

JUDGE'S COMMENTS

DUPAGE ART LEAGUE

Exhibit: EXOTIC PLACES

SCHOOL & GALLERY

Month: JULY 2023

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

JUDGE: DAVID R. BECKER

BEST OF SHOW:

Artist: Alice Solinski

Medium: Pastel

Title: Steffy Discovers the Wonders of Morton Arboretum

Comments: The mood, and professional handling of the medium in this painting caught my attention and hit me with the "wow" factor that I look for when I walk around for the first time looking to see which piece wows me. This piece wowed me.

THEME AWARD:

Artist: Nancy Roberts Himmes

Medium: Oil

Title: Botanical Garden , St. Croix

Comments: Some paintings cry out as looking like a master's work. This piece cried out to me and reminded me of Edward Hopper and Winslow Homer. This is a stunning piece.

SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Jan Kloss

Medium: Watercolor

Title: Exotic Place

Comments: Watercolor and figures are extremely hard to paint. This watercolor shows the professional experience of the artist. Simply beautifully done!

SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Kelly Sebold

Medium: Pastel

Title: Mohegan Island

Comment: This painting looks like it should hang in the Art Institute Museum. Simply a stunning piece of art!

SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Julie Keating

Medium: Watercolor

Title: View from Keating Harbor

Comments: Getting soft edges and mood in watercolor is something that takes experience and this painting has that mood. Done in a professional experienced way. Wonderful mood.

MERIT AWARDS:

1. Ralph Furmanski, 16 Cypress Point, Watercolor
2. C.C. Arnett, Rome Italy, Watercolor
3. Natalie Brinley, Moldovan monastery, acrylic
4. Marge Hall, St. Thomas, Oil
5. Barb Plichta, What a Morning, Watercolor
6. Joan Kalmanek, Omo Valley Women, Photo
7. Sue Thomas, Safely Home, Pastel
8. Cynthia Cockriel, Amnabel on Platte Rock, Pastel
9. Laurel Erickson, Wheaton Twilight, Pastel
10. David Reichert, Desert Tapestry, Acrylic
11. Nancy Anderson, Morning Light Grenada, Pastel
12. Adele Dunn, Driftless, Acrylic