

## JUDGE'S COMMENTS

## DUPAGE ART LEAGUE

Exhibit: GOLDEN HARVEST

SCHOOL & GALLERY

Month: SEPTEMBER 2023

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JUDGE: LESLEY GENA

### BEST OF SHOW:

Artist: Fred Toerpe

Medium: Acrylic

Title: Field Face Off

Comments: What masterful technique and use of complementary colors with the gold and purple. What I like most is the way your eye travels from foreground fowl to middle-ground fowl, and then back to the barn.

### THEME AWARD:

Artist: Cynthia Cockriel

Medium: Pastel

Title: Peach Season

Comments: I like the use of lights and darks and the composition with the peaches on the fringe of the piece. The composition, light and framing highlight the fruit perfectly.

### SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Joan Kalmanek

Medium: Photo

Title: Autumn Leaves

Comments: I was immediately drawn to the colors and detail. How you can see the veins on the flowers in the foreground. I like the simplicity of the subject contrasted with the complexity of the subject.

### SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Cynthia Massey

Medium: Fabric

Title: Strength in Oaks

Comment: I like how there are so many textures and patterns to look at. This artist clearly put a lot of time into this piece and used the material in an interesting way.

### SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Fran Puglise

Medium: Soft Pastel

Title: Next

Comments: I am often intrigued by subject matter and this piece has me wondering what the artist was drawn to. I appreciate the interesting composition and the mark making techniques as well as the artist's use of the entire picture plane.

### MERIT AWARDS:

1. Sally Sharp, Golden Hair, Oil/Cold wax
2. Mary Karr, Farmer's Market, Watercolor
3. Jennifer Hauser, The Great Harvest, Ink and Colored Pencil
4. Marge Hall, Golden Tulip, Oil
5. Mary Dorrell, Pie Pumpkin, Oil
6. Tom Finn, Chinese Lanterns, Watercolor
7. Diana Nawrocki, Our Summer, Textile
8. Barb Plichta, Two Aisles Past the Dairy, Watercolor
9. Jeff Zawada, A Hint of Fall, Pen and Ink and Watercolor
10. Susan McLean, The Chile Harvest, Photo
11. Kelly Sebold, Welcome Fall, Pastel
12. Steve Johnson, Welly, Pencil