

Central Ohio Watercolor Society Spring 2023 Show

Information & Entry Form

Show Dates: April 6, 2023 – May 24, 2023

Location: The Carnegie Gallery, Columbus Metropolitan Library – Main
96 S. Grant Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43215, 2nd floor

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)

Juror: Christopher Leeper (<https://www.christopherleeper.com/>)

Fees: \$20 for one painting submission (no refunds)

Deadline for entry: Monday February 28, 2023, 11:59 pm – Email (instructions below)

Notification of Entrants: First week in March via email

Drop-off: Sunday March 26, 2023 from 1-4 pm or by arrangement.

- John Cameron’s house 702 Paddlewheel Dr., Westerville, Ohio 43082
614-282-1184, je7779cameron@gmail.com

Pick-up: Friday May 26, 2023 from 1-4 pm or by arrangement

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Artist’s Reception: Saturday, April 15, 2023 - 2 to 4 pm at the Main Library 2nd floor

Awards: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mentions

The purpose of the society (COWS) is to further interest in, and status of, the use of transparent watercolor for the benefit of each member and for the development of public interest in the medium. Modern technology has produced many new “water media” products, referring to any medium that is water soluble, and there are many societies that present opportunities to exhibit work created with these new products. However, the Central Ohio Watercolor Society remains dedicated to its original purpose to promote and preserve the unique character of transparent watercolor.

Step 1: Submission for Juror:

- One entry per artist as The Carnegie Gallery holds a maximum of 30-35 paintings.
- Mail check for \$20 made out to “Central Ohio Watercolor Society” and “Submission Application” found below, **postmarked by February 26, 2023** to Joni Meeker, 5077 Donegal Cliffs Dr, Dublin, Ohio 43017
- Digital entry and payment must be received by **Tuesday, February 28, 2023 11:59 pm**
- Submissions of digital image must be made by email as an attachment to: cowswebsite@columbus.rr.com
 - Include title, artist’s name, email address, phone number, artwork size and framed size (width x height) and price in the body of the email.
 - The library encourages artists to set a price rather than NFS.
- *Digital Entry Requirements:* .JPG, 1-5 MB, 1800 pixels@300 dpi on the longer dimension
 - *Resources for creating a high-resolution image limited to 1-5 MB:*
 1. Most phones can create good, high quality images under 5MB
 2. FedEx – large scanner in the store
 3. Photographic Creations – (614) 538-1315, 2178 W. Henderson Rd, Columbus, 43220

Step 2: Artists with Accepted paintings:

1. Notification of acceptance by first week of March
2. For accepted paintings an Artist Statement must be submitted by **Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 8 pm**
 - The Artist **MUST** include a 50 **word statement** about artwork as follows:
 - i. The statement **MUST be typed in ARIAL (narrow) font, size 12**
 - ii. The statement **MUST** include the following sentence at the TOP of the statement:
 1. **“Artwork can be purchased in the Library Store on the 1st floor”**
 - iii. The statement **MUST include** information regarding:
 1. Why this painting was created
 2. How this painting relates to literature and/or the library experience and
 3. The process involved to complete
3. Submit your artist statement to: Cowswebsite@columbus.rr.com.
 - Paintings will not be accepted into the show if this deadline is missed.

Step 3: Drop-off painting, reception, and pick-up painting (See above)

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Requirements for submission:

- **Eligible Artists:**
 - All members in good standing. (2023 annual dues have been paid.)
- **Original Artwork Only:**
 - Copies from other artist's work (including photographs not taken by the artist), workshops, classes or from published materials **not acceptable**.
 - Submitted pieces **should not** have been shown in previous COWS shows.
 - Submitted pieces should have been completed within the **last 3 years**.
 - No nudes or offensive language, words, etc.
- **Painting Guidelines (Eligibility requirements taken from the Transparent Watercolor Society of America guidelines):**
 - Must be transparent watercolor, applied on a single piece of rag or wood pulp paper that is free of pigment and imbedded materials.
 - The following grounds, treatments, and media are excluded/not eligible:
 - Opaque white paint of any kind, such as titanium white, Chinese white, etc.
 - Gesso, matte medium, or any other priming material or exterior surface treatment.
 - Gouache, acrylics, or water-soluble oils
 - Inks, metallic, or iridescent paint or products that leave a metallic, graphite, or reflective sheen. (Some pigments can possibly contain iridescence, e.g.: Kyanite, Bronzite, etc., making them ineligible.)
 - Watercolor crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, pastel, Conte sticks, or Conte crayons.
 - Varnish, wax, wax crayon, oil sticks, or oil pastel
 - Collage or surface constructions, impasto, embossing
 - Watercolor resist, such as Frisket, that is not completely removed from the final painting
 - Yupo or similar papers, canvas or canvas paper
 - Use of digital images or enhancements printed on the paper
 - Disputes: The show chairpersons shall be responsible for ensuring that entries meet the eligibility requirements as stated above. Artists will be notified if their painting does not meet the requirements.
- **Frame/Mat/Packing**
 - All artworks must be clean, in a sturdy frame, **wired** at back and ready to hang (**NO saw tooth hangers**).
 - **Plexiglass ONLY**, no glass.
 - **White or off white mats only** – you may use a colored inner mat.
 - **Size:** 30" x 30" is max framed size allowable
 - The Library will hold your packing materials in storage, please use a clearly **marked cardboard box** for transport with **all** materials used for wrapping clearly labeled with your contact information.
 - Include a **photo image** of your artwork on the **outside of the box** used to transport your artwork.
 - Use enclosed label on last page of this document to complete your information and tape to the back of your painting.
- **Pricing:**
 - The Carnegie Gallery's Friends of the Library will take **30%** of sales.
- Once the artist's painting has been accepted, the artist may not substitute another work, may not modify the painting in any way, nor change the sale price.
- No work may be withdrawn before the close of the exhibition.
- All submitted artworks will be juried and judged for inclusion in the show, awards and ribbons.
- **QUESTIONS? Contact: Joni Meeker at jmeeker11@gmail.com, 614-419-4972 or John Cameron at je7779cameron@gamil.com, 614-282-1184**

About the Juror:

Christopher Leeper is a full-time artist from Canfield, OH. He is the author of *Realism in Watermedia*, *North Light*. He has illustrated four children's books for the Smithsonian and the African Wildlife Foundation. His work has been featured in several books and publications, including *The Artist's Magazine*, *American Artist*, *Plein Air Magazine* and *Ohio Magazine*. He is a member of the adjunct faculty in the Department of Art at Youngstown State University. He served as president of the Ohio Watercolor Society (2008-2012). Christopher graduated from Youngstown State University in 1988 with a BFA degree in graphic design.

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Submission Application:

Title of Artwork: _____
Artist Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Price: _____
Size: H _____ W: _____ Year Completed _____
Release: Upon entry into the show, I hereby release the Central Ohio Watercolor Society and the Columbus Metropolitan Library from liability for my artwork. (Initial here) _____

- Mail the submission application and a check for \$20 made out to "Central Ohio Watercolor Society" to Joni Meeker, 5077 Donegal Cliffs Dr, Dublin, Ohio 43017
- Postmarked by February 26, 2023



For drop-off of accepted painting

Label Artwork <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complete the information below.2. This may be handwritten legibly or typed3. Cut out this label and apply to the back side of your painting, middle or lower portion.

Title: _____ Price/NFS: _____
Artist Name: _____ Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
\$ Value for Insurance: _____ Size: H _____ W: _____ Yr Completed _____