

**JUDGE'S COMMENTS****DUPAGE ART LEAGUE****Exhibit: CREATE A FRAGRANT BOUQUET****SCHOOL & GALLERY****Month: MAY 2024****218 W. Front Street, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 653-7090****JUDGE: VILAYPHONE GINGRICH****BEST OF SHOW:**

Artist: Johanna Rebman

Medium: Colored Pencil

Title: Garden Party

Comments: I commend the unique take on a floral teacup bouquet and appreciate the difficulty in shading white/cream objects. The artist has captured the backlighting and aesthetic broken blur of the background perfectly in colored pencil.

**THEME AWARD:**

Artist: Alice Sulinski

Medium: Pastel

Title: For the Love of Roses

Comments: I am drawn to how soft and fragile the petals of these heirloom roses look. The colors and values in each petal create so much depth and draw you in close enough to smell the petals then fade into a cool dark background which creates more depth and contrast. The double mat and frame accentuate the vintage romantic overall feeling.

**SPECIAL MERIT:**

Artist: Holly Ann Tyson

Medium: Stained Glass

Title: Flower Power

Comments: I imagine the sun shining through the clear prisms and colored glass connecting art with nature and light. The radial design and negative space create a sense of power with balance and harmony.

**SPECIAL MERIT:**

Artist: Laurel Erickson

Medium: Pastel

Title: Orange Sunshine

Comment: All of the hues and pastel marks used in this piece is so expressive from the table to the vase, flowers and background. It creates such a vibrant and rich composition.

**SPECIAL MERIT:**

Artist: M.L. Sullivan

Medium: Pastel

Title: Love those Hollyhocks

Comments: At first glance, I thought this was a photograph. Upon closer examination, I realized it was a pastel drawing. I am amazed at the crisp, fine details in the petals, leaves, stems, and buds. The blurred background details also contribute to the hyperrealism effect.

**MERIT AWARDS:**

1. Benita Brewer, Lily Rose Bouquet, Watercolor
2. Margaret Bucholz, Fragrant Bouquet, Acrylic
3. Maureen McKee, Hydrangeas and Peaches, Oil
4. Barb Plichta, White Pelicans, Watercolor
5. S. McLean, Lotus Flower, Photo
6. Jan Kloss, Roses, Acrylic
7. Sue Krzyzanowski, Wilting, Soft Pastel
8. Barb McCartney, The Underside, Acrylic
9. Helen Read, Lilac Charm, Oil
10. Sandra Mazurek, A Soul's Garden, Oil
11. Beth Berry, Dancing in the Light, Photography
12. Diana Nawrocki, Spring Splash, Textile