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## **Artist, Peggy Taylor honored as founding president of WNCPOP**

ASHEVILLE, NC (Dec 9, 2012) — Western North Carolina Plein Air Painters (WNCPOP), an Asheville-based outdoor painting club, honored Peggy Taylor at a club meeting and dinner party at Asiana Grand Buffet in South Asheville on December 8, 2012. Peggy Taylor was awarded a certificate of recognition for her “years of tireless service as founding president of WNC Plein Air Painters”.

The group was established in 2003, and has grown to a membership of over 30 local painters. The purpose of the club is to encourage camaraderie between artists by providing opportunities to paint together on location. WNCPOP meets for “paint-outs” at scenic locations throughout Western North Carolina.

The founder and former president of WNCPOP, Peggy Horne Taylor, is an artist and art teacher living and working in Fairview, NC. She lived in Saudi Arabia for 30 years and many of her works are inspired by the Middle East and her travels. Peggy is formerly the Director of Willow Wisp Farm Studios, a small art school in Fairview, NC that specializes in plein air painting. Peggy’s artwork can be found in private collections in the USA, Saudi Arabia, Australia, England, Scotland, Ireland, Holland, Canada, India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Lebanon, and the Philippines. Learn more about Peggy at [www.phtaylor.com](http://www.phtaylor.com).

“Plein air” is a French term that means, “outdoors”. Plein air painting gained popularity during late 1800s and early 1900s. With a bent toward romanticism, Impressionist artists who painted en plein air sought to put the artist (back) in contact with Nature through direct observation.

To learn more about Western North Carolina Plein Air Painters, visit [www.wncpap.com](http://www.wncpap.com).

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