

JUDGE'S COMMENTS

DUPAGE ART LEAGUE

Exhibit: LOVE LETTERS & MEMORIES

SCHOOL & GALLERY

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JUDGE: DANIELLE WENNMAKER & CHRISTINA ANGELOS

BEST OF SHOW:

Artist: Cathy Raef-Dunnigan

Medium: Colored Pencil

Title: Chamonix Guides

Comments: The values in the statues and the technical execution of this piece is very well done. The details in the building are so precise. The composition and placement of each element in this piece work well together. The focal point (the two statues in the foreground) really work well because of the size perception compared to the mountains.

THEME AWARD:

Artist: Joan Kalmanek

Medium: Photo

Title: I Left My Heart in Radovljica

Comments: The composition of this piece is very interesting. The sizing of the charm in comparison to the village below plays a trick on the eyes. The detail in the gingerbread house and characters is very intricate. Overall, the photo is well thought out.

SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Robert Koch

Medium: Oil

Title: Memories of a Wonderful Dinner

Comments: The title of this piece brings any viewer to a common memory, a wonderful dinner. The expressive brush strokes give the composition lots of interest. The muted background against the colorful fruit really makes the subjects in the painting pop.

SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Deb Vensel

Medium: Charcoal

Title: Father & Son

Comments: All of the white space really helps capture the subjects in the piece. The father and son are drawn in a way that they look physically connected to each other, really emphasizing their bond and love. The expressions on their faces were well captured through charcoal.

SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Chris Hughes

Medium: Acrylic

Title: Flowers Reflection

Comments: The mouse is the main character in this piece, and the viewer is surprised to see the tiny reflection of the mouse in the vase. The yellow flowers in the bouquet are competing with the little mouse making the painting interesting to look at.

MERIT AWARDS:

1. Annette Perone-Leiber, Hidden Beauty, Mixed Media
2. Kenneth Kloss, Lovers Finally Meet, Acrylic
3. Valerie Lorimer, We Danced All Night, Acrylic
4. Margaret Bucholz, Valentine Rose, Colored Pencil
5. Maureen McKee, The Love Shack, Oil Pastel
6. Sue Krzyzanowski, Special Memories Tied Up in Bows, Soft Pastel
7. Tania Blanco, Love Bouquet, Acrylic
8. Theresa Lyon, Love Letters = Y/X (DNA), Pastel
9. Lori Tucker, Love Potion #2, Disaronna on the Rocks, Oil
10. Susan R. Wilson, Lilac Lovely, Oil
11. Kristina Stevens, A Little Love Amongst the Chaos, Acrylic
12. Jan Kloss, My Grandmother 1903, Acrylic

