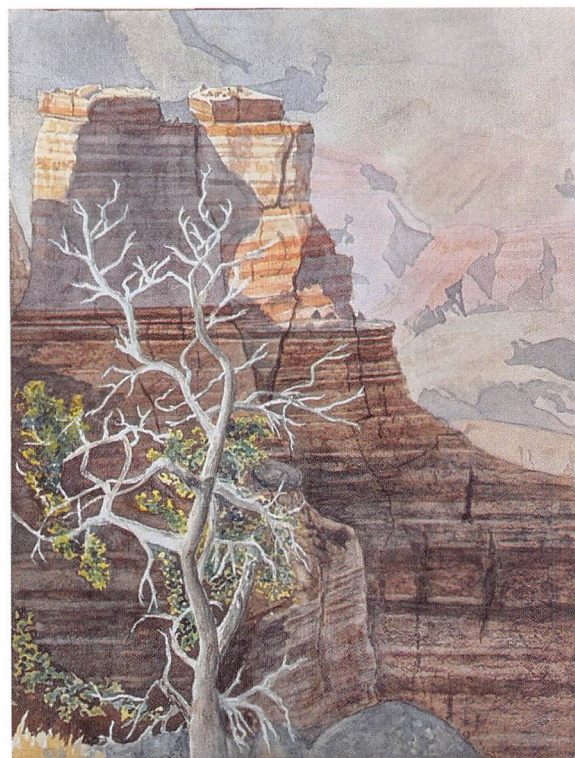
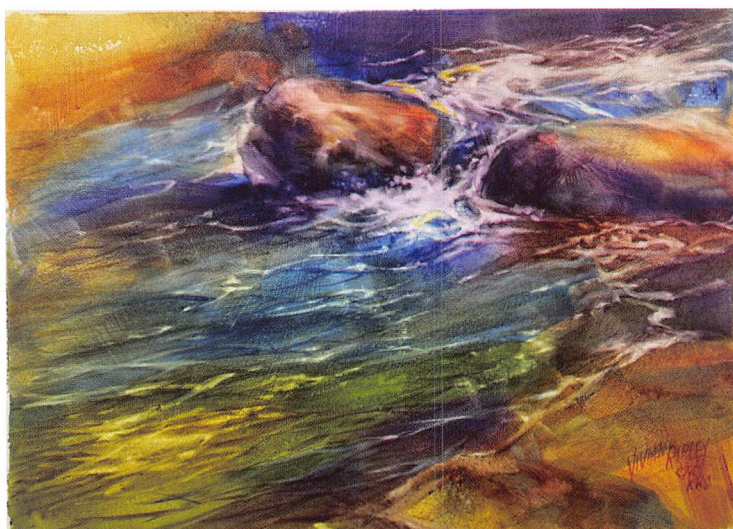


Martha Rice (AS)

Cambridge, OH

Cliff Dwellers

22 x 15

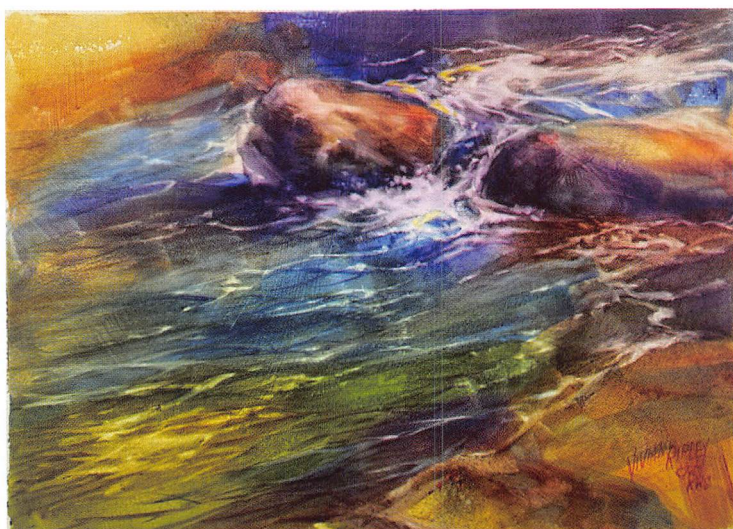


Vivian Ripley (OWS)

Columbus, OH

Bright Passage

10 x 14

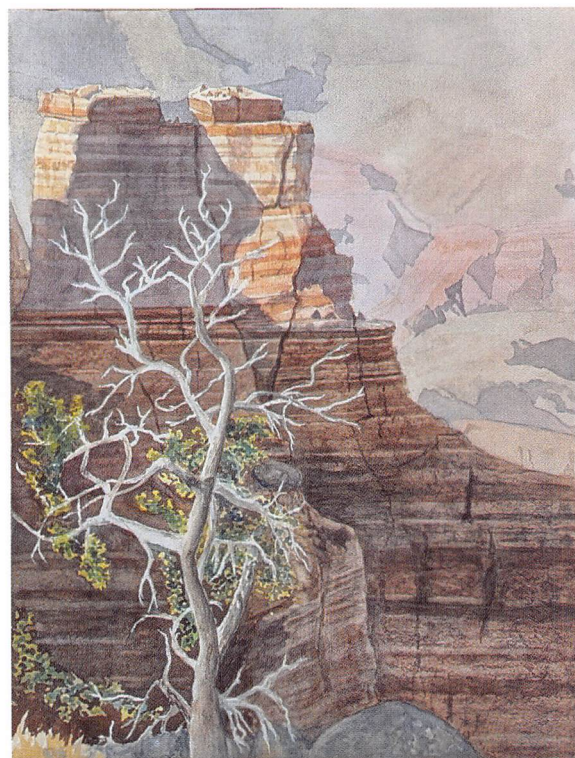


Joanne Robinson (AS) ◉

Wooster, OH

Early Evening at Desert View

16 x 12





Lynne Rosati (OWS)

Youngstown, OH

Blue Hydrangeas

25 x 22

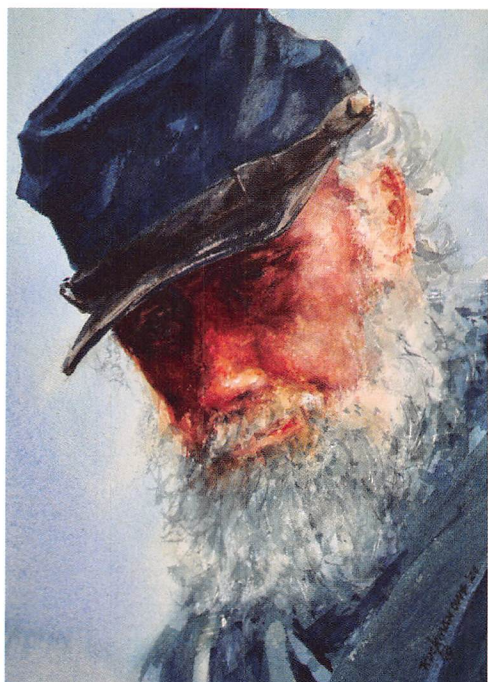


Charles Rowland (OWS)

Lewia Center, OH

Village Francais

20 x 13

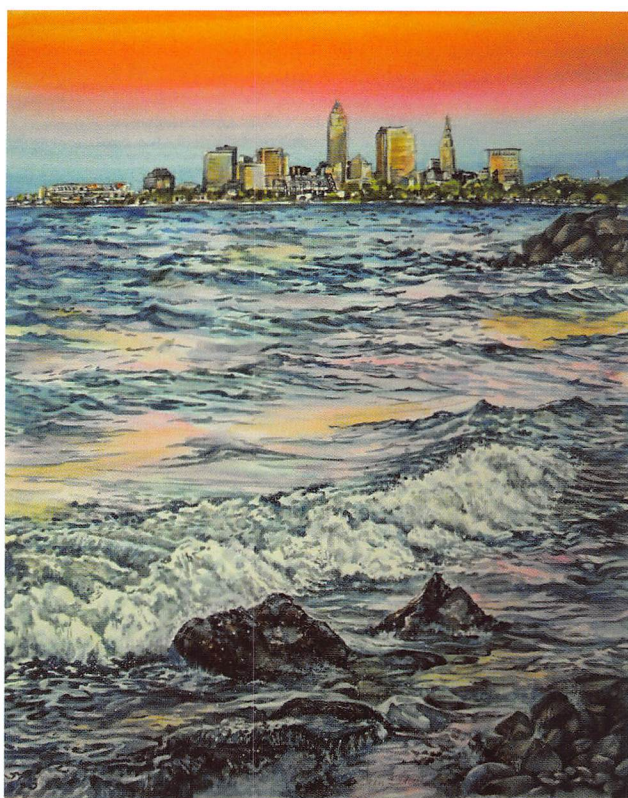


David Ruckman (OWS)

Ontario, OH

The Vet

13 x 10



Joan Satow (OWS) ©

Berea, OH

CLE Skyline and Water

20 x 16

John Schlabaugh (OWS)

Boardman, OH

Liberty in Paris

30 x 22



Keith Shebesta (OWS) ♦ ◎

Amelia, OH

One For The Money

20 x 28



Carol Stevens (OWS)

Medina, OH

Tipping Point

19 x 25



Sharon Stolzenberger (OWS)

Kettering, OH

Possum Creek Prairie

21 x 27



Peggy Stover (OWS)

Ashland, OH

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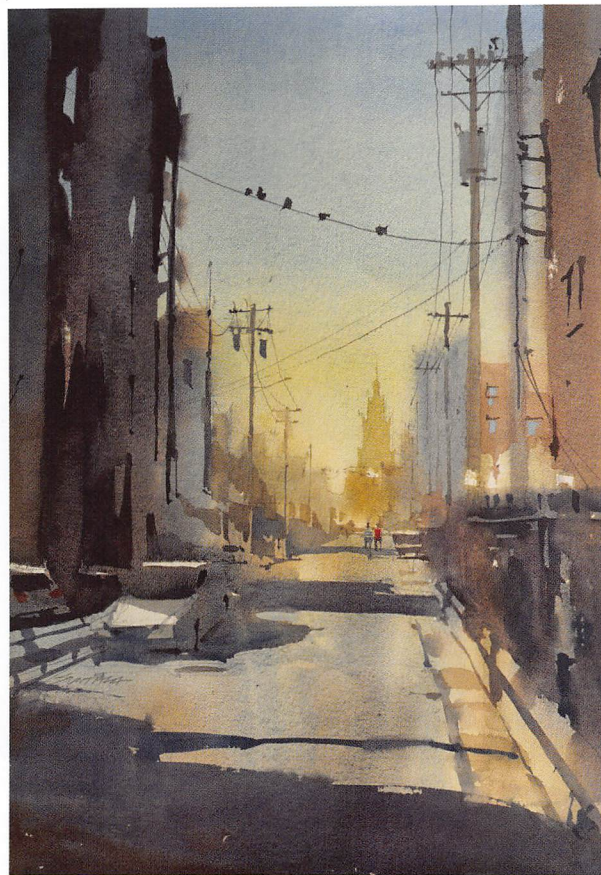
11 x 14

Jeffrey Suntala (OWS) ◉

Strongsville, OH

Better Days Ahead

20 x 14



Fred Ulrich (AS) ◉

Westerville, OH

Night on Clophill

12 x 16



Colette Urquhart (AS)

Galena, OH

Misbaha

15 x 11

Andrea Walker (AS) ◉
 Wilder, KY
Peppermints
 20 x 16



Howard Wood (AS)
 Dublin, OH
In Lavender Fields
 18 x 13



David Yeamans (OWS)
 Springboro, OH
Celebration at Memorial Hall
 12 x 23

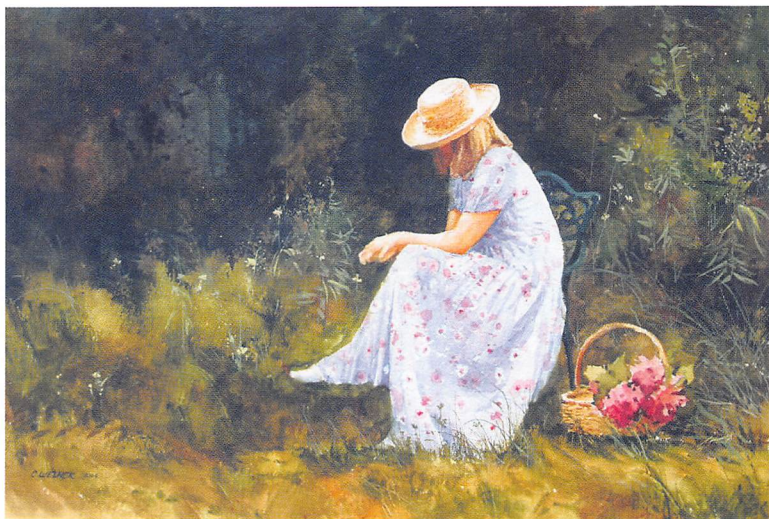
Benjamin Young (AS) ◉
 East Sparta, OH
Avalanche Lilies
 22 x 30



Ohio Watercolor Society Jim Brower Lifetime Achievement Award

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Cathy is one of only three artists with two paintings in the Ohio Watercolor Society's Permanent Collection, both of which were purchase awards in the annual juried exhibition. *Moods in Mauve* was purchased in 1993 and *Solitude* in 2001: the latter is on display with the *Watercolor Ohio 2025* exhibition this year.



Solitude

14.25 x 21.25



Moods in Mauve

29 x 21

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