

Spring Awards Banquet

The Spring Awards Banquet is held in the evening of the third Thursday in May, in place of a May meeting. This is an evening of celebration and socializing for the members of the WVAA and their guests. Location, menu options, cost of the meal, and time of the Banquet is listed in the newsletter in March and/or April.

This is a yearly event to honor the WVAA officers, chairmen and committees, and one special person as Artist of the Year. The WVAA Officers and chairmen receive a certificate of service and a gift certificate from Janke Bookstore. The Artist of the Year receives a plaque and monies are allotted to purchase books for the Marathon County Library, in their honor.

In addition, those persons attaining 25, 30, 40, or 50 years of continued membership are honored and recognized at the Spring Awards Banquet. These persons receive a plaque to acknowledge their years of continued membership.

Gifts are also distributed in a random fashion or a game format to the attendees. Gifts are purchased from the Art in the Park exhibitors, purchased from local merchants, and/or donated from local merchants/WVAA members.

A speaker or program may follow the evening meal.

The Spring Awards Banquet Co-chairpersons determine the amount and type of gifts, the location and menu of the Banquet, and the program for the evening. They are also responsible for the decorations for the banquet, the gift certificates, service certificates, and plaques for the Awards.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Co-chairpersons for the Spring Awards Banquet

Committee member for the Spring Banquet Committee (need determined by co-chairpersons)

Artist of the Year

The "Artist of the Year" is a Wisconsin Valley Art Association (WVAA) member that is nominated by the members of the WVAA. The "Artist of the Year" **must** have five years of continuous membership, plus community involvement, and have been a past or is a current show chairperson, officer, and/or involved in educational projects.

This is a **once-in-a-lifetime award**. Past recipients are John Janke, Carol Mularkey, Audrey Wilde, Mabel Tousignant, Jan Pflieger, Cindy Markowski, Mary Thompson, Karen Mielke, Gloriann Doyle, Steve Woller, Lynn Ott, Rosie Schilling, and Lynn Block.

Nominations for "Artist of the Year" should be given to the previous year's recipient, at least 2 to 3 weeks prior to the Spring Award Banquet..

The previous year's winner will decide the recipient of "Artist of the Year" based on the nominations received. They may choose to decide the recipient either independently or with a council of the past "Artist of the Year" Award winners.

The "Artist of the Year" receives a plaque to acknowledge the award. They may also select up to \$50 worth of books, audio, and/or video, reflecting their art, craft, or interests, that is then donated to the Marathon County Library in honor of them as "Artist of the Year".