



President's Message

December 2023



Happy Holidays COWS Members!

With Thanksgiving in the books, the holiday season is in full swing. Even though this can be a very busy time of year, I hope that you are able to enjoy time with family and friends.

This President's Message includes much information starting with details about our annual Gift Exchange this Sunday! Enjoy!

December 2023 Meeting – This Sunday, December 10, 2023, 1:00-3:00 pm

- Gift exchange and holiday celebration!
- **Location: 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Whetstone Library Meeting Room**, 3909 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43214
- This is our annual gift exchange meeting.
 - Gifts \$25 or less will be exchanged in "white elephant" style.
 - In general, gifts are art related, but be creative if you'd like.

Welcome to our 2023 New Members

- Congratulations and welcome to our class of 2023!
 - Donna Barger, Lisa Becker, Anastasiia (Asya) Chardymskaia, Nora Daniel, Georgetta Darr, Morgan DeBoth, Teresa Wagner

Welcome to our 2024 Board

As 2023 concludes, we are looking forward to 2024.

- John Cameron has concluded his two-year term as 2nd Vice President. Thank you to John for all his hard work!
- Mitch Masters has concluded his 5-year term as Treasurer, but loves to serve so much, that he is taking over as 2nd Vice President 😊. Thank you Mitch!
- Kate Hagovsky has volunteered to take over for Mitch as Treasurer. Kate previously served as 2nd Vice President. Thank you taking on the Treasurer role Kate!

The 2024 Board Officers are as follows:

- **President** - Pam Hartford
- **1st Vice President** - Sylvia Rosenthal
- **2nd Vice President** - Mitch Masters
- **Treasurer** - Katrinka Hagovsky
- **Recording Secretary** - Tom Stenger
- **Corresponding Secretary** - Joni Meeker

2024 Committee Chairs

Here is the list of Committee Chairs for 2024.

- **Exhibition and Outreach Committee:** OPEN
- **Fall Show Committee:** Sylvia Rosenthal - 1st VP
- **Finance Committee:** Katrinka Hagovsky
- **Hospitality Committee:** Martha Hill
- **Membership Committee:** Bess Alexander
- **Nominating Committee:** OPEN
- **Paint-Out Committee:** Kevin Buckland

- **Program Committee:** Joni Meeker
- **Public Relations Committee:** OPEN
- **Scholarship Committee:** [Glenda Childress](#)
- **Spring Show Committee:** Mitch Masters - 2nd VP
- **Website Committee:** Pam Hartford
- **Workshop Committee:** Joni Meeker

As you can see, we have three positions currently open – Exhibition and Outreach, Nominating, and Public Relations. (Thank you to Marsha Cavanaugh and Kate Hagovsky who previously held the Exhibition and Outreach and Public Relations Chair positions!)

- **Exhibition and Outreach** – This position is responsible for locating venues for our Spring show as well as venues we can use for open shows.
 - Since many locations such as Cultural Arts Center, The Works, Gallery 22, among other places are booked two to three years out, this position involves talking with venues about dates two to three years out.
 - Filling out applications may be necessary to secure some locations
 - Coordination with the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents is required
- **Nominating** – This position is responsible for reaching out to the membership to fill open board and committee chair positions. It is a real good way to get to know your fellow members!
- **Public Relations** – This position is responsible for advertising our shows and workshops among other things that may come up throughout the year
 - Utilization of social media, print media, or other methods is highly encouraged.
- *All members are encouraged to participate on at least one committee every year to keep the organization vibrant.*
- *Taking on a Chairperson role is important. There is much institutional knowledge, so you can learn from someone who previously held the position.*
- *Please consider volunteering!*

2024 Meeting Calendar

- **January 14, 2024, Christina Wald** (<https://christinawald.com/>)
 - **Location: 1:00-3:00 pm**, Northwest Library, 2280 Hard Rd, Columbus, OH 43235, United States
- **February 11, 2024, TBD**
 - **Location: 1:00 – 3:00 pm**, Whetstone Library
- **March 10, 2024, Kay Bea Jones** (<https://knowlton.osu.edu/events/2023/03/scenes-seen-and-unseen-draw-be-kay-bea-jones>)
 - **Location: 1:00-3:00 pm** Whetstone Library
- **April 14, 2024, Spring Show Reception**
 - **Location:** Westerville Community Center
- **May 12, 2024, Kevin Buckland - Plein Air Painting**
 - **Location:** TBD
- No Meetings - June, July, and August -- Happy Painting!
- **September 8, 2024, TBD**
 - **Demonstration:** TBD
 - **Location:** TBD
- **October 13, 2024, TBD**
 - **Demonstration:** TBD
 - **Location:** TBD
- **November 10, 2024, - Opening reception for Fall Show**
 - **Location:** 2-4 pm, German Village Meeting Haus, 588 South Third Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

- **December 8, 2024, Gift exchange and holiday celebration**
 - **Location:** TBD
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COWS 2023 Fall Show results

David Rankin was our judge and selected about 60 paintings for our show. The following are the awards that were announced at our November 12th reception. Reminder that 2023 Fall Show runs through January 12, 2024 at the German Village Meeting Haus, 588 S. Third St, Columbus, OH 43215 and can be seen online at <http://www.centralohiowatercolorociety.com>.

Awards:

- **Best of Show** -- "Casey" by Rick Mock
- **1st Place** -- "South Haven" by Linda Coe
- **2nd Place** -- "Pavillion in winter, Lakeside, OH" by Bob Bruce
- **3rd Place** -- "Autumn Fruit" by Bess Alexander
- **Honorable Mentions**
 - "Elegance and Grace" by Mara Habak
 - "Flower Girl at Orvieto Duomo (Italy)" by Pam Hartford
 - "Still Life with Tulips" by Peggy Stover



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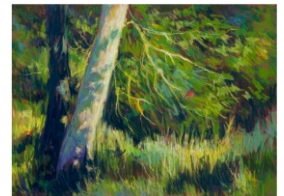
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Exhibits by Members

- **Linda Coe** is exhibiting at Argo & Lehne Jewelers, 3100 Tremont Rd, Columbus, OH 43221 October 14, 2023 through January 16, 2024.
- **Vivian Ripley** currently has a pastel painting, titled "Woodland Song", in the Degas Pastel Society member's virtual show. You can view the show at <https://showsubmit.com/gallery/dps-23rd-member-exhibition?view=thumbnails>. This show alternates every other year with the national show. The show will be online through January 15, 2024. Vivian's art classes are coming to a close for 2023 and will start again the week of January 22, 2024 through the Upper Arlington Parks and Recreation.
- **Kevin Buckland.** In September, Kevin exhibited with the Pump House Guys at The High Roads Galley in Worthington. In October Kevin presented a one day workshop "Landscape In Triad" red, yellow & blue. The workshop was held at the Lancaster Art Center. Finally, Kevin along with his wife Pertain were honored to be selected as 2023/2024 "Artists in Residence" for the New Albany Symphony. Responsibilities include, creating artwork for fund raising and promotional material. Kevin will also do several live painting demonstrations for patrons.



- **Jeff Stahler**, now known as “Colorado Jeff”, is currently in a Colorado Watercolor Society group exhibit through the end of the year. He is also scheduled to conduct a one-day watercolor workshop on March 2, 2024 at The Judy Patti Art Studio in Littleton, Colorado. Jeff is extending an invitation to all, “Come out to Colorado and paint with me anytime”.



2024 Calendar for Teacher and Student Scholarship Applications

Scholarship Chairperson: Glenda Childress

- Applications due to Scholarship Chairperson: **May 15, 2024**
- Awards Announced: **August 1, 2024**
- Award winner(s) guests at 2024 Fall Show Reception: **Sunday, November 10, 2024**

2024 Calendar for New Membership Applications

Membership Chairperson: Bess Alexander

- **Submission of applications:** August 15, 2024 - September 28, 2024
- **Application evaluation:** September 28 - October 7, 2024
- **Notification of results:** October 8 - 12, 2024

Workshops/Classes by COWS Members

- Our information on the website needs to be updated.
- Advertise your classes or workshops on our website!
- Please send your information as a reply to this email.

Competitions

Bryn Du Art Show

- Submissions being accepted through January 15, 2024.
- Visit <https://www.bryndu.com/bryn-du-art-show>

2024 Dues for Members

- January 1, 2024 is the due date for our annual dues.
- You can pay the \$30 membership fee via Zelle or by Check.
 - If paying by check please specify “Central Ohio Watercolor Society” as the payee. (The bank will no longer accept “COWS” as payee.)

Input to the President’s Message

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).

Wishing you all safe and healthy holidays!

Sincerely,

Pam Hartford

President, Central Ohio Watercolor Society

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