

JUDGE'S COMMENTS

DUPAGE ART LEAGUE

Exhibit: HAPPY NEW YEAR

SCHOOL & GALLERY

Month: OCTOBER 2024

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JUDGE: THOMAS MAHADY

BEST OF SHOW:

Artist: Marge Hall

Medium: Oil

Title: Colorful Succulent

Comments: First, she did it big—thick stretches for all to paint around (side). Marge covered the full color range (opalescent). From big thick leaves to details of waterdrops (note one on bottom about to fall). Black background. It's a big eye looking upward!

THEME AWARD:

Artist: Yvonne Thompson

Medium: Sculpture

Title: Ol' Lang Stein

Comments: It's the only sculpture—at least four things say New Year—drinking, Santa hat, time clock, and title. It's funny—plays around! Small, but gives a lot. Color unity, nice texture, no eyes to see future.

SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Cindy Mugnani

Medium: Acrylic

Title: Purple Rose

Comments: It's a good size, framed interestingly, monochromatic. Hits you from across the room. Nice smile but deep black spooky eyes. Mystery—it's a big statement! Note tonal range! Light out of darkness.

SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Kathy Manning

Medium: Watercolor

Title: Joy of Play

Comment: Cats create a big T. Black horizontal with vertical all the way to bottom. Bold composition—organic (furry) against geometric floor and walls. Very adventurous colors, lime green eyes and upper left.

SPECIAL MERIT:

Artist: Cynthia Cockriel

Medium: Pastel

Title: Blushing Beauty & Her Lady in Waiting

Comments: Great frame with this work—browns, pink and green, a limited palette makes it strong and unified. The whole work is tough, but the pink is so feminine and delicate (such contrasts) and the two stems hold it all up to the unseen sunlight!

MERIT AWARDS:

1. Nancy Turner, David Byrne's Beautiful House, Charcoal, pastel
2. Margaret Bucholz, Happy New Year Chicago! Acrylic
3. Jan Kloss, Dawn of a New Year, Acrylic
4. Sally Carter, New Friend, Pastel
5. Robert Koch, At the Temple Wall, Watercolor
6. Lynette Hoy, New Mexico Snow, Oil
7. Ralph Furmanski, Camping and Grilling, Watercolor
8. Alice Sulinski, Please Mom, May I Keep Her? Pastel
9. Renee Anne Bercher, Happy New Year! Oil/Wax
10. Alice Matthews, Swan Lake, Chinese Brush
11. Sandy Mazurek, Hope, Pen and Ink
12. Kenneth Kucera, Tree of Life, Oil