

Ohio Watercolor Society

July/August 2025 Newsletter

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Let's Meet at the OWS Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet for Watercolor Ohio 2025 will be held September 20, 2025 at the same place as the exhibition: Springfield Museum of Art, 107 Cliff Park Rd, Springfield, OH 45504. As usual, the evening will start with a social hour, then dinner and the awards.

5:00 pm — Social Hour (cash bar)

5:45 pm — Dinner

6:30 pm — Awards presentation

Follow the link on the Home page of the OWS website that takes you to the page to sign up for the banquet. Use the form to register you and guests for the Awards Banquet, then sign in to pay. The price is \$48 per person.

The dinner will be served buffet style: you do not have to choose your entrée in advance – all three will be available.

Menu: Salad, Entrée, Sides and Dessert.

Served with Rolls and Butter, Iced Water and Coffee

- Vegetarian Entrée: Vegetarian Stuffed Peppers (GF)
- Pecan and Panko Crusted Chicken with a Light Herbed Cream Sauce
- Beef Flank Steak with a Bourbon Rosemary Sauce (GF)
- Mashed Potatoes
- Seasonal Vegetable Medley
- Chocolate Cake w/Mousse filling & Ganache and Vanilla Cake with Vanilla Mousse filling with Fresh Berries

Take the opportunity to see this year's exhibition and then mingle with friends as we celebrate another excellent year of watercolor art with the Ohio Watercolor Society.



Watercolor
Ohio
2025

OWS Reception:	Saturday, September 20, 2025, 1-4pm
OWS Banquet:	Saturday, September 20, 2025
Closing date of exhibition:	Saturday, November 16, 2025
Painting pick-up:	Tuesday, November 18, 2025

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Janealla Killebrew

Making art and teaching others how to make art—that is what I do. Nature for me, as for most artists, provides inspiration for my art. I love the effect of sunlight on objects and am excited when creating the darks and lights that define the edges and give depth to the items in the painting. I revel in the challenge of transparent watercolor, adding layer upon layer until values come alive, whether on petals of a peony, leaves on the ground, or a toddler’s curls. Knowing a painting is “right” gives me great satisfaction, but more than that, I love to share the skills and methods I have learned. Teaching is in my blood. Knowing how to help others develop their artistic gifts is part of the reason I make art.

Janealla taught art 38 years in both public and private schools and has taught art classes in several area art organizations. She owned The Gaslight Gallery, an artists’ cooperative and served as education director, gallery chair, treasurer, president, and board chair at the Findlay Art League. Janealla is an active member of the Findlay Art League, Toledo Artists Club, Tiffin Art Guild, and Ohio Art League. She has illustrated two children’s picture books and one adult short story. Presently she gives weekly private art lessons to 20 students, ages 4 – 92.



Keith Shebesta

Keith, from the greater Cincinnati area, dabbled in art in school and was encouraged to pursue an art education. However, he pursued business and marketing degrees from the University of Cincinnati and Xavier University. He is currently self-employed rehabbing real estate investment properties. Much later in life he started taking some local art classes, including the Baker Hunt Foundation. He started entering competitions in 2021 and has been very successful since then. His love of art has quickly grown into pursuing watercolor. He finds satisfaction in using layers and hues of watercolor pigment. His subject matter includes florals, portraits of people and pets, action scenes, wildlife and still life. Most recently his paintings have been more focused on still life that captures vibrancy and textures.

His awards and accomplishments in or near the Cincinnati area have included the Greater Cincinnati Watercolor Society, Harvest Home Festival, Ohio Watercolor Society, Kentucky Watercolor Society, Piqua Arts Council, Evendale Fine Arts Exhibition and Arts Connect Show. His paintings have also been juried into the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, Clifton Cultural Arts Exhibition, Transparent Watercolor Society and have been displayed at the Eclectic Art Gallery in Cincinnati, Ohio. His business career is now in semi-retirement, which allows him more time to focus on his artistic talent. Painting for Keith is a way to relax and to create something new and exciting even in challenging times. Excelling in competitions motivates him to paint even more!



Thomas Derr

Tom has been painting in watercolor for quite a while, the first OWS show he exhibited in was in 1991. Then, he moved away from watercolor to pursue his other interest, sculpture in wood. Over the last five years Tom has returned to painting which he finds both satisfying and challenging. And while he and his wife, Rachel, have traveled extensively with their paints and palettes, he has found some of his best subject matter to be right here in the hills of central Ohio and the shores of Lake Erie. During this time Tom also worked as a commercial designer and art director for NASA Lewis and other Cleveland area venues.

Springfield Hotel Information

Courtyard Springfield Downtown
it is within walking distance of the downtown area
100 South Fountain Avenue
Springfield, Ohio 45502
1.937.322.3600
<http://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/daycs-courtyard-springfield-downtown/overview/>

Fairfield Inn & Suites Springfield
1870 W. 1st Street
Springfield, Ohio 45504
1.937.323.9554
<http://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/daysp-fairfield-inn-and-suites-springfield/overview/>

Country Inn & Suites by Radisson
1751 W. 1st Street
Springfield, Ohio 45504
1.937.322.2200
<http://www.choicehotels.com/ohio/springfield/country-inn-suites-hotels>

Looking Ahead to 2026

Tentative Timeline of Events in 2026

Entries due: Friday, April 3, 2026

Notification of entrants: Early May

Delivery of accepted works:
Saturday, July 18, 2026, 10am-2pm
Sunday, July 19, 2026, 10am-4pm

Ratindra Das Workshop:
Tuesday, July 21, 2026 through
Thursday or Friday

OWS Reception: Saturday, September 26, 2026

OWS Banquet: Saturday, September 26, 2026

Closing date of exhibition: Saturday, October 30

Painting pick-up: Tuesday, November 2

Help OWS and Stand Out –here's how...

Jennifer Sowders



Jeffrey Darah of The Scribe arts newspaper is very interested in featuring individual artists from OWS each month. The Scribe is a nonprofit newspaper that's run by the 501c3 Apollo Press, and is the first and only statewide arts newspaper.

The Scribe is stocked at over 200 locations in Ohio, across Toledo, Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and more, primarily at coffee shops, cafes, art galleries, museums, restaurants, and other community centers. It is published monthly and currently distributes 4,000 copies.

To be a contender for this awesome opportunity to elevate your work, you must fill out your membership directory.

Maybe you've been dragging your feet a little? Peruse the Directory and tell your story. Now's the time to show off your beautiful work and accomplishments by simply following the easy instructions HERE.

This is also important because the information you put in your directory is how OWS promotes participants of Watercolor Ohio. If you're on Facebook or Instagram be sure and put the full address to get to your page (ex. <https://www.facebook.com/ohiowatercolorssociety>)

If people don't know, they won't go. Help OWS and yourself Stand Out!

Member News:

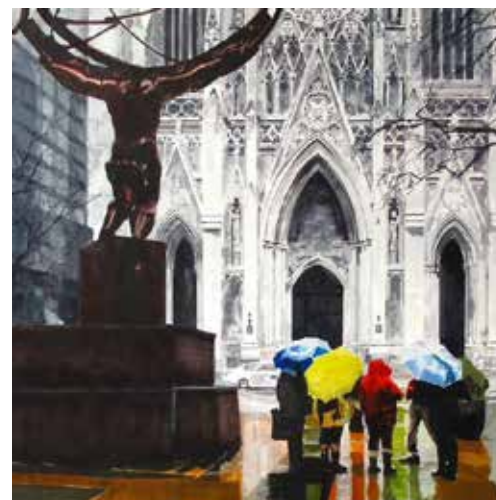
News which may be included: awards, publications, solo or small group shows (*other than our OWS exhibitions*), serving on juries, additions to permanent collections, signature membership in *other art societies*, participation in art festivals and other unusual art adventures. Please make sure news is briefly and clearly expressed...but please send news to your reporter!



NEWS from the NORTHEAST

Mary Pat Oliver reporting

Ted Lawson was recently accepted into the 158th International Exhibition of the American Watercolor Society and his painting, *30 Rock III* was exhibited at the Salmagundi Club in New York City. Ted was also awarded third prize at the North Canton Ohio Public Library Little Art Gallery for his work, *Diner II*. In addition, Ted continues to give private lessons.



Kevin Buckland has been busy participating in summer arts festivals: Delaware Arts Festival (May 17 and 18); Worthington Arts Festival (June 15 and 16); Westerville Arts Festival (July 12 and 13);

and Upper Arlington Arts Festival (September 1). In addition, he has been exhibiting his work in a variety of venues: The German Meeting Haus Gallery Show, "Capturing The Charm of German Village" in Columbus (June 12 through August 29); Whiskey Painters of America Green Mountain Watercolor Exhibition at Red Barn Galleries in Waitsfield, Vermont (5 Paintings); Paint Out at the 2025 German Village Haus and Garten Tour on June 29 (First Place Award); The Ohio State Fair's juried show (at The Cox Fine Arts Building on the Fairgrounds) (2 paintings titled *Horns of Heritage* and *Bucket List*) on display from July 24 through August 4; through October 4; and the "Line, Layer & Form" Exhibit at Gallery 22 in Delaware, (September 5 through October), with an opening reception September 5, 6-8:30 pm. Kevin will also be giving a watercolor demonstration for the Delaware Artists Guild at Gallery 22 in Delaware on September 9, 7-9pm. He will be participating in a workshop for the Cleveland Art Group in Lakeside, Ohio on October 12-15. His watercolor classes at Lazelle Rec Center start September 18 and his Upper Arlington classes begin September 5.

Jim Gerkin is preparing to display 36 paintings (including 16-18 new works) at the 2025 Lancaster Festival Artwalk on July 25. His work will be exhibited at the Fairfield Federal Savings and Loan (best venue in the show, according to Jim!).

Natividad (Suni) Ortiz's painting, *Which Way*, (pictured below) was awarded 2nd place in the Artist League of The Sandhills (NC) juried show, "Art to Appreciate."



SUGGESTION BOX*

What would you like to see or read about in the newsletter? Have an idea you'd like to share?

Here's your chance to share your thoughts or questions.

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NEWS from the NORTHEAST

Mary Pat Oliver reporting

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Mitzi Lai's painting, titled, *One Cold Night*, (pictured below) has been accepted for the American Watercolor Society's online exhibition for Associate Members.



Susie Schreiber was accepted into the 54th annual exhibition of the Florida Watercolor Society and had 2 paintings accepted by the Central Florida Watercolor Society for an exhibit at the Orlando Science Center.

Nancy Notarianni's painting, *Waiting for Degas*, has been accepted into the American Watercolor Society's online exhibition for Associate Members. Nancy had six paintings in the Evergreen Artist's member show in June at Laurel Lakes in Hudson, Ohio. Nancy was also honored to be chosen as a grantee from the Boost Fund, a grant program of Assembly for the Arts in Cleveland. Nancy's painting, *Jazzman*, was accepted into the NewNow 2025 show sponsored by the Artists Archives of the Western Reserve. The show is from August 28 through October 9 at Tri-C's Eastern Campus Gallery, Highland Hills, Ohio. She continues to teach in-studio and Zoom watercolor classes from her studio, Nanogallery.

Four OWS members won the Watercolor Awards in the 2025 YWCA Women's Art Show in Youngstown, Ohio. Congratulations to **Brenda Myers Cohen**, **Millie Hawkins**, **Lynne Rosati**, and **Jody Nudell**.



NEWS from the SOUTH

Thomas Schroeder reporting

Gina Judy won the Susan Kiren Memorial Award, the second-highest award, at the Greensburg (PA) Juried Biennial for *Weathering Storms* watermedia/mixed-media piece. She won

the "Best Watercolor" Irene Ackerman Memorial at Cranberry Township (PA)'s Spring Show. The North West Watercolor Society accepted her *Sunny Sully At Attention*, for its Juried Online Member Show, opening April 25. She also won an award in the Women's Art Club of Cincinnati Juried Regional held in Mariemont, Ohio.

Sharon Stolzenburger gave an outstanding demo with granulating colors at the Greater Cincinnati Watercolor Society meeting in July.

The Greater Cincinnati Watercolor Society is hosting a Tom Francesconi workshop on Oct. 2nd thru 3rd, at the ArtsConnect facility, 9158 Winton Rd. Bldg. A, Cincinnati, OH 45231. Entry details can be found at greatercincinnatiwatercolorssociety.org/calendar-of-events or call 513.522.2108.



NEWS from the NORTHWEST

Micki Ansberry reporting

Jennifer Sowders, has thus-far, received semi-finalist status via public voting in Jerry's Artarama's annual Self Portrait Contest for her piece: *Life's Work*; that will also appear in WatercolorOhio 2025. She has received an award (TBD) in the 2025 Ohio State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition for her watercolor on Yupo work titled *Dear Children* (pictured below).



Jennifer will be having a solo show 8/29-10/31 at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens/Holden Forests & Garden. "Trails of Immersion" will showcase Jennifer's watercolor and acrylic work having an Opening Reception on August 29, 2025. If you would like to attend and gain free admission to the gardens that day, please contact Jennifer at: watercolorohio@gmail.com as she will have a limited amount of free tickets to share. She will also have a watercolor in Blue Line Art's "Life in Ink" 8/16 - 9/27/2025 (Roseville, CA).

Tom Sorrell had 3 paintings accepted into exhibitions this summer: *Roaring Fork* was accepted into the 13th Annual Green Mountain Watercolor Exhibition in Warren, VT; *Southern Exposure* was chosen for inclusion in the Watercolor USA 2025 exhibition in

Joplin, MO; and *City to City* was accepted into the 2025 Associate Members Online Exhibition of the American Watercolor Society.

Dennis Zimmerman, a signature member of the OWS, was awarded First Place for a landscape painting, *North Bound View*, at the Findlay Art League's Spring Members Show. The 20 x26 painting was done on YUPO paper. He also won First Place at the FAL Fall Members Show. His painting, *Fall Colors*, on YUPO paper was also purchased.



NEWS from the CENTRAL AREA

Pam Hartford reporting

The Central Ohio Watercolor Society artists once again created paintings of the homes in the 2025 German Village Haus and Garten Tour COWS Paint-out on June 29, 2025. Braving the heat and humidity, twelve COWS artists participated. OWS members, **Kevin Buckland's** and **Fran Mangino's** paintings took 1st and 3rd place, respectively.



First Place by
Kevin Buckland



Second Place by
Fran Mangino

The Central Ohio Watercolor Society (COWS) has a summer show at the German Village Meeting Haus, 588 S 3rd St, Columbus, OH 43215. From June 12, 2025 through August 29, 2025, the members of COWS are showing 31 original watercolors that illustrate the theme of the show - "Capturing the Charm of German Village in Watercolor" - Focus on German Village homes, parks, and street-scapes. Two awards were presented for the show, with paintings by OWS members **Charlie Rowland** and **Marsha Cavanaugh** winning "Best of Show" and "People's Choice" awards, respectively.



Best of Show by
Charlie Rowland



People's Choice by
Marsha Cavanaugh

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NEWSfrom the CENTRAL AREA

Pam Hartford reporting

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Peggy Stover announced that her painting, *Sun Kissed Glads*, was accepted into the 6th Annual Women in Watercolor International Juried Competition. Her painting was one of 276 accepted out of 1,730 entries from 56 countries! The online show can be seen at www.womeninwatercolor.com through July 24, 2025.

Suzanne Accetta had this painting selected for the 52nd Annual Rocky Mountain National Watermedia exhibition, which is September 11 through October 18, 2025. She also had two paintings selected for the 6th Annual Women in Watercolor International Juried Competition Online Show. (shown below)



Judy Anderson will be having an exhibition of her work at Willow Brook Christian Communities, 100 Delaware Crossing West, Delaware, OH 43015. Her work will be on display from August 30 through October 4, 2025.



Fran Mangino's painting, *Prepara la Cena*, was selected for the Florida Watercolor Society's 54th Annual Exhibition. The exhibition will be held at the Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, Florida on September 13, 2025 through January 4, 2026.

Susan Brickner hosted a watercolor workshop at the Biggest Week in Birding 2025 Festival at the Maumee Bay Nature Center in early May 2025.



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1st Vice President Tom Sorrell

2nd Vice president Position vacant

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Recording Secretary Aileen Cave

Corresponding Secretary Lynne Rosati

Membership Secretary Lynne Rosati

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2023-2025 TERM

Position vacant

Kevin Buckland Lewis Center

Jennifer Sowders Fostoria

2024-2026 TERM

George Kocar Bay Village

Rick Mock Powell

Sharon Stolzenberger Kettering

2025-2027 TERM

Thomas Schroeder Cincinnati

Position Vacant

Rob VanNatta Walnut Creek

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**Southeast
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Tom Schroeder

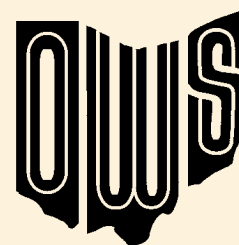
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