

“SUMMER” IN THE ARCHIVES



Summer came in the midst of winter to the archives' Mildred Spaulding Kozsuch Memorial Reading Room. It came in the form of a painting by Jonesborough artist Peggy Root recently hung there. The painting is the second in a series of four seasonal paintings that Root was commissioned by the Friends of the Archives to paint for permanent display in the reading room.

Titled "Summer: Queen Anne's Lace Looking North Toward Leesburg," the expansive landscape (4' x 6') is a view of one of the most beautiful parts of Washington County. It is a view overlooking the late Bert Wolfe's farm with Bays Mountain and Clinch Mountain in the visible distance.

"Root is a regional artist with a national reputation," said Ned Irwin, county archivist, "So we feel fortunate to have these paintings for public view in the archives." Root's two remaining landscapes of Washington County scenes should be completed and installed in the reading room later this year.

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