

# GALLERY 1 SHOW

July 2025, Judge Ben Calvert  
Water and Waves

## BEST OF SHOW

Robert Koch "At the Shore" oil  
"Tension. Rocks vs sand, breaking waves to distant clouds, flat paint to broad brush strokes of varied color. Cold or deep waters and the churn when meeting the shore. I'm glad I'm viewing from the shore."

## BEST THEME

Mark Grogan "Pescadero Rocks" oil  
"Water and waves, here we are. The dark rocks full of color even in shadows, and fluffy clouds make for a calm day hike. This scene reminds me of my visits to Etretat and the Normandy coast. Calm with wispy waves."

## SPECIAL MERIT AWARDS

Mary Crickmore "En Gedi" oil  
"Step back and appreciate the fluttering of leaves and the water/time worn rocks in the background. The colors of an arid climate make one appreciate the spring runoff nurturing growth in this canyon."

Tom Finn "Denizen of the Deep" scratchboard  
"Close in and get eye to eye. Watch out for the tentacles as they guide you closer. Black and white. Pay attention to the dots."

Barb Plichta "Grace and Speed Newport, RI" watercolor  
"Don't you want to be on that boat? Your color gaze following the edge of the sail up into the clouds. Gliding with a stiff breeze, always observing."

## MERIT AWARDS

Margaret Bucholz	Surfing Hawaii	acrylic
Diane Peterson	Sailing Away	
paper collage		
Susan McLean	Blossom Time in Kyoto	acrylic
Holly Hughes	Flow	
photo		
Nancy Staszak	Great Blue Heron	
woodcut		
Laurel Erickson	Herrick Lake Fall	
pastel		
Carol Calihan	Quarry Fishing	pastel
Joan Kalmanek	Flamingos Dream in Blue	photo
Maeva Cook	A Day at the Beach	pastel
Lizzie Nelson	The Swimming Venus of Lake Michigan	mixed media
Beth Berry	Seagully Morning Dance	
watercolor		
Kent Kucera	Early Spring	
oil		