



President's Message September 2023

Welcome back fellow watercolor artists!

I hope that you had a wonderful summer and were able to get some watercolor painting in! Now that it is September we are getting back into the swing of things for COWS. Lots going on ... here you go ...

September Meeting, 1-3pm, Whetstone Library Meeting Room

Demonstration: *The World Looks Better in Watercolor -- David Rankin "Dazzle"*

- Nationally known watercolor landscape and wildlife artist, David Rankin shares a little about his artistic journey. His style is based on what he calls natural abstraction, in which he develops realistic subjects using abstract design principles that he finds in Nature. He credits his time living and traveling in India as a primary inspiration for much of his professional career.
- For his demo, he will paint one of his favorite subjects of the Himalayas, demonstrating procedures he uses to create dramatic visual effects using careful color values, intensities, spatial design and a strict understanding of the 3 planes of illusory depth.
- This demo and discussion will provide a preview of his upcoming 2-1/2 days workshop November 2-4.
- Join us via Zoom. See email from Joni Meeker for the meeting login information.

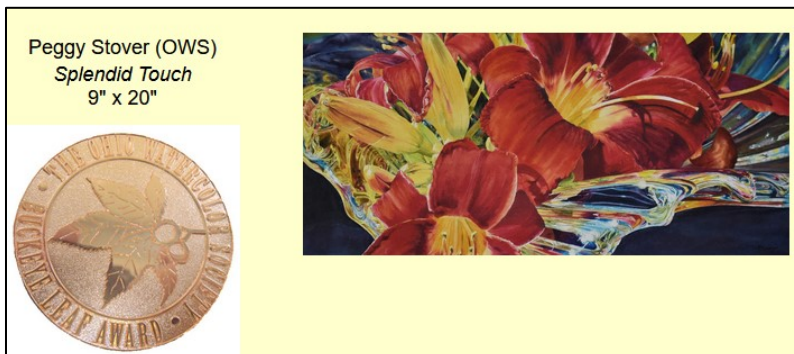
Happenings over the summer/fall

Ohio Watercolor Society Watercolor Ohio 2023 Award Winners from COWS



Back row: from left, Wyn Ericson, John Cameron, Jeff Suntala, Peter Castillo, Chris Leeper
Front row: from left, Donna Bargar, Peggy Stover, Barbara Hahn, Jeanette B. Ferguson, Mary Ann Valvoda

Paintings by COWS Member **Peggy Stover** and **John Cameron** were honored with awards at the Ohio Watercolor Society Watercolor 2023 banquet on July 22, 2023. Images of their paintings and awards are also shown. Congratulations!



Peggy Stover won 3rd Place!

Ohio Watercolor Society New Signature Members from COWS

Two members from COWS were inducted into the Ohio Watercolor Society as Signature Members on July 22, 2023. Congratulations to **Mitch Masters** and **Pam Hartford**!

Doug Pasek Award

John Cameron (AS)
Art in the Alley
15.25" x 19.5"



Exhibits by Members

Return of the Pump House Guys Art Show at High Roads Gallery

12 East Stafford Avenue, Worthington OH 43085

August 31 thru October 7, 2023

Opening Reception: Friday, September 1, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Join us for an Artist Talk: Thursday, September 7
from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Pump House Guys

Robert Bruce • Kevin Buckland • John Cameron • Ed Kitchen
Charles Rowland • Tom Stenger

For more information: kevin@bucklandgillespie.com

• **Women in Watercolor 4th Annual International Online Exhibition**

- **Fran Mangino's** painting titled "Are You Looking at Me!" was accepted into the competition and received an Honorable Mention
- **Suzanne Accetta**
 - Suzanne's painting titled "Aegean Cephalopods" was recognized as a Finalist in the Animal and Wildlife Category.
 - In addition, she shares some tips in the Women in Watercolor September 2023 Monthly Featured Artist.
<https://womeninwatercolor.com/2023/09/06/sep-tember-2023/> - Scroll all the way down to see Suzanne's "Tips from the Top".
- There were 1800 submissions from 60 countries around the world. See the exhibit at <https://womeninwatercolor.com/2023-award-winners/>.



Suzanne Accetta's "Aegean Cephalopods"

- **International Watercolor Masters 2024**

- **Suzanne Accetta** was recognized as a Top 200 winners + Rising Stars + Excellence Award winners in the International Watercolour Masters (IWM) 2024 Contest! Judging was by 24 Masters and Industry professionals ensuring total integrity, honesty, and fairness. All Top 200 winners + Rising Stars + Excellence Award winners will have their beautiful paintings projected and displayed virtually on a giant screen in the main exhibition arena at IWM2024 Lilleshall England in May 2024.

German Village Paint-Out Results

Nine members of the Central Ohio Watercolor Society participated in the German Village Haus and Garten Tour Paint Out on Sunday, June 25th. Each watercolorist was assigned to a home on the tour and created a painting that day as tours took place within the home. Despite the humidity and the steady rain in the morning, all had fun and completed their works. Awards were presented at the end of the day and determined by members of the German Village Haus and Garten Tour Committee. First place was awarded to the painting by **Pam Hartford**, **Kevin Buckland's** painting was awarded 2nd place, and **Judy Dillon Smith's** painting won 3rd place. Here are photos of the paintings and artists. Thank you to Kevin Buckland for all his work in making the event happen for COWS!



Vivian Ripley



Mindy Newman



Alex Feree



Fran Mangino



Leslie Laufman



Jeri-Ellis Platt



3rd Place – Judy Dillon Smith



2nd Place – Kevin Buckland



1st Place – Pam Hartford

2023 Teacher Scholarship Award Winner Named

Kyle Meeker was awarded our 2023 Teacher Scholarship of \$500. He is an art teacher at Westland H.S. in the Columbus Southwest City School district. There is not a lot of funding for the art students at the school. Here is a thank you from Kyle as well as a couple of pictures showing how he used the award.

“ I wanted to thank you again for the COWS award. Because of your generosity I was able to have both of my painting classes build their own travel watercolor sets and have so many great supplies to use this semester. Attached are some photos to show you what I was able to get, there’s even more than what’s in the photos too!”



Upcoming Fall Events

New Member Application Submissions

- Prospective new members can find the New Member application on the COWS Website under **Information:Membership** or click on the link on the Home Page.
- Prospective new members must be recommended by a current member
- Application submission due by Saturday, September 30, midnight.

Programs (See Calendar on the COWS website for details):

- September – David Rankin – Watercolor Demonstration
- October – Member sharing meeting – Share your tips, tricks, or current paintings with our members
- November – 2023 COWS Fall Show Reception
- December – Christmas/Holiday Party with gift exchange

Fall Workshop (See Workshop on the COWS website for details/application):

- **Artist:** David Rankin (www.clevelandartistregistry.org/artists/david-rankin)
- **Dates:** November 2, 3, and 4, 2023 – Th/F 10am-4pm, Sat 10am – 1pm
- **Location:** German Village Meeting Haus, 588 S. Third St, Columbus, OH 43215
- **Cost:** \$150
- **# Participants:** up to 30
- Registration begins Sunday, September 11 at Member Meeting for COWS Members and opens up to non-COWS members on Sunday, October 8

2023 COWS Fall Member Show

- **Show Dates:** November 9, 2023 – January 12, 2024
- **Artist Reception:** Sunday, November 12, 2023 - 2 to 4 pm
- **Location:** German Village Meeting Haus, 588 S. Third St, Columbus, OH 43215
- **Juror:** David Rankin(www.artistsforconservation.org/artists/800)
- **Entry Fee:** \$20 for 1 or 2 paintings /\$30 for 3 paintings submitted.
 - 50-60 will be accepted.
- **Awards:** Best in Show (\$500), 1st (\$300), 2nd (\$200), 3rd (\$100) and 3 Honorable Mentions (\$50)
- **Important Dates:**
 - **October 27, 2023 – Midnight** -- Application and Image deadline

- Completed entry form and images of unmatted paintings (.JPG <3MB each) must be submitted online to CowsWebsite@Columbus.rr.com
- Juror will judge from these images
- **October 27, 2023 - Checks:**
 - Make payable to COWS and mail to Sylvia Rosenthal, 1051 Walsingham Ct. Westerville, OH 43081 by October 27.
- **Thursday, November 9, 2022, 10 am-noon – Drop-off**
 - Have a copy of the completed entry form and tape the labels below to the back of your paintings.
- **Sunday, November 12, 2-4 pm:** Paintings that do not make show
 - Pick-up at the Reception or by arrangement.
- **Friday, January 12, 2024 – 10am-12 noon – Pick-up**
- **Application/Prospectus will be available on the COWS website following the September meeting**

Workshops/Classes by COWS Members

KEVIN BUCKLAND WORKSHOP
LANDSCAPE IN TRIAD
"Yellow, Red & Blue"

Saturday, October 21, 2023
9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Decorative Arts Center of Lancaster, OH



A ONE DAY workshop with Kevin! Through demos and individual painting time, you will explore the many advantages working in just three colors; acquire tips on developing your drawing skills, watercolor techniques, utilize value studies, compositional design and three color mixing recipes.

Registration is now open - Hurry- class size is limited!
 kevin@bucklandgillespie.com studio 614-543-0000

TO REGISTER: 740-681-1423 www.decartsOhio.org
Decorative Arts Center of Lancaster, 145 East Main Street, Lancaster, OH

COWS Board Openings

The Board will have two openings beginning January 2024. John Cameron, 2nd Vice President and Mitch Masters, Treasurer are completing their terms. Nominations are currently being taken for these two positions (we do have at least one candidate for each position so far) and will be voted on at the October meeting. If you would like to throw your hat into the ring, please let us know. Please join me in thanking John and Mitch for their very valuable service to COWS! Without dedicated volunteers like them, we cannot be the active organization that we are!

Input to the President's Message

Going forward, if you would like to announce a show opening, classes, competitions, etc., please send an email by the 25th of the month for inclusion in the new month's Newsletter. (i.e., due date for October President's Message is September 25th).

Looking forward to David Rankin's demonstration. Hope to see you Sunday (in-person or virtually)!

Sincerely,
 Pam Hartford
 President, Central Ohio Watercolor Society
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