COWS 2026 Fall Workshop

Instructor:	Dr. Gary Brooks
Date:	Thurs, Oct 22 and Friday Oct 23, 10 am to 4pm
Location:	**Thurs 22 Oct—CML Whetstone Library** branch, 3909 N. High St, Columbus, 43214 **Fri 23 Oct—Meeting Room 2B, CML Main Library**, 96 S. Grant Ave, Columbus, 43215
Format:	Two-day, in person, workshop
Parking:	Free parking at Whetstone; paid parking garage CML main
Price:	$150 non-refundable (however, you may give your spot to someone else)
Lunch:	You are encouraged to bring a sack lunch, but the main branch has an in-house café.
Participants:	Limited to the first 20 registrants
Register Online:	Visit https://www.centralohiowatercolorsociety.com/workshops.html and click on “Online Registration”

- To finalize your registration, you will need to send a check made out to the “Central Ohio Watercolor Society” (no abbreviations, please) to
  Katrinka Hagovsky
  Re: Central Ohio Watercolor Society
  1616 Weiskopf Dr
  Columbus OH 43228
- If you wish to pay using Zelle, please contact Katrinka to learn how to do so.

In this two day workshop you will receive individualized instruction from Gary as he shares his many years of experience using both sharp and soft focus to create award-winning watercolors. He will provide participants with two reference photos to work from and anticipates completing a watercolor each day.
He will also provide a list of materials and colors.
The schedule for both days will proceed roughly as follows:

- 10 am - 1 pm First Half of Workshop
- 1 pm - 1:30 pm Half Hour Lunch Break
- 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm Second Half of Workshop

Please note that scheduling challenges force us to meet in two different locations: the Whetstone Branch of Columbus Metro Library on Thursday; the Main Branch of CML on Friday. Due to the limited time for lunch, we encourage bringing a sack lunch, but restaurants are also available nearby. You may wish to arrive a bit early to set up your supplies before the workshop begins. Both libraries open at 9 am.

Gary Brooks is a representational watercolor and egg tempera painter, holding a BFA in painting and other degrees from the University of Cincinnati. Working as a studio artist for world-renowned wildlife artist John Ruthven solidified Brooks’ attention to texture and sharp detail in his own work. His art is personalized--expressing landscapes, still lifes, and portraits, and the wildlife that abounds near his home. He is drawn to light and shadow, often building compositions around ephemeral light and the single moment in time it captures.

Brooks is a signature member of several state watercolor societies, an associate member of the American Watercolor Society and the National Association of Painters in Casein and Acrylic. Showing paintings in the Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania national watercolor shows has garnered him multiple silver, bronze, 1st place and other signature awards.