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Area 9 2016 - Senior Art Competition winners were Doris Martin, Brenda Pruett Kunkel, Venna Werner, Nancy Bowen, Larry Sturgis, Bess Sturgis, and Gary Rubendahl.

Talbert State Art Fair

– Gayle Siebert won Best of Show in Fiber Division again.

The Greenfield Banking Company's Art Gallery

– Cheryl Johnson has a one-woman show through August.

Will Vauter Annual Show

– Cheryl Johnson, Dick Lathrop, and Debbi Lathrop

Fayette County Free Fair

– Nancy Bowen won several ribbons.

Preble County Fair – Dick Lathrop won Best of Show and Debbi Lathrop won 1st Place in Pastels.



Have you gotten to see Fayette County United Way's Bison for the "bison-tennial" yet? We named him "Monty". Why Monty you ask? He is a montage of Connersville's memories thus "Monty". He was painted by several of our members. Personally, I think he is a winner. He is travelling around the county doing his thing and being an ambassador for the Fayette County. This week he was at the fair but soon he will either be at the new FCN bank or St. Gabriel's.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi Y'all!

It's been a busy summer and things will continue on that vein for the rest of the year. We have been dividing our time between working down at the Smith Building and working on items for the auction. We are starting to see headway on both accounts.

Many of our members have been busy on other projects as well. See KUDOS on the left hand column. These are the ones I know about. Congratulations to one and all!

I hope you are busy working on your items for the auction. Remember this is our primary fundraiser and allows us to continue to provide quality exhibits, classes and workshops. It also helps us to pay the bills. You get my drift! All members are encouraged to donate hand-painted fine



crafted items for the auction. Photographs of the items will start to be taken soon and placed on our Facebook page and in spots around town. We would appreciate your participation on some level.

We hope to have tickets ready to go on sale some time this month. People are already asking for them. This year we will have catered hors d'oeuvres and desserts, a band playing before the live auction and a short skit by Imagine Performing Arts. It will be a fun night.

Don't forget that we have a great oil painting workshop on August 27th with Pam Newell. See back page. Well, I guess that's it for this time. I leave you with this quote:

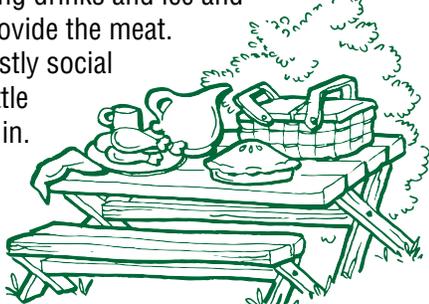
"Painting is poetry that is seen rather than felt, and poetry is painting that is felt rather than seen."
-Leonardo da Vinci

Sharon

The August General Meeting will be a Pitchin at Roberts Park

on Wednesday August 17th, at the shelter near the Miller Building. Please bring your set ups and a covered dish of some kind to share. The board members will bring drinks and ice and the WVAA will provide the meat.

This will be a mostly social meeting with a little business thrown in. I look forward to seeing you there.

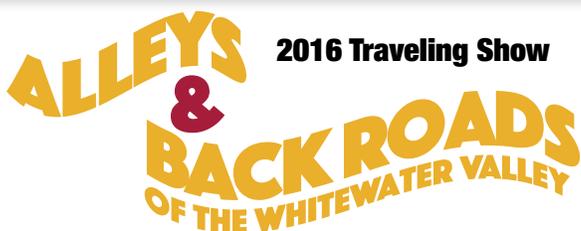


The Calendar pen and ink sketches are due at the August Pitchin. The theme is "Transportation". All members are encouraged to purchase a calendar plus sell 4 calendars for \$5 each. Art opportunities will be on the calendar as we know them.

Artzzy Party

We have slowed down on the Artzzy Parties until after the auction. We might have one or two but most of our energy is going to working on the building and making auction items.

Traveling Show



The Traveling Show is making its rounds in the Whitewater Valley. Last month it was at the Brookville Public Library and this month it's at the new FCN Bank. Four pieces have already been sold and replaced. Thanks to the artists for participating in this six-month traveling show.

USLA

WVAA has a new exhibit up at the Union Savings and Loan Association on 30th Street. It will be up until after the first of the year. Go check it out. It's small but mighty!



We have been very busy at the Smith Building. You are welcome to stop by and see our progress or come and help. Any help is appreciated. In case you haven't noticed, there is now a new roof

on the building. Thanks to the Fayette County Foundation and Van Lashua for making this possible. We have sanded the floor in the gallery area and half of the floor in the work room. We have spackled walls and cleaned and cleaned and cleaned. We are getting the doors ready to paint for our sliding doors. These were the original screen doors to the building. Very nice! The vinyl is being put down next week in the bathroom and back entry way. The handicap access deck is almost complete. Thanks to a grant from the United Way we will soon purchase the exit signs, fire extinguisher and smoke alarm needed to follow safety guides. Now if we could just get the electric finished, we would be well on our way. Any of you who can help with getting the electric finished would be much appreciated. It has certainly been a busy and rewarding year for our new gallery. We are very blessed to have received the grants and donations from our members and others in our community. It's amazing what can be done when you put your mind and heart in it.

Pam C. Newell Oil Painting Workshop

Don't forget that we have a great oil painting workshop on August 27th with Pam Newell as the instructor. There are a couple of openings so call Brenn Kunkel at 765-825-3579 and sign up.



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