



President's Message
January 2023

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to 2023! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday break.

The COWS Board has been working hard to coordinate our activities for the upcoming year. There is a lot going on! Here is what we have planned so far ...

Calendar for Demonstrations:

Sunday, January 8, 2023, Rod Hayslip (<https://www.rodhayslip.com/>)

- Demonstration: Painting critique; **Bring a painting for Rod to critique.**
- Location: **1:00 - 2:30 pm** Whetstone Library Meeting Room, 3909 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43214

Sunday, February 12, 2023, Lavonne Suwalski (<http://www.timeforpainting.com/>)

- Demonstration: Cubism
- Location: **1:00pm - 2:30 pm** Whetstone Library Meeting Room, 3909 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43214

Sunday, March 12, 2023, Chris Rankin (<https://www.arthatchingacrossohio.com/christopher-rankin>)

- Demonstration: Encaustic with embedded watercolor
- Location: **1:00pm - 2:30 pm** Whetstone Library Meeting Room, 3909 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43214

Saturday, April 15, 2023 - Opening reception for Spring Show

- 2 - 4 pm
- Location: Carnegie Gallery at Main Library, 96 S. Grant Ave., Columbus, OH 43215

Exhibitions:

- **Member Exhibition at First Merchants Bank**, 1460 Grandview Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43212. This exhibition runs through February 28, 2023 with 30 paintings being displayed
- **2023 COWS Spring Exhibition**
 - **Show Dates:** April 6, 2023 – May 24, 2023
 - **Location:** The Carnegie Gallery, Columbus Metropolitan Library-Main, 96 S. Grant Ave, Columbus, OH 43215
 - **Theme:** "Words in Watercolor" -- The theme of literature is required of the artwork (this may include reference to a book/author or with an experience relating to reading or the library)
 - Prospectus available on the website
- **2023 COWS Fall Exhibition**
 - **Show Dates:** November 12 – December 9, 2023
 - **Location:** German Village Meeting House, 588 South Third St, Columbus, OH 43215

Workshop:

- **COWS Spring 2023**

- **Artist:** Chris Leeper (<https://www.christopherleeper.com/>)
- **Dates:** March 30 - April 1, 2023
- **Location:** Columbus Metropolitan Library – Main - Auditorium
- 20 Participants
- Registration opens March 1, 2023, 8am
- Application and registration information available on website

This is what is firmed up ... There will be more to come as the year moves on! Stay tuned!!

We'd like to welcome our seven new members: *Cindy Decker, Kathleen Grannan, Mara Matheny, Christine Matlak, Kim McMullen, Tamara Rudavsky, and Regina West.* Congratulations and welcome to COWS! I asked the new members to introduce themselves to us and here is what a few of them had to say...



Cindy Decker

How long you have been an artist? I am not sure I'm an artist now, but I've always been a creative type. I wrote my first play at 7 years old. It was about a smoking, drinking bunny. My parents did *not* consider therapy. Through the years, I pursued a number of creative activities including needlework, but I made my living with words. I worked for years in publications, most recently as Home, Garden, Travel and Books editor at The Columbus Dispatch.

How you got into watercolors? Pursuit of watercolors was somewhat accidental. My good friend (and fellow COWS member) Glenda Childress asked whether I wanted to join her at a 6-day watercolor class back in 2018. I thought, why not? I had not painted at all before then, at least not since elementary school. The instructor was terrible. The classroom was full of mold and mildew, and all my paintings were dreadful. But I like a challenge so I kept with it.

What is your favorite subject matter to paint? I love flowers and bees. Because I've traveled a lot, I have many images to draw inspiration from.



Kathleen Grannan (I go by Kathy)

I have a Facebook Page but it's not up to date. I would love to talk with others about websites. I started painting intermittently about 30 years ago, taking lessons up at Lakeside Chautauqua each summer from a variety of teachers, several of whom were COWS members. My favorite subject matter is plein air subjects at Lakeside, but recently have been braver about trying more diverse subjects and abstract art.

Christine Matlak

Website address: christinematlak.wordpress.com

I have been an artist since 2009. I was able to start taking classes regularly from Charlie Rowland at the Westerville Community Center until 2019. I got into watercolor with a Klutz book on Watercolor and encouragement from another artist! I was able to take my first class at Lakeside in 2001 and knew that watercolor was the media for me. Barns, especially old and run down barns are my favorite subject to paint.

Kim McMullen

I'm Kim McMullen. I drew throughout childhood and loved high school art class. I was serious enough to contemplate a double-major in English and studio art in college, but I kept getting closed out of required classes. Fast forward five decades. Contemplating retirement after 40+ years of teaching literature and writing (and buying the occasional sketch pad which I'd half fill and then lose), I signed up for a watercolor class. But once again the fates

intervened when COVID shut it down after only 4 sessions. But by then, I was besotted with the medium and became an autodidact painter over the lockdown. In January 2022, I began taking classes from COWS' own John Cameron (and recently Kevin Buckland) and my growth curve steepened exponentially. Because we live in rural Knox County and love to canoe and garden, my favorite subjects include landscapes, farmscapes, and various flora and fauna. We have also lived for four years in southwest England and I have a trove of memories and photos to call upon-- moorland, seascapes, ancient villages.

Sunday, January 8 – 1-2:30 pm – Critique by Rod Hayslip (<https://www.rodhayslip.com/>) --- A group critique session is very valuable to our growth as artists.

We are pleased to have Rod Hayslip joining us and leading the critique. Rod is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a Bachelor's degree in Art Education. "He has exhibited in group and solo shows throughout the United States and Japan. His art is included in many private and corporate collections throughout the U.S. In 2015 one of his paintings was reproduced and installed large-scale on the side of a building next to the Columbus Ohio Convention Center. He became a Signature Member of the American Impressionism Society in 2019 and was also given the "Award of Distinction" by Judge Kevin Mcpherson. He has studied with Pheoris West and currently resides in Central Ohio." (<https://www.rodhayslip.com/about>) He is also a longtime member of the Central Ohio Plein Air (COPA) group.

Please plan on bringing at least one painting to take advantage of Rod's expertise!

I am excited for this year. There is a lot going on to grow our talents and showcase our talents to central Ohio and beyond. I look forward to seeing you all at our meetings and events throughout the year!

Sincerely,
Pam Hartford
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