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## Wheeling Heritage Presents Rosalie Haizlett Watercolor Exhibit

WHEELING, W.Va. – April 10, 2019 – Wheeling Heritage will host an opening reception for "Learning to See," an exhibit featuring works by local artist Rosalie Haizlett, on May 9, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Artisan Center, 1400 Main Street. The exhibit will run through May 30 on the third floor gallery.

Haizlett's watercolor paintings focus on various aspects of nature. This exhibit features pieces she has painted throughout the last year, including "plants and creatures" from visits to Kanawha County, the Great Smoky Mountains, and the country of Jordan, she said.

"These pieces document the period of my life where I came to fully understand that there is wonder and mystery in even the tiniest, most overlooked aspects of nature," Haizlett said. "And the more time we take to study and appreciate these wonders, the more gratitude we will cultivate within ourselves."

A West Virginia illustrator with a focus on the natural world, Haizlett was awarded the 2016-2017 Tamarack Foundation for the Arts Emerging Artist Fellowship alongside Fairmont ceramicist Hannah Lenhart. The two fellows traveled around West Virginia to learn from the various established artists around the state during their fellowship.

Currently, Rosalie is the 2019 resident artist at Lamplight Gallery in Thomas, West Virginia. She is also completing a 6-month visual storytelling internship on American Ginseng in Appalachia with the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage.

The exhibit will run until Thursday, April 25. The Artisan Center gallery is open to the public Monday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## **About Wheeling Heritage:**

<u>Wheeling Heritage</u> is a catalyst for the revitalization of Wheeling. Through historic preservation, community development, and the arts, we help to tell Wheeling's story and shape its future. We seek to improve the quality of life in Wheeling by preserving and investing in our city, collaborating with others, and engaging the citizens of Wheeling in our work.