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 Halberdiers, photograph
Mary Karr: Turquoise Cosmos, watercolor