

Central Ohio Watercolor Society Plagiarism Statement

Plagiarism is an ongoing concern in the artistic community. It is an issue that we as artists and members of COWS wish to avoid. Webster's Dictionary definition of plagiarize is:

1. transitive verb: "to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own: use (another's) production without crediting the source"
2. intransitive verb: "to commit literary theft: present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source"

Below is a statement of originality to address plagiarism that has been adopted by the Central Ohio Watercolor Society. This statement may be found in the Central Ohio Watercolor Society Bylaws, Article VI, Section A, Number 5. The bylaws may be found on the Central Ohio Watercolor Society website under "Information".

ARTICLE VI, Section A, Number 5:

- 5. Originality: Works for exhibition shall be composed by the artist submitting the entry. Paintings copied from photographs, other than your own, or during a workshop or classroom situation are not eligible for entry.**

Please be aware of these guidelines when you submit paintings for the Central Ohio Watercolor Society shows and membership.