

JUDGE'S COMMENTS

Exhibit: Changing Seasons

Month: September 2020

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DUPAGE ART LEAGUE

SCHOOL & GALLERY

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BEST OF SHOW:

Artist: Janet Kloss

Medium: acrylic

Title: Spring at Sandy Bluff

Comments: Resounds with luminosity. Color in the shadows glow with the use of violet and green. Captures the essence of time and sense of light, movement and unique sparkle of an imminent fall.

THEME AWARD:

Artist: Kathy Manning

Medium: watercolor

Title: The Window Box

Comments: Strong entry into a common metaphor for autumn, pumpkins, made unique by editing pulling the viewer into the textures, surfaces and rich color. Great contrast and presence.

SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: M. Kent Goebel

Medium: oil

Title: Starting Over

Comments: Romantic visual statement of a memory the hope in gardening offers. Great use of color and strong depiction of the elements from the shed. The repetition of red is compelling, luscious.

SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Dale Olsen

Medium: oil

Title: Summer Sunlight 2

Comments: Excellent use of depth created by atmospheric perspective. The rhythm of trees, so stable, yet with enough variety that it pulls attention to the dance of the forest. This is the contrast "felt" in the specific season.

SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Cathy Raef-Dunnigan

Medium: color pencil

Title: Schist Window

Comments: There is a charming sense of a place, as in a folk tale, an anticipation of the window being opened to reveal a narrative. Excellent use of texture, value. It is believable without being too transparent, leaving the viewer to wonder about this window and its inhabitants.

Twelve (12) Merit Awards:

1. Annette Leiber, Reflection, collage
2. Diana Mitchell, Maine Summer, pastel
3. Judith Horsley, The Crunch of Fallen Leaves, digital photography
4. Marge Hall, Northside Park, oil
5. Sue Thomas, Schoodic Peninsula, pastel
6. Marlene Vitek, Transition, mixed media
7. Jesse Lee, Kendall, watercolor
8. Gary Chipman, Goldenrod Meadow, acrylic
9. Diana Nawrocki, Hot Hot Summer, acrylic
10. Margaret Bucholz, Moe, color pencil
11. Mary Ann Asan, Late Summer Sun Through the Birches, acrylic
12. Diana Pitzwater, Orange Flowers, oil pastels