


Central Ohio Watercolor Society

Celebrating transparent watercolor since 1964



*Dedicated to promoting &
preserving the unique character
of transparent watercolor.*

September 2017 NEWSLETTER

Meetings are held the **1st Thursday** of the month from **6:30 – 8:30 pm** at
The McConnell Arts Center, 777 Evening St., Worthington, Ohio
(There are no meetings scheduled during June, July and August)

Our next meeting is on Thursday evening, September 7
Guest Speaker: Mary Gray, Director of the Riffe Gallery

Newsletter Editor: Jim Oberst – jim@jimoberst.com

Message from our President

Dear Artists,

If you have not sent in your by-law survey, the deadline has past. I received 25 responses.

I want to remind you COWS's first meeting is Thursday, September 7th, 6:30 pm at the McConnell. Our guest speaker will be **Mary Gray**, director of the Riffe Gallery. She is going to talk to us about the differences between curating and jurying, answer questions about how shows are selected at the gallery, and share advice about submitting show requests and suggestions.

We will have a little longer business meeting in September to prepare for our October annual meeting. Our by-laws stipulate we elect officers at that meeting. I also hope to have by-law revision recommendations from our ad hoc committee. Judging from past history, I am sure we will have a lively discussion.

If you are interested in running for an office or would like to recommend a member for an office please contact me suzacc@aol.com.

Finally, Fran Mangino has a cousin who is Jeff Stull, a Pastor in Texas. His church along with the Red Cross is setting up a Relief Center at the church in Buna, TX. Any financial help, no matter how small, will be a Blessing. Please contact Fran if you are interested in donating. Fran Mangino, currently living at her Westerville address through Oct. 614 832 0920 cell, franmangino@yahoo.com.

Thank you,
Suzanne
www.suzanneaccetta.com

Announcements

2018 Dues are due. Please bring a check for \$30 made out to Central Ohio Watercolor Society to our September meeting, or send your check to our treasurer:

Sandra Gaunt
4795 Hayden Blvd
Columbus OH 43221

Lavonne Suwalski has provided the following **refreshments sign-up list:**

September

Bess Alexander
Linda Coe

October

Sally Ford-Lyles
Tom Masterson

November

Jim Gerkin

One of **Ron Mlicki's** paintings has been selected in each of the nine Ohio State Fair Fine Art Shows (Professional Division) between 2009 and 2017. This year's acceptance was a treat for him because the painting was a watercolor rather than an oil.

Jim Oberst participated in the 2017 German Village Art Crawl. He completed two demos there, and sold a number of paintings. In addition, Jim's painting *Quiet Afternoon* was juried into the 2017 Ohio State Fair (Professional Category), and won a \$550 purchase award from the **Ohio Arts Council**. This summer, Jim began painting with **COPA** – the

Central Ohio Plein Air group. And he will be one of the jurors at the upcoming Grove City Arts in the Alley Exhibit.

Christiane Curry will have a watercolor exhibit "Landscapes of Hope" displayed Sept. 5 through Oct. 27 at the Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church, 4343 Dublin Road, Hilliard. A public reception will be held from 1 to 3 pm Sunday Sept. 17. The exhibit can be viewed from 9 am to 9 pm Monday through Thursday and from 9 am to 4 pm Fridays. A percentage of the sales will benefit the Ohio State University James Cancer Hospital's art-therapy program and the Scioto Ridge Methodist Church.

Landscapes of Hope

Watercolors by Christiane Curry

Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church

4343 Dublin Rd, Hilliard OH 43206

From Tues., Sept. 5, through Fri., Oct. 27, 2017

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am-9:00 pm and Fri. 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Meet the Artist Reception Sun. Sept. 17, from 1:00-3:00 pm

A percentage of the sales will be donated to the James Cancer Hospital Art Therapy Program and to The Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church



Inspired by the country scenes of Ohio and Christiane's native France

Visit our website at <http://www.centralohiowatercolorssociety.com> for the latest info on exhibits, workshops, officers, committee composition, etc.

If you are on Facebook, join our COWS **Facebook group** at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/226396010776939> and see what your fellow members are up to, post some of your paintings, etc.

Please send all Newsletter announcements, Instructor announcements, and changes to your contact information to Jim Oberst at jim@jimoberst.com.

Instructor Announcements

Suzanne Accetta- Watercolor Class, Saturdays, 9 am to noon, **Cultural Arts Center**, 139 West Main St., Columbus, OH 43215. Cost per 8 week session: Columbus Resident: \$55.00; Non-resident: \$62.00 www.culturalartscenteronline.org

Bess Alexander – Studio classes
Tuesday mornings 9:30 am - 11:30 am.
10-person limit
For more information call Bess at [614-939-1149](tel:614-939-1149) or email bessalexanderart@yahoo.com

Susan Brickner-Wren - Watercolor techniques applied to papercrafts: Workshops include all supplies for students to complete several little works of art. Great for watercolor novices to learn basic watercolor techniques and for watercolor artists to learn modern papercrafting gear. Contact Susan at sreaser@hotmail.com or (702) 339-6378 for more information.

Kevin Buckland – Watercolor classes, Thursday evenings 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. (All levels) **Lazell Woods Recreation Center**, part of Columbus Parks and Recreation. Contact Kevin at kevin@bucklandgillespie.com or call: 614-543-0000 for additional information.
www.kevinbucklandart.com

John Cameron- “Watercolor Class for Beginners and Beyond” at Sunbear Studio and Gallery in Alexandria (20 minute drive from Westerville, east on State Rt.161). Classes on Sundays, 1:30-4:00. Contact John at: je7779cameron@gmail.com or cell: [614-282-1184](tel:614-282-1184), or for current class dates, go to the Sunbear website at: <http://www.sunbearstudio.com/>

Charles Rowland- classes are held at the **Westerville Community Center** on Wednesday morning from 10:00 am to noon. Cost is \$65 resident/\$80 non-resident. To register or for more information call the Center at 614-901-6500, visit the website <http://www.westerville.org>, or email Charles at: cwrowland@aol.com.

Mindy Newman at **Upper Arlington Senior Watercolor**:
At the corner of Tremont and Ridgeview, Building 2, Tuesdays 1-3 pm.
We'll be guided through the lessons with one on one discussions and some demonstrations.
\$10 per class, Silver Sneakers accepted.
artistsworks@gmail.com, www.mindy-newman.pixels.com

Mindy Newman at **Franklin Park Conservatory**:
SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 9–30, 1–3PM
MINDY NEWMAN- INSTRUCTOR
Learn basic techniques of watercolor as you discover your style. A variety of wildflowers in bloom at the Conservatory, including dandelions, Queen Anne’s lace, clover and milkweed, will inspire painters each week. Take photographs on your walks for later

watercolors during this series. Prints also provided by instructor.
 Echinacea will be the beginner's step-by-step model to start their first watercolor painting.
 \$60, \$50 for members (four-week series)
 \$20, \$18 for members (per class)
 Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens
 1777 E Broad St Columbus, Oh 43203 614.715.8000 info@fpconservatory.org
 Mindy Newman
 614-806-0278
<http://mindy-newman.pixels.com/>

Merry Norris- teaches a variety of classes for women in her Worthington studio. Mandala class beginning soon, and frequent weekend workshops designed to kick-start your creativity and add meaning to your work. Call 614-847-5715, or go to www.merrynovastudio.com.

Vivian Ripley offers special classes at *Cedar Lakes Conference Center at Ripley, WV*. The phone number is (304) 372-7860 (Marcia Humphrey, Program Coordinator).

- Weekend of October 13-15: Pastel Workshop

For more information call Vivian at (614) 451-6254.

Central Ohio Watercolor Society Minutes

DATE: MAY 4, 2017

TME: 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MCCONNELL ARTS CENTER

MONTHLY MEETING	First Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
PROGRAM	Jeff Stahler plein air demonstration
HANDOUTS	Meeting agenda
ATTENDEES	22 members
OFFICERS	President: Suzanne Accetta First Vice President: Sally Ford-Lyles (absent) Second Vice President: Jeff Stahler Treasurer: Sandra Gaunt Newsletter Editor and Corresponding Secretary: Jim Oberst Recording Secretary: Mitch Masters

In order for **Jeff Stahler** to have light to paint by, **Suzanne Accetta** started the meeting with Jeff's plein air demonstration. Unfortunately, rain kept everyone inside. However, Jeff was able to use the lobby for his demonstration. He painted a house visible across the street, while everyone clustered about in indoor comfort. Jeff worked quickly, all the while answering members' questions, and the painting was finished (except for a few final touches) in about an hour. His audience gave him a well-deserved round of applause.

After a short break to move back to our normal meeting room and to take advantage of the refreshments provided, Suzanne called the business meeting to order at 7:44 pm. **Sandy Gaunt** reported that our finances are in good order, with a checking account balance of \$10,694.53 (after deducting outstanding checks) and a savings account balance of \$7,519.38, for a total of \$18,213.91. **Jim Oberst** asked members to keep him informed of any changes in their personal information, especially email addresses, so he can keep the Society database up to date. **Mitch Masters** asked whether there were any changes or additions to the April minutes; none were offered.

Committee Reports

- **Bess Alexander** (Membership Committee) reported no activity, but that will change in the autumn. She asked everyone to encourage any promising watercolorists they know who are not members of COWS to get ready to apply for membership.
- **Jim Wiggins** (Paint-Out Committee) is coordinating the annual Haus und Garten tour, which takes place on Sunday, June 25th. If you are interested in participating (i.e., doing a plein-air painting of one of the featured houses), please email Jim at jameswwiggin@gmail.com. This year the tour starts at 9 a.m., one hour later than usual, but if you wish to start painting earlier, that is possible. Paintings should be turned in by 5 p.m.
- **Lavone Suwalski** (Hospitality Committee) will call you to remind you if you have signed up for hospitality duty at any of our events. She will also try to let **Jim Oberst** know of people's upcoming commitments so he can post this information in the newsletter.

Old Business

- **Suzanne Accetta** reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on revision of the Society by-laws will be meeting at her house next Thursday afternoon at 2:00 pm. If you have any comments or ideas for by-law revision, please email Suzanne at SuzAcc@aol.com before then.

New Business and Announcements

- **Suzanne Accetta** reported two decisions taken during the board meeting held just before the regular meeting. COWS, in coordination with **Teresa Weidenbusch** at Ft. Hayes, will be awarding a scholarship of \$500 to a Ft. Hayes art student.
- **Suzanne Accetta** also reported that the Society will give an award of \$300 to an artist in this year's Ohio Watercolor Society show. The award is in memory of those members of COWS who have passed away.
- **Linda Coe** suggested that COWS consider giving a scholarship for an introductory art class to a young student who would not otherwise be able to afford such a class. Another idea would be to give a scholarship to an art teacher who interacts with young students.
- **Suzanne Accetta** asked for ideas for meeting programs. Two ideas she suggested are to ask a photographer to cover taking pictures of your art for your records or for submission to shows, or a talk on the difference between jurying and curating a show. If anyone has an idea to suggest, please email Suzanne at SuzAcc@aol.com.
- Members are reminded that there will be no meetings in June, July, and August. Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, September 7th.

Just before the meeting adjourned, Jim Gerkin, who gave the demonstration at last month's meeting, showed the finished (or nearly finished) paintings of the three pictures he worked on during his demonstration. Everyone was very impressed with the results.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Mitch Masters

Recording Secretary
