

Watercolor Society of Alabama Holds Alabama Members' Showcase

The annual fall gathering of the Watercolor Society of Alabama and its guests took place at the Birmingham Library on Sunday afternoon. The crowd was treated to an exceptional exhibit of aqua media works selected from those entered from across the state. The selection Juror was E. Gordon West of San Antonio, Texas. He chose some 60 pieces of work to be exhibited. The Awards Juror, Steve Rogers of Florida, was present for the Opening Reception and gave out the Awards. Steve Rogers conducted a 3-day workshop at Forstall Art Center in Homewood, Alabama prior to the opening of the exhibit.

Charlotte McDavid, Birmingham, was the chairman of the workshop and the Opening Reception. Norton's Florist provided the festive complimentary floral arrangement for the refreshment table where the spirit of autumn was very evident. Refreshments were furnished by the WSA members. Sarah K. Reiser provided background music for the reception.

Jaceena Shepard, Town Creek, AL and WSA president, introduced Steve Rogers to the audience of viewers and special notice was given to Award Recipients. This year's Award of Excellence in the exhibit went to Chenghao Li who is also an artist in residence at Troy, Alabama for his work "The Ancient Splendor."

Olivia Alison, Library Director of Development, accepted the WSA donation to the Birmingham Library and also told of exciting new plans to renovate and expand the Library facilities and Gallery area in the next couple of years. Haruyo Miagawa, director of the Library Gallery, was also present at the reception.

After the presentations, Steve Rogers graciously gave of his time to conduct an impromptu commentary about the different works in the exhibit. Guests present were from Huntsville to Montgomery to Mobile. The display will remain up for the month of October.

Other sponsors, directors and volunteers who helped with the exhibit were: Sirote & Permutt (printing), J. David Davidson, Heike Covell, Shirley Tucker, Tora Johnson, Cescillia L. Fowler, Winnie Cooper, Toska Courbron, Lyn Gill, and Corky Goldman.

The 74th National WSA Exhibition will be held at the Eastern Shore Art Center in Fairhope, Alabama in March of 2015.