



Western Ohio Watercolor Society

Hello WOWS,

November is upon us!

I am enjoying the lovely fall colors, hot cider, and jacket weather that comes with the season, and I hope you are as well. Craig and I were able to get out of Dodge for a couple days to celebrate our anniversary. We went up to Kelley's Island on Lake Erie where it's off-season, so we were about the only ones at the small resort where we stayed and had no wait to get a table for dinner!



I was able to take a couple of hours to sit by the lake and do a plein air study before the sun set. I'm trying to discipline myself to get outside and paint whenever I can, because most of the painters that I admire highly recommend painting onsite - for a number of good reasons. It isn't easy for me; until recently I only painted in the studio from photo references, and I still feel very...challenged...with the challenges that painting *en plein air* imposes. Finding a scene worth painting, dealing with wind and/or hot sun, constantly changing light, quickly-drying paper and paint, a person parking his van *right in front of my subject* (grrrr), etc. But I'm going to stick with it because I have faith that these accomplished artists know what they're talking about (and it *is* fun to get out into the world and paint). Plus, I keep telling myself these are *studies*...not meant to hang on the wall, and I'm willing to put in the effort to get to the next level as a painter.

If you are interested in painting outdoors, but don't want to "go it alone", the [Dayton Area Plein Air](#) group schedules frequent paintouts; I went to one this year, and I intend to join them more often this coming year. I did participate in two outdoor events: the Troy Plein Air Artist Event and the Tipp City "Great Outdoors Plein Air" event, and will do those again, too.

For sure, it's not easy stepping outside the comfort zone, but it's one of the best ways we can grow as artists. Who knows, maybe someday one of these study pieces ends up being wall-worthy.

Remember that we have a show coming up in December, so keep those brushes moving, y'all!

Tessa Kalman, President WOWS

News

Next year, **Watercolor Ohio 2025** will be held at the Springfield Museum of Art. How fortunate we are to have this prestigious show in our area for a second year! Start giving some thought to what you'd like to paint for it...the submission deadline will be upon us before we know it!

Connie S. Gifford will be one of the featured artists (along with Terri Caprio) at the Miamisburg Art Gallery. The art show, Goggle, Gobble. . . Waddle, Waddle will be on display November 1 thru November 23, 2024. Connie will have 8 of her watercolors on display this month along with the other members of the Miamisburg Gallery. The gallery is open Thursday 5:30 pm till 8:00 pm, Friday & Saturday noon till 8:00 pm and is located at 16 N. Main Street, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342. The gallery is open to the public during their normal business hours. Hope you can stop by and see the show.

WOWS Publicity Officer: Help Wanted

The WOWS Executive Board would like to extend an invitation to our membership for someone to assist with social media and possibly newsletter publicity activities for our organization. If you are adept at using Facebook and are a reasonably skillful writer, we could use your help in getting information distributed to the public about upcoming events, our members accomplishments, meeting reminders, etc. This doesn't require you to be a Board member, so there is no obligation to attend monthly meetings. If this interests you, please contact Tessa Kalman at wows4info@gmail.com for more details.

Remember, if you'd like a mention in the newsletter for your newsworthy accomplishments or events, please send an email to wows4info@gmail.com a few days before the first of the month.

Area Shows to Visit

The 2024 Ohio Plein Air Society Member Show

An All Member, Plein Air Exhibition

K12 Tejas Gallery, Dayton, OH

October 21 to December 31, 2024

Middletown Arts Center Area Art Exhibition

11/08/24 - 12/12/24

www.middletownartscenter.com/events-exhibits

Show Opportunities

WOWS Holiday Members' Show 2024

December 8, 15, 22 at the Fairborn Art Association Gallery.

Art drop-off and pick-up dates as well as a link to the prospectus will be sent in a follow-up email and Facebook post as soon as those details are finalized.

Please consider volunteering to help with show if you can.

35th Annual Dayton Works On Paper

January 21–March 1, 2025

Rosewood Arts Center will present the 35th Annual Works on Paper juried exhibition. Artists living within a 40-mile radius of Dayton may submit two- and three-dimensional works of art on or of paper. Artwork to be submitted can be dropped off at Rosewood Arts Center on January 4, 2025, from 1:00–3:00 pm and January 6, 2025, from 12:00–8:00 pm.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month:

March, April, May, June, September, October

(NO meetings the months of:

January, February, July, August, November and December

Fellowship at 12:30 PM; Program at 1:00 PM