

# 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