



President's Message
April 2023

Hi Everyone,

Happy Spring! April has been a busy month for COWS members. Here is a summary of some of the fun activities that have taken place.

Daniel Smith Presentation/Demonstration

On Wednesday, April 5th, John Cogley, Owner and CEO of Daniel Smith shared three hours of his time explaining the ins and outs of Daniel Smith watercolors. It was fascinating! In addition to the free samples and the wealth of information, attendees were able to experiment with the various products of Daniel Smith.

Ken Danter, a COWS member, was gracious enough to put together an Excel spreadsheet (Attached in the email) that delves into much of the “scientific” information that John provided during the presentation. If you need explanation of how to utilize the information, please contact Ken. Additional information about Daniel Smith can be found at <https://danielsmith.com/>.

Thank you Joni Meeker for coordinating with Daniel Smith to make this happen!

Chris Leeper Workshop

Chris Leeper gave a three day workshop at the end of March. Everyone that attended had a great time! They said the time flew and the days were filled with a lot of good teaching, excellent information, fun times, and laughter!

Opening and Artist Reception for COWS Spring 2023 Exhibition

The COWS Spring 2023 Exhibition opened on Thursday, April 6th and runs through May 24th at The Carnegie Gallery, Columbus Metropolitan Library-Main, 96 S. Grant Ave., Columbus, OH 43215. There are 32 paintings by our COWS members hung throughout the gallery.

On Saturday, April 15th, the Artist Reception took place. It was very well-attended on a beautiful spring Saturday afternoon. The Friends of the Library hosted the reception providing refreshments. During the reception, awards for the spring show were announced. Here are the winners along with comments from our judge, Chris Leeper.

- **1st Place -- "Captivated" by Mitch Masters** – “This painting has a wonderful light effect. It is drawn well, has a very strong design and is sensitively painted.”
- **2nd Place -- "Dreaming Abby" by Bob Bruce** – “The artist has done a good job in creating a compelling narrative from a challenging subject. The chare and figure are drawn well and painted convincingly.”
- **3rd Place -- "Out Buildings" by Ed Kitchen** – I like the strong values and energetic brushwork. The painting has a sense of place and a design that draws you into the composition.
- **Honorable Mentions**
 - **"Indian Run Falls" by Linda Coe** – “The high perspective is interesting and there is effective use of greens in shape-making.”
 - **"Mockingbird" by Pat Edwards** – “The bold character of the mockingbird is in harmony with the strong values, technique, and design.”
 - **"Peaceful Landscape" by Regina West** – “This a fun and whimsical take on a traditional landscape theme.”



1st Place

“Captivated” by Mitch Masters



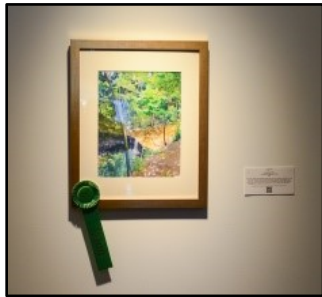
2nd Place

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All the paintings in the show and some pictures from the reception can be viewed at http://www.centralohiowatercolorociety.com/zz_cowssp2023.html.

Finally, special thank you to John Cameron and Joni Meeker for navigating all the steps that need to take place to make the show at the Main Library happen! Well done!!

Next Meeting

As a reminder, our next meeting is a week early because of Mother’s Day ... it is ...

- **May 7, 2023, Kevin Buckland** (<https://kevinbucklandart.com/>)
 - Demonstration: En Plein Air painting -- bring your gear to participate!
 - Location: Whetstone Shelter (Down near Olentangy River), 3909 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43214

See you all soon!

Sincerely,
Pam Hartford
President
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Exhibitions:

- **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
 - **Artist Reception:** Saturday, April 15, 2-4 pm
 - **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 Member Show**
 - **Show Dates:** July 1 – July 31, 2023
 - **Location:** Westerville Community Center, 350 N. Cleveland Ave, Westerville, OH 43082
 - Up to 3 pieces per member; Works shown in previous shows accepted
 - No juror or judging – An opportunity to present your work to the public!
- **2023 COWS Fall Exhibition**
 - **Show Dates:** November 12 – December 9, 2023
 - **Location:** German Village Meeting House, 588 South Third St, Columbus, OH 43215

Workshops:

- **Ohio Watercolor Society Juror Workshop 2023**
 - **Artist:** Stan Miller (<https://stanmiller.net/>)
 - **Dates:** June 5 – June 7, 2023
 - **Location:** Mansfield, OH
 - Application and registration information available on COWS website

Other Competition Opportunities:

- **Ohio Watercolor Society – Watercolor Ohio 2023**
 - **Submissions for juror due date:** March 25, 2023 – Midnight
 - **Prospectus available here:** <https://www.ohiowatercolorssociety.org/resources/WCO-2023/Prospectus23.pdf>
- **Women in Watercolor 4th Annual International Juried Online Competition**
 - **Entry Dates:** April 1, 2023 – June 8, 2023
 - **Details available here:** <https://womeninwatercolor.com/>
- **Ohio State Fair Fine Arts Competition and Plein Air Painting Competition**
 - Details here <https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/fine-arts>
- **COWS German Village Paint-Out**
 - Sunday, June 25, 2023 9am – 5 pm
 - Kevin Buckland will provide details at May meeting