

JUDGE'S COMMENTS

DUPAGE ART LEAGUE

Exhibit: MASTERS & FABULOU FAKES

SCHOOL & GALLERY

Month: AUGUST 2022

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JUDGE: SYLVIA ARUFFO, IWS

BEST OF SHOW:

Artist: Mary Kate Venturini Medium: Colored Pencil

Title: Ode to Cezanne

Comments: MKV has "channeled" Cezanne, "faking" him by changing media from oil to colored pencil, yet the overall presentation seems straight from his studio in Aix. Her technique is especially sensitive to edges, breaking up the lines and varying their softness and hardness.

THEME AWARD:

Artist: Theresa Lyon Medium: Oil

Title: Judith Minus Holofernes

Comments: TL has made the most daring "fake" by literally separating Holofernes' head from the executioner. This humor contrasts with the morbid cotans delightfully. She has succeeded in capturing the unusual angle of the head.

SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Jan Kloss Medium: Watercolor

Title: 3 Boys Instead of 4

Comments: JK has playfully modified Homer and brightened his composition with more saturated color.

SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Janet Pearson-Strack Medium: Oil

Title: Long, Live, Life

Comments: JPS has captured the subtle expression of the young woman with accurate anatomy so we expect her to suddenly move and speak. Shadows give the figure weight; it sits solidly.

SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Beth Berry Medium: Gouache

Title: El Camino De Las Flores

Comments: BB has worked successfully with dark, bright colors, yet managed to convey atmospheric perspective. The brushwork accomplishes the color the color array without competing with the color impressions.

MERIT AWARDS:

1. David Reichert, Arizona Sunset, Mixed
2. Renee Bercher, "Haystack," Monet, Oil Pastel
3. Sue Thomas, Maxfield Parrish, "Garden of Allah", Pastel
4. Marge Hall, Red Poppy, Oil
5. Eve Stofferan, Shades of Monet, Pastel
6. Mary Karr, Van Doorn? Watercolor
7. Sue Krzyzanowski, Monet, Woman with a Parasol, Pastel
8. Diana Nawrocki, Life Style, Mixed
9. Greg Stall, Winter Window, Colored Pencil
10. Lynette Hoy, River Avon, Bristol, Oil
11. Barb Finn, Lighting the Darkness, Watercolor
12. Kirmis, Boxer, Digital