

**DUPAGE ART LEAGUE**  
**218 W. Front Street, Wheaton, IL 60187**

**JUDGE'S COMMENTS**

**DATE:** April 2026

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**BEST OF SHOW**

Artist: Robert Koch Title: Posted Medium: watercolor

Comments: This classic watercolor captures the subtlety of light within the farm structure. Multiple geometric shapes and textures are woven into a centered point of interest within an asymmetrical composition.

**THEME AWARD**

Artist: Joan Kalmanek Title: Urban Geometry Medium: photography

Comments: This masterful photograph combines numerous repetitive patterns into a sophisticated composition clearly illustrating the exhibition's theme. It features beautiful sight and technical expertise.

**SPECIAL MERIT**

Artist: Natalya Rowland Title: Lost in the Leaves Medium: Oil

Comments: The scale, detail and depth of color conveyed in this stunning oil painting communicate a dominant and forceful window into nature.

**SPECIAL MERIT**

Artist: Fran Puglise Title: Shadow Dancers Medium: soft pastel

Comments: Luminosity, depth of shadows, unique vantage point, and perspective draw the viewers into this soft pastel composition.

**SPECIAL MERIT**

Artist: Michelle Rogowski Title: Zuri Medium: pastel

Comments: This figuration work is impactful as the portrait of a young girl with piercing eyes captures our attention, complemented by the wonderful patterns of her headpiece and garment. Exquisite.

**MERIT AWARDS**

Diane Peterson: Woodgrain and Feathers, colored pencil

PJ Kosar: Black Pine, Golden Gate Park, photograph

Cynthia Boudreau: Andalusian Dream, fiber

Benita Brewer: Queens at Play, watercolor

Jan Kloss: Quiet Little Brook, acrylic

Sue Krzyzanowski: Guitar Wall, soft pastel

Myriam Villalta-Elijah: Winter Silence, soft pastel

Kathy Olson: Mt. Lake Shore, pastel

Dawn Halter: My Morning Place, oil

Dan McCullough: Patterns in Pelicans and Ponds, oil

Lori Tucker: Royal Palace of Madrid Halberdiens, photograph

Mary Karr: Turquoise Cosmos, watercolor