

JUDGE'S COMMENTS

DUPAGE ART LEAGUE

Exhibit: CREATURES, PETS

SCHOOL & GALLERY

Month: APRIL 2023

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

JUDGE: VICKI LIESZEWSKI

BEST OF SHOW:

Artist: Chris Nicholson

Medium: Watercolor

Title: Her Name is Lola

Comments: So often the only photo we can get of our pet is from looking up at us adoringly. Here that's made to work for the composition. The bright yellow draws us in. The pink and gray accents work well so the yellow doesn't overwhelm. Nice use of line and loose wash. Fun.

THEME AWARD:

Artist: Tom Finn

Medium: Scratchboard

Title: The Paws that Refreshes

Comments: Nice composition, technically adept, fun subject.

SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Fran Puglise

Medium: Pastel

Title: Ms. Meow Meow

Comments: Lovely touch with the pastel to capture the fur. Great color variation on the fur too. The light and shadow add drama.

SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Kathy Sheers

Medium: Pastel

Title: Penny Mae, Rescue Kitty

Comment: Really nice impressionist/expressionist style. Composition and use of color make this grab the eye.

SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Cynthia Cockriel

Medium: Pastel

Title: Making Breakfast

Comments: Expert handling of the medium. The story draws you in.

MERIT AWARDS:

1. Adele Dunn, Hello Dolly, Acrylic
2. Evalyn Holy, On My Way, Acrylic
3. Janet Pearson-Strack, The Bengal
4. Fred Toerpe, Goldfinch, Acrylic
5. Sandy Winter, Catnap, Graphite
6. Teresa Lyon, Ailurophobia, Watercolor
7. Barb Finn, Feeding Time, Pastel
8. Jeff Zawada, Hide and Seek #2, Pen & Ink & Watercolor
9. Nancy Anderson, In the Garden, Mixed Media
10. Barb Plichta, Let's Glide, Watercolor
11. Liesl Mann, Watching, Color Pencil
12. Sally Sharp, A Man and His Dog, Oil/Cold Wax