



We are once again coordinating with the Connersville Garden Club to hold a Garden and Art show on June 13 & 14 at the WVAA Gallery. The theme for this show is "A Kaleidoscope of Flowers." Artists will paint their arrangement with flowers that bloom in June. The Garden Club will then do their interpretation of the painting. The public will vote for their favorites. Your participation is essential for the success of this show.

Don't forget the mixed media groups that meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to paint or craft whatever you like. Members are always willing to offer suggestions or critiques.

The Hagerstown Museum and Art Place is offering free painting sessions with area artist Tom Butters from 2 to 4:00 pm every Saturday. Materials are provided and it's free.

## News Notes

- We now are accessible on the World Wide Web! Hector Perez has been working hard to get our new website up and running. You will be able to find out what's going on at WVAA as soon as we know. There is an up-to-date calendar so you can plan ahead to attend all our functions. Find us at [www.wvartsa.com](http://www.wvartsa.com).
- Terry Hreno is working on offering classes on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm on various techniques and subjects. Classes will be \$10 for members. You bring your supplies and he gives instruction. This is a great opportunity to work on those areas you might need to polish!
- We have our General Membership Meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month. Join us to get first-hand knowledge of what we are doing for WVAA and be a part of what's happening in your organization.
- First Thursday February 6th will feature Thomas Heart Benton

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season. The Christmas Pitch-In was a big success! Yummy food and great company! Lisa brought her pulled pork again. If you weren't there, you missed a great time!

We have an exciting new year planned for the Whitewater Valley Arts Association. My theme for this year is to think outside the box, to broaden our horizons and explore new ways to bring wonderful artistic opportunities to our members and our community!

I would like to introduce your new board for this year. President – Sharon McQueen, Vice President – Hector Perez, Secretary – Tracy Burns, and Treasurer – Delilah Rigsby. Please contact any one of us with your suggestions or plans to help with projects for this year. We have many committees that need members. Please choose a committee or two that you would like to be part of whether as a member or chairperson. Your participation is vital for the success of this organization!

Terry Hreno has a great lineup for our year in art. Check out our "Up and Coming Shows" section.

Brenda Kunkel is diligently working on setting up some more outstanding workshops this year. If you have suggestions on what you would like to see, please contact Brenda at 825-3579 or [comcast.net](mailto:comcast.net).

Hector Perez has given us some interesting documentaries on Art and Artists this past year and has some praiseworthy topics lined up for 2014. Join us on First Thursdays for stimulating documentaries and popcorn furnished by Dick and Marilyn Smith.

We had fun with our introduction of Artzzy Party to Connersville. What an exciting way to spend an evening and introducing art to non-artists! Now it's time to get the word out to all the organizations and churches in the community. If you belong to an organization or church that you think would like to have an Artzzy Partv. please contact Cindy Holland at (765) 561-1173 / [gmail.com](mailto:gmail.com).

This is our Auction year and as you know, our success depends on participation. It takes the whole membership to accomplish this and make it a success! The theme for this year's Auction is "An Evening at Mardi Gras". Please let me, Doug Siebert or Lisa Gettinger know how you want to help.

All in all, I think we have an amazing new year ahead of us at the WVAA. So I challenge you to make this a year to delight the senses and reach for the stars in all your artistic endeavors!

Sincerely,

*Sharon*  
Sharon McQueen  
President



Coming to the WVA Gallery

# "Down on the Farm"

Opening Reception:  
January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 6:00-8:00 pm

## The Traveling Show

The theme for the Traveling Show for 2014 will be **"Abstracts"**. This is your opportunity to go outside your comfort zone and paint from a different perspective. They must be no larger than 8" x 10" and watercolors and pastels must be in clear plastic box frames. Vertical format is recommended. Contact Doug Siebert for more information.

## The WVA 2014 Calendar SALE

The 2014 calendar has gone very well and into a second printing. We have only a few calendars left. If you haven't gotten yours yet, check at the gallery or with Doug Siebert to get yours.

## Up and Coming Shows

The first show for 2014 is "Down on the Farm", a look at our rural heritage with a January 10th opening. We hope you plan to participate. This will be a really fun exhibition. Tell all your friends and family to come check it out. Future shows will include "Ladies of the WVA" opening March 14th and "The Hagerstown Group" on May 9th.

## DUES

Remember that the WVA annual dues are due Now. Please send your check and membership information to WVA, P.O. Box 206, Connersville, Indiana 47331, Attention: Nancy Bowen.



The WVA 2013 Pitch-In Holiday Dinner.



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