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Dear Artists,

I hope this note finds you healthy and well-settled into the new year. The ArtWorks, Inc. executive board recently met and I would like to share some information on what we have in store for 2024!

We will offer several opportunities throughout Bowling Green (and beyond) for our members to exhibit their work. Specific dates are TBA, but we have spots lined up at Ellis Walker Gallery, The Downing Museum, WKU Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center, the Kentucky Museum and the TPC gallery at the Presbyterian Church. We will release these dates on a rolling basis throughout 2024.

We also hope to work with the Owensboro Art Guild to secure a membership “swap” exhibition in both Bowling Green and Owensboro. Some exhibitions will be open to the public while others will be for ArtWorks’ members only. Additionally, we hope to work with the White Squirrel Arts Festival to ensure that ArtWorks’ members are well-represented. We are Bowling Green’s only visual arts coalition, and deserve full representation at the festival.

ArtWorks will continue to sponsor several awards and events, including the Abound Celebration of the Arts, Women in the Arts, Black Lives Matter and Her Exhibition, the Baker/Lunt Exhibition, and the World’s Greatest Studio Tour.

Our Young Artist Grant Program is in full-swing. For this fiscal year we were able to grant a total of \$1,000 to four non-profit art programs. Barren and Monroe County middle schools, Bowling Green Independent elementary schools, and the Scholastic for Arts and Writing program received \$250 each. If you know of a teacher, school, or other non-profit deserving of these grant funds, please do not hesitate to reach out and get them on our radar.

Membership has already reached 71! If you need to update your membership, [click here](#), or you can snail mail your \$35 membership fee to P.O. Box 66, Bowling Green, KY 42102. Please encourage artists you know to join and participate in the many exciting opportunities that we offer. We reached our highest membership level to date in 2023, and hope to build on that number in the coming year.

Keep an eye out for several presentation and workshop opportunities for our members that are being planned, including painting, glassblowing, natural fabric dyeing, and more!

Leslie Nichols is in the process of updating the ArtWorks, Inc. online gallery. If anyone would like to send a new JPEG image of their artwork for the website, please use this link [Google Drive Folder](#) to upload your art image. After adding the image to the folder, email studionichols@gmail.com with your name and the title, medium, and price (if for sale) of the artwork. If you have a website or social media page you want linked to your art piece, please share that as well.

With that being said, we are proud to have you as a member and hope you share our excitement for a fruitful year of art to come.

My very best,

Jack LeSieur
President, ArtWorks, Inc.