

## **Preparing for Art Shows**

### **Wire Hanger:**

- Use framing wire, not single wire.
- About 1/4 of the way down from the top, insert a D-Ring into the side pieces of the frame. Measure to make them the same distance from the top.
- Be sure the top arc of the wire is below the top edge of the frame.
- The wire should be loose enough to put your hand between the back of the painting and the wire.
- Wire that is placed too low on the frame or too loose will not hang properly. It will lean forward on the panel.

**Frame:** Use your judgement about what frame to use on your artwork. Remember, less is more in most cases!

**Paper Backing** gets holes and tears. Use a clean foam core instead.

### **Label Back of Painting:**

Be sure to use your business card or Certificate of Authenticity on the back of your paintings. Name of painting, your name, and contact information is critical.

### **Biography:**

A short biography is a nice added touch for the purchaser. Include your recent shows, awards, and courses/workshops taken.