



## *Homecoming Receptions*

# THE WILLIAM H. GERHOLD EXHIBITION



*Celebrating Professor Gerhold's Work*

**Friday, October 12 • 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 13 • 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Meet special guest Debra Gerhold Shively • Selected works available for purchase  
A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Marietta College Art Department

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## William H. Gerhold

William Gerhold was retired from the art department of Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio where he served for 28 years. During his time at Marietta, Bill was head of the art department several times. He conceived, originated and directed for a decade, the “Mainstreams International Competitive Exhibition for Painting and Sculpture.” He was involved in numerous exhibitions, both as a juror and exhibitor.

His love of nature is evident through his on-location painting classes he conducted in the Canaan Valley area and on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. His love for nature and concern for the environment led him to establish a course at Marietta combining art and environmental issues called, “The Beautiful and the Bad, Environment Earth.”

He and his wife, Debbie, had a studio in Little Hocking, Ohio where he had a gallery. They also had a studio/home in Canaan Valley, West Virginia. Bill has three children and six grandchildren.

From his youth, Bill loved the out-of-doors. He was involved in sports while growing up in his hometown of Huntington, West Virginia. Bill remained active in athletics during his years at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio.

Aviation had always been a passion, so he enlisted in the Naval Air Corps.

Following his military service, Bill received his masters from The Ohio State University, then worked as a corporate pilot for several years before coming to Marietta College.

On December 30, 1996, Bill suffered a debilitating stroke. He lost the use of his right side, and he lost his ability to speak. During his time in physical therapy, Bill continued to pursue his art, using his left hand to produce pen and ink drawings that were used for annual Christmas cards. He and Debbie bought a handicap-accessible motorhome and traveled each summer while she was on break from teaching.

Bill passed away February 14, 2011.

