

*Allied Artists of West Virginia*



Over seventy years ago, artists from the State of West Virginia devoted their efforts to the betterment of aesthetic values in their communities and formed a group called Allied Artists. In 1934, they became Allied Artists of West Virginia, and encompassed the entire state in membership. The old library in downtown Charleston was the first meeting place.

Allied Artists of West Virginia have provided a strong creative thread with which the state has been drawn together. The organization has provided its members with a purpose. They sponsor and award financial assistance through their Biennial Juried Exhibition to not only their members, but young, budding artists throughout the state. The group sponsors various opportunities for exhibition and educational programs throughout the year. Monthly meetings are normally held at the Clay Center in Charleston or the South Charleston Library on the second Tuesday of the month. Special programs and announced events are held at other locations. Allied Artists currently has approximately 150 members from various parts of the state.

#### **HOW TO JOIN ALLIED ARTISTS**

Allied Artists of WV is an equal opportunity organization and does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, religion, or gender. Jury sessions are held each year in April and October. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, and residents of West Virginia. Applicants must create original art and/or crafts of advanced design using techniques related to the medium employed. The artists' work should express the **artists' own style. Five pieces** of finished work are required for application. The next jury session is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>. Exact times and location are available at the AAWV web-site.