

Shenandoah Valley Watercolor Society

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Newsletter

Member Spotlight ...

Meet Lois Whitecotton

Such a dichotomy! My idea of the epitome of a southern lady. Refined – check. Genteel – check. Unassuming elegance – check. Yet, and here is the delight, her art can be mind-bending, bold, and look-at-me-loud. It can also be quiet as velvety fog or display hot, sharp architectural lines where you feel the heat rising from the empty parking lot. Lois won three top awards in the last two years of our SVWS Member Show at VMRC. The 2022 Member Show begins September 3.

Lois is one of our behind-the-scenes volunteers, never calling attention to herself. She arranges for our meeting place each year through her church, and we pay an annual donation. Before each meeting, she and her husband Morgan arrive early to set up tables and chairs, and help us prepare whatever we need. Afterwards, the reverse happens, and we clean and disinfect for use on Sunday morning. The same is true for our workshops. You may have noticed her paintings adorning the kitchen and meeting room. Very clever themes for “the UC” or Youth Center! She also serves as a Gallery Day hanger at Taste of Thai.

As our year draws to a close in December, the Executive Board will meet to discuss how our members can sustain the joy of watercolor painting, continue learning from each other, and improve our skills. It’s a lot for only 2-3 people to shoulder. We may need to toss the excess in our organization and focus on your favorite activities. Please share your thoughts about achieving these goals with Barbara Gautcher, Lynda Chandler, Donna Detrich, JanetLee Wright, or me. And don’t forget to give Lois Whitecotton an Atta, Girl!
Mindy Morrison

“I have been doodling with ink and watercolor on paper all my life. It’s my way of stirring up my imagination to see what I find hidden in my head.”
- Maurice Sendak



2021 Best in Show “Wind and Fire” by Lois Whitecotton

Mark Your Calendar

NO MONTHLY MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

Aug. 31, 9:30: Pick up your artwork @ the Madison Hotel Mezzanine, H’burg.

September 3: 9:30 - 11:00 Bring Member Show artwork to VMRC

Sept. 4: 2:00 – 4:00 Member Show Opening & Reception.
3:00 Awards Presented.

Sept. 12: Gallery Day Signature members refresh art at Taste of Thai, Hardesty-Higgins House, Blue Ridge Free Clinic

Oct. 1 @ 10:00am Monthly Meeting, the Church Youth Center, 700 W. Market St., Harrisonburg

November 5 @ 10:00 Monthly Meeting, 700 W. Market St. Pick up Member Show art from VMRC
12:00 – 2:00.

December 3: Monthly Meeting @ 10:00 and Winter Holidays

BrushStrokes

Charles Raisner, Lynda Chandler, Lorene Bender, Donna Detrich and Bonnie Stutzman each sold a painting at the Hotel Madison Mezzanine Exhibit. Donna Detrich and Rob Kloetzer sold a painting at Taste of Thai.

Bahir Al Badry continues to be a top seller at OASIS.



2020 Best in Show Winner by Lois Whitecotton

December 5: Gallery Day

And our 2022 year comes to a close.

Hooray! New Members!

Be sure to greet and welcome our 2 newest members. Please add them to your Membership List.

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Exhibit Opportunity

Asbury United Methodist Church in Harrisonburg will present a September art show with an urban theme. If you wish to exhibit a painting of an urban scene or theme, contact Justin Poole soon at JustinPoole@emu.edu



2021 Judge's Choice Award Winner "Regal" by Lois Whitecotton