January 2026 Gallery 1 Show

Sanctuary

Judge Stacy Slack

BEST OF SHOW

Robert Koch	Cottage Door	watercolor

"Depicts privacy, sanctuary, warmth, secrecy, well-tended home, loved property. Superb handling of medium, wonderful contrast in color and texture to create interest. Many moods achieved all at once to convey a very special place of peace."

BEST THEME

Ken Kloss	Long Time Sanctuary	acrylic

"You have conveyed a warm, convivial environment. The proximity of the people and landscape creates camaraderie and seclusion. I feel joy. Great contrast of colors and textures to bring excitement to the moment yet keeps it a private moment — a sanctuary."

SPECIAL MERIT AWARDS

D. Nawrocki	Open Spaces	fiber/stitchery

" How exciting to see such exploration in fibers, Depth in color and texture makes me want to touch it and become part of it. The color leads my eyes forward and back and throughout the work. My eyes reach in to search this environment. A work that makes us explore it — it is a physical experience!"

Dawn Halter	Morning Mist	pastel

"Such a soft use of pastels to create a mood of soft continuance. Your lines and colors lead us throughout the work. Your soft use creates a physical feeling of moistness in the air. You've effectively created an environment, an experience for us, a mood of softness."

Myriam Villalta Elijah	Autumn at the Farm	pastel

"Your work conveys a soft quiet invitation to peace and solitude. Your use of color holds the work together as a whole, not just a barn. It shows us this is an environment of atmosphere — in the sky, the grass, the trees. It is a whole, not its individual parts. Lovely handling of pastel."

MERIT AWARDS

Kathleen Sheers	Blue Refuge	pastel
Gary DeClute	Adrift	photo
Chad Wooters	Sanctuary	oil
Kathy Olson	Reflection	pastel
Mary Beth Devine	Forest with Blue Bells	oil
Nancy Roberts Himmes	Paradise	pastel
Laurel Erickson	The Quiet Wild	pastel
Sue Thomas	Web Telescope	pastel
Anthony Alonzo	Looking at Me	acrylic
Mary Beth Purse	Sand Hollow	pastel
Lisa Lucaccioni	The Penguins	mixed