

History:

Allied Artists of West Virginia, Inc. is the oldest visual arts organization in West Virginia. AAWV is a nonprofit organization managed entirely by member volunteers. It is a state wide educational and cultural association. The membership is comprised of approximately 200 artists who are involved in the production of the visual arts in all media. AAWV was organized in 1931 and incorporated in 1935. The old Library in downtown Charleston served as the first meeting place. Later, meetings were held at Sunrise museum and then moved to the Clay Center in Charleston, WV. Monthly meetings are currently held at the Clay Center and at the South Charleston Public Library. Since its inception, AAWV has provided art education programs for the public and support for artists in exhibition, marketing artwork, and learning through association with other amateur and professional artists.

Mission:

Our mission (as stated on our organization's website) is to encourage, nurture and present the work of West Virginia artists to the community. Our vision is to educate, develop and promote the original artwork and education of artists throughout the state of West Virginia.