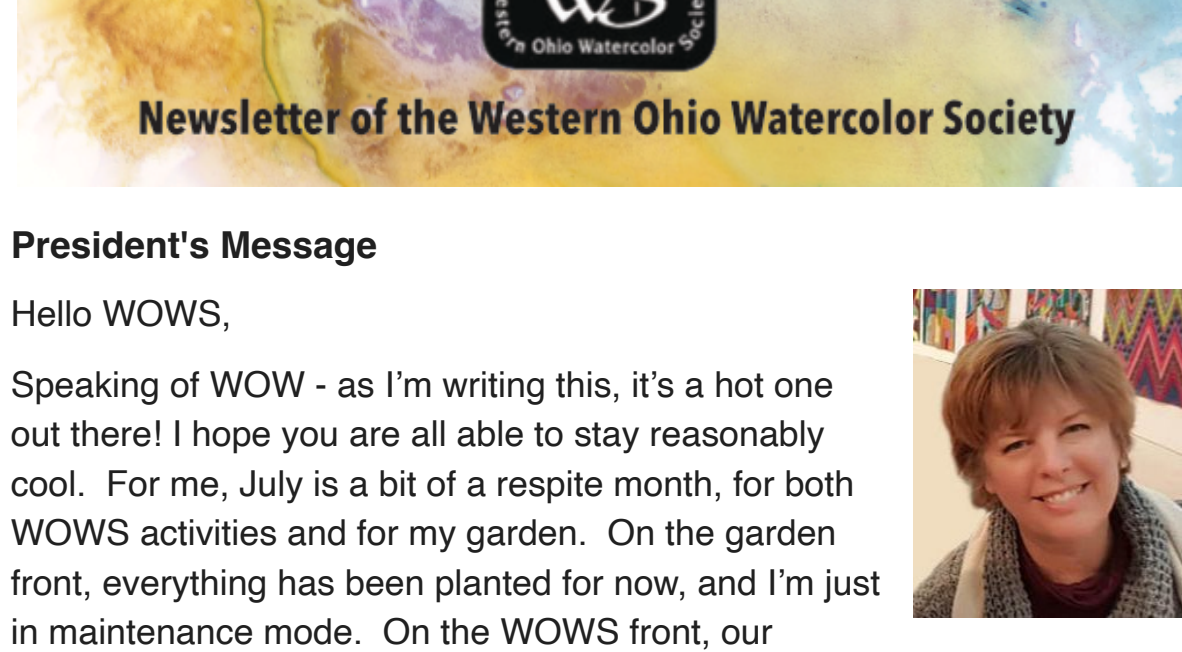
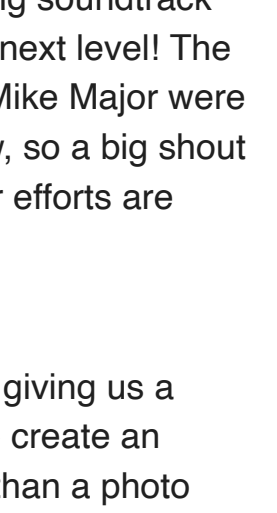




President's Message

Hello WOWS,

Speaking of WOW - as I'm writing this, it's a hot one out there! I hope you are all able to stay reasonably cool. For me, July is a bit of a respite month, for both WOWS activities and for my garden. On the garden front, everything has been planted for now, and I'm just in maintenance mode. On the WOWS front, our beautiful Urbana show has closed and from the feedback I've received, it was quite a success. We had a really good participation rate from members contributing works to the show. The reception was a big hit with quite a few members in attendance, and numerous visitors came in from the Urbana street fair to view the work. The accompanying soundtrack from Paula Whittington's piano elevated the event to the next level! The Champaign County Arts Council, and the gallery owner Mike Major were very complimentary and invited us back for a future show, so a big shout out to all those who volunteered to make it happen - your efforts are greatly appreciated.



Our June meeting featured fellow member Bonnie Kuntz giving us a demonstration on how to use a loose, expressive style to create an intuitive landscape, drawing on visual experience rather than a photo reference. Thank you, Bonnie, for giving us insight into your technique and thought process!

Since WOWS activities have slowed for the summer (we won't meet again until September), we will be taking a respite from the newsletter for August. As such, I'll take this opportunity to inform everyone that our next show will be this fall (in October) at the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center. The exact details will come later, but I encourage you to pencil it in on your calendar as a goal to paint for!

Cheers,
Tessa

WOWS Members News

OWS Show:

Note to OWS members who will have work in the OWS Annual Exhibition this fall: Tessa can transport your artwork to the drop-off site in Sylvania on **July 19th**. Please contact her (tessakalman@gmail.com) or (937) 902-2579 if you'd like to arrange a time to get her your work.

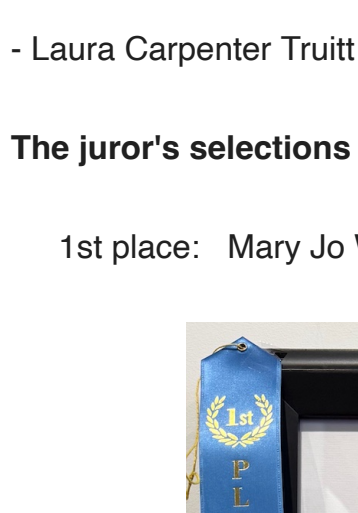
Dues:

PLEASE NOTE - Deadline for membership **dues payments** for roster inclusion is July 30. See WOWS website for membership form which has all the information on renewal.

In Memoriam:

Jim McCoy

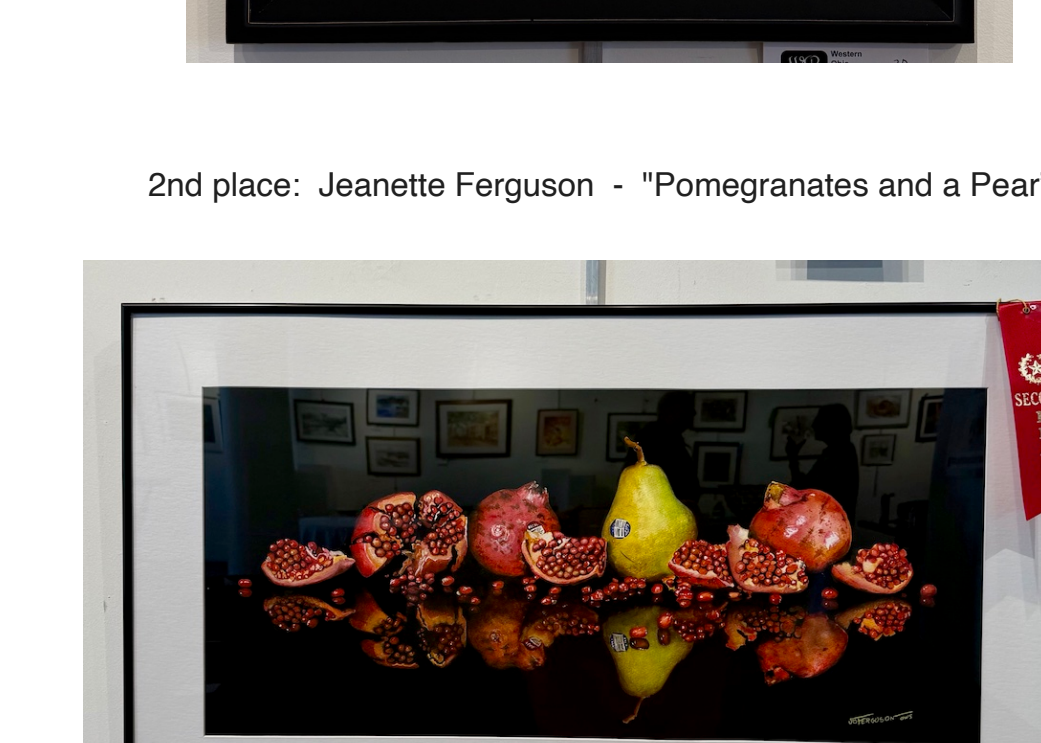
We are so sorry to announce the passing of Jim McCoy - past president of WOWS. He served two terms as president and was responsible for making us tax exempt. He donated award money to our organization and many other art clubs in honor of his wife, Joan McCoy, who was a long time member of WOWS. He also established several high school and college scholarships in her name. Jim had been nominated as a Lifetime Member of WOWS just before his passing, and he will be sadly missed.



James L. McCoy
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Jacqueline Sullivan

Also, we are sad to announce the passing of Jacqueline Sullivan, whom many of you may remember as a demo artist for both WOWS and FAA. We mourn the loss of this wonderful artist whose art was such an inspiration.



Lifetime Member:

We are pleased to announce that Past President **Larry Hawkins** has been designated as a Lifetime Member in appreciation for his past contributions to WOWS. Larry was very instrumental in the earlier years of the organization, keeping it going in very difficult times when we had no volunteers for officer positions. We owe a debt of gratitude for his diligence in keeping WOWS alive, for us all to enjoy to this day!

News from Bonnie Kuntz:

Our recent demo artist Bonnie Kuntz has a painting in the current Grand Ohio exhibit at the Woodbourne Library. She also has a painting in the Cat Call exhibit at the Rosewood Art Gallery and also the members' exhibit at the Springfield Museum of Art. Congratulations, Bonnie!

Also, Bonnie is moving and will be having an art supplies sale on July 18 from 9am-5pm at her place at 8514 Peachwood Drive, Dayton, OH 45458.

Results of WOWS Urbana show:

Juror Statement:

It was a pleasure to spend time with the WOWS exhibit, and an honor to be a juror. I appreciate that it truly is an honor - every piece in the exhibit is worthy of attention, and selecting a limited number of artworks was a challenge.

The seven artworks chosen for awards stood out because they all exhibit innovative techniques, interesting or nuanced content and technical skill of the medium. They may be moving and narrative, or complex and layered or technically extraordinary - but they all have a vision and are executed tremendously well - my congratulations!

To all of the artists; my compliments for creating such a beautiful exhibit, with so many different ways of approaching the medium. It's not always easy to have the courage to make new work, to exhibit it, and then to allow it to be judged. Your hard work and expertise is evident, and inspiring.

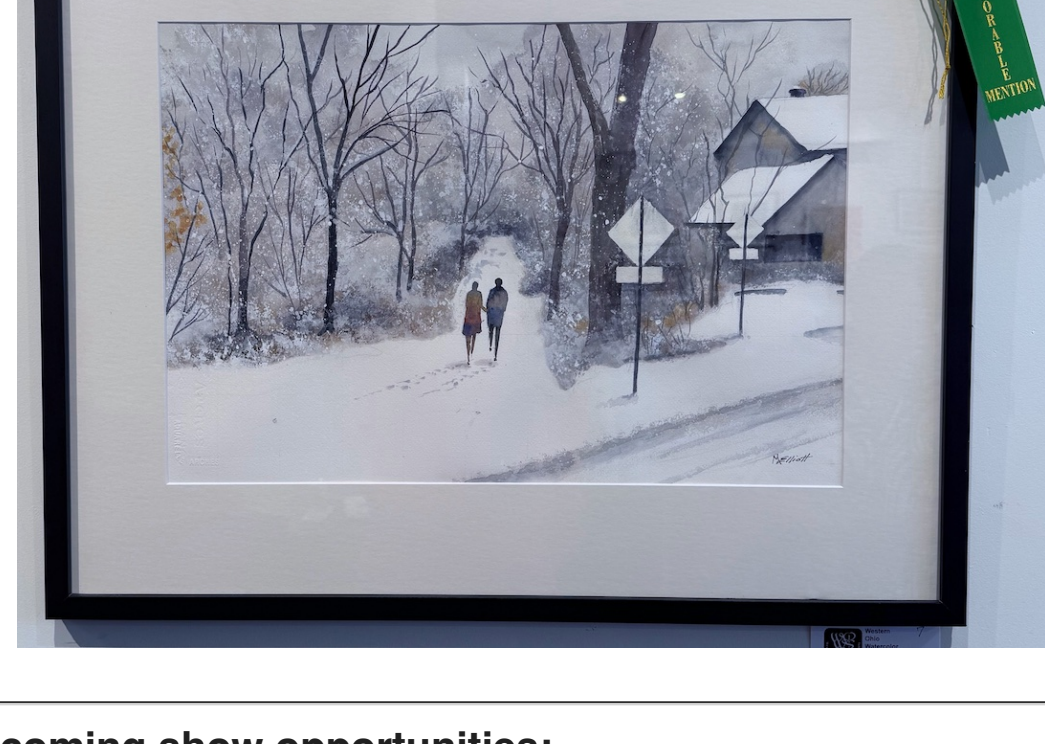
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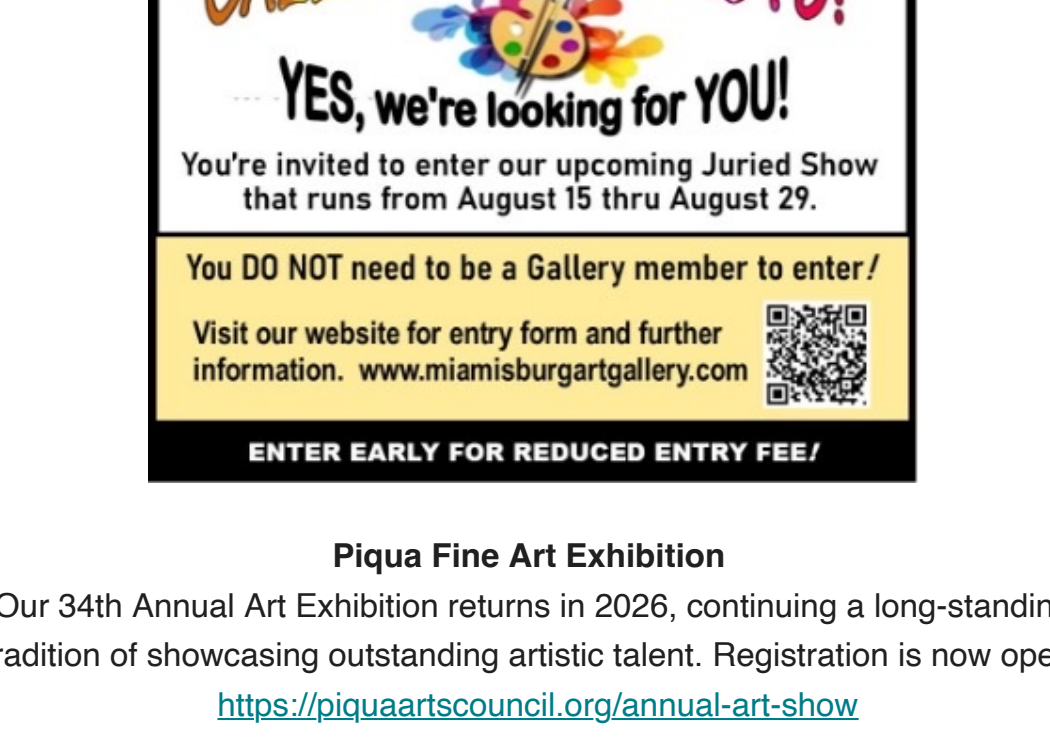
1st place: Mary Jo White. - "Stand still - the forest knows where you are"



2nd place: Jeanette Ferguson - "Pomegranates and a Pear"

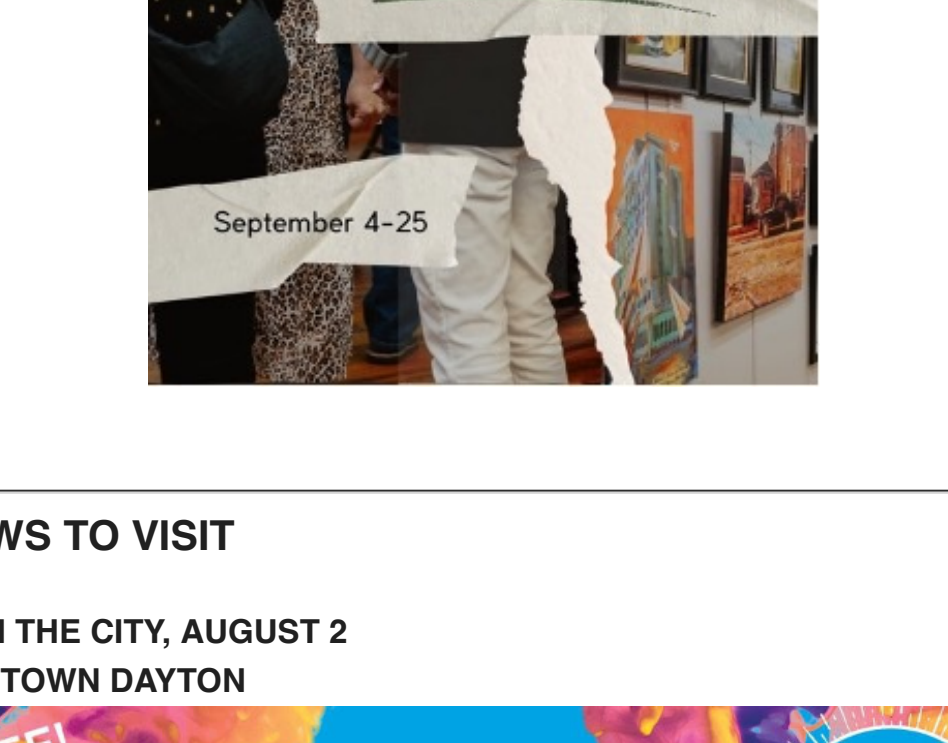


3rd place: Tessa Kalman - "Art Reception at Tohono Chul"



Honorable Mentions:

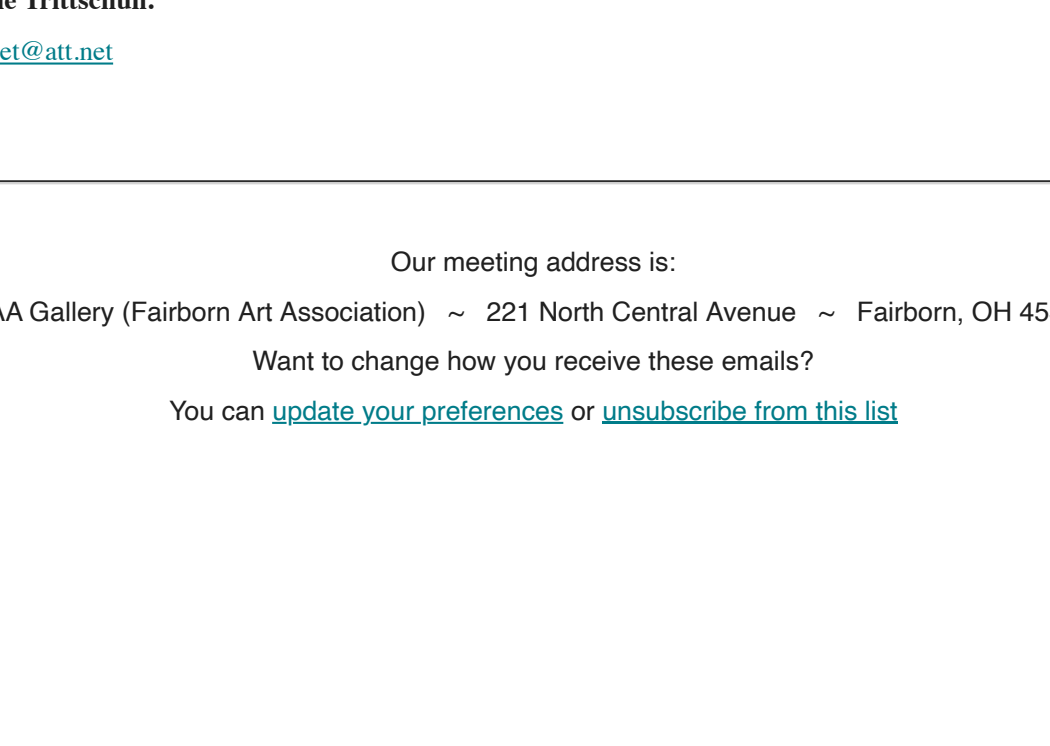
Christy Powell - "Printmaking - Studio Still Life"



Carol Collett. - "Ready to Roll"



Carol Edsall - "Tranquility"



Upcoming show opportunities:

Miamisburg Art Gallery 2026 Juried Show

https://miamisburgartgallery.com/?page_id=639



Piqua Fine Art Exhibition

Our 34th Annual Art Exhibition returns in 2026, continuing a long-standing tradition of showcasing outstanding artistic talent. Registration is now open:

<https://piquaartscouncil.org/annual-art-show>



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