Juror Statement PVWCS 2026 Fall Show & Sale
Juror Frank Spino

It was a great pleasure to be invited to judge your 2026 Fall Art Show - and I have to say, it was not an easy task. There were so many fine paintings which presented unique perspectives, surprising stories, and beauty to behold, I found it difficult to select award winners. My wish is there could have been more awards to acknowledge each contribution.

I arrived with a set of preconceived notions for what defines a good painting such as craftsmanship, composition, color, creativity and my primary criteria - is the painting compelling, does it speak to me? But beyond this is something intangible which the criteria only assist in defining.

Shows like this wouldn't be possible without a generous volunteer effort. The Potomac Valley Watercolorists group has cultivated such a team who give of their time to support our pursuit of watercolor. They are to be acknowledged and applauded and I want to point out two who assisted me personally: Marshall Carolus, and Leigh Fulton but also her entire team. Thank you.

It was an enjoyable day shared among a great group of artists, many of whom I had the pleasure of meeting for the first time. Congratulations to the award winners and all of the artists who shared their passion and talent in this beautiful and engaging exhibition.

Frank Spino
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