

## JUDGE'S COMMENTS

## DUPAGE ART LEAGUE

Exhibit: SPRING INTO ACTION

SCHOOL & GALLERY

Month: MARCH 2023

218 W. Front Street, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 653-7090

JUDGE: CHRISTINE RABENOLD

### BEST OF SHOW:

Artist: Danielle Crilly

Medium: Pastel

Title: Easter Anties

Comments: Well done. Captures the theme of show, but also extends beyond the theme to stand on its own. The technique and concept pair well and captivates the viewer to keep looking, but also creates a sense of warmth and welcoming.

### THEME AWARD:

Artist: Judith Shepelak

Medium: Colored Pencil

Title: Fantasy Garden II

Comments: Well done! Speaks to the theme. The attention to detail is outstanding and the perspective of composition work well and creates a sense of space in the image and brings the viewer into the landscape.

### SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Sally Sharp

Medium: Oil/Cold Wax

Title: Spring Explosion

Comments: The scale, color, and overall handling of the oil/wax captures the viewer's attention and creates a sense of warmth.

### SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Mary Kate Venturini

Medium: Colored Pencil

Title: The Beast

Comment: Nice handling of the colored pencil and shifting the scale to be larger than real life captures the viewer's attention and makes them take the time to look at the details which echoes prior actions. Also fits the theme in a unique manner.

### SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Janet Pearson Strack

Medium: Oil

Title: Among the Petals

Comments: Nice handling of oil and capturing the details in the lily pads. You were able to show the dew/water droplets effectively and details of the frog.

### MERIT AWARDS:

1. Roseanna Gomer, Garden of Geneva, Pastel
2. Julie Keating, Springing, Watercolor
3. Mary McHugh, Spring on the Lake, Mixed Media
4. Chris Hughes, Spring Dance, Acrylic
5. Joan Kalmanek, Spring Joy, Photo
6. Susan Wilson, Summer Yellows, Oil
7. Margaret Bucholz, Spring into Action with Art, Acrylic
8. Ralph Furmanski, Irises, Watercolor
9. Gary Chipman, Snow Drops, Gouache
10. Carol Kincaid, The Ledge #2, Oil Pastel
11. Maryann Staroscik, Song Bird in My Garden, Mixed Media
12. Tom Finn, Sun Kissed, Watercolor