

JUDGE'S COMMENTS

DUPAGE ART LEAGUE

Exhibit: HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW

SCHOOL & GALLERY

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JUDGE: CHERYLYN GNADT

BEST OF SHOW: Artist: Diana Nowrocki Medium: Textile
Title: The Girls

Comments: The sentimentality of this piece shows in each stitch. The muted color palette with the pop of pompom whimsy are graphically pleasing. The texture and technique are intriguing as well as the composition.

THEME AWARD: Artist: Ann Lamourex Medium: Acrylic
Title: Coleus

Comments: The colors of the coleus are mother nature's palette of bright with dark. The medium and color were combined in an intriguing way, showing the bright light among the dark. The size is impressive and the technique well executed.

SPECIAL MERIT: Artist: Barbara Hald Medium: Watercolor
Title: Flowers in Her Hair

Comments: First drawn to the expression of the eyes, then the glow in the skin tone. The understated white flowers created a lovely cool halo. Nicely executed.

SPECIAL MERIT: Artist: Jan Kloss Medium: Watercolor
Title: Hummingbird and Flower

Comments: The whiteness of the flower highlights the hummingbird's plumes beautifully. Highlight and the unfolding of the flower feels calm against the excitement of the bird's flight. The alcohol ink iris was also lovely and well rendered.

SPECIAL MERIT: Artist: Sue Thomas Medium: Watercolor
Title: Trip to the Oddities Shop

Comments: Although I had a hard time connecting the theme, the humor and composition of the piece spoke to me. Wonderful treatment of the white statues and the elongated fingers of the animal seemed growing. The teal shoes make me giggle.

MERIT AWARDS:

1. Marlene Vitek, Kitchen Window Sill, Mixed Media
2. Marge Hall, Naperville Nursery, Oil
3. Barbara Finn, Napping in St. Stephen's, Dublin, Pastel
4. Ben Calvert, Snowdrops, Printmaking
5. Julie Skoda, More Play/Less Water, Pastel
6. Kim Rodey, Gather, Oil
7. Tania Blanco, A Pause in the Forest, Pastel
8. Linn Eldred, Daffy Down Dilly, Pen & Ink
9. Chris Hughes, Bunny Buffet, Acrylic
10. Christena Nicholson, Knock Out Rose, Watercolor
11. Valerie Lorimer, Rocky Mountain Hilltop Garden, Mixed Media
12. Judy Macleod, Enchanted Tree, Oil