"I have been to State Days in Madison quite a few times. To me, a self-taught artist, it has always been such an honor. My career in the arts started in 2004 when my mother said, "Why don’t you do your art? You are so good at drawing." These past 10 years have been wonderful—learning and doing ART! My journey continues for I feel so blessed!"

—2014 participant

Wisconsin Regional Art Program (WRAP)

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About the workshops and exhibits
WRAP consists of more than 20 artist workshops/exhibits annually throughout the state. Each workshop offers a professional artist demonstration or lecture and exhibit judge leading the afternoon critique. Local artists are encouraged to exhibit their art and may enter as many Wisconsin Regional Art Workshops as they like. Your artwork could be seen throughout the state of Wisconsin!

These workshops encourage your creative growth in three ways:

1. Your work is shown in a noncompetitive exhibit in your community. The juror recognizes meritorious art with an Honorable Mention, or a State Award that brings eligibility to participate in the Annual State Art Exhibit.

2. You learn from demonstrations or lectures given by professional artists.

3. You benefit from group critique led by the exhibition judge, who will answer your questions on design, composition, or technique.

You may enter as many WRAP workshops/exhibits as you like. If your work is selected for the state exhibit at more than one workshop, you may choose only one to send to the State Exhibit.

The State Exhibit
Each year WRAP hangs an exhibit showcasing the award-winning artists from WRAP programs throughout Wisconsin. About 200 artists from around the state display their art for about a month in August and September.

The show culminates in the annual WRAP Conference, typically the third week in September. Guest judges review the show and award close to $5,000 worth of prizes.

For more information on WRAP, visit continuingstudies.wisc.edu/art/wisconsin-regional-art-program, or contact Helen Klebesadel at 608-262-3056 or hklebesadel@dcs.wisc.edu.