

Juror's Comments, 2023 Members Show

It was an honor and a privilege to be asked to jury this show. Such spectacular work, that it made my job quite difficult! To begin, I did several overviews of all the work. Taking each painting in its entirety. Next, studying each piece with several items in mind: composition, mastery of medium, uniqueness of vision, and more. It was very difficult to narrow down my choices. If your work wasn't chosen for an award, please don't take that as a rejection. I could have awarded twice as many awards if possible.

It's a magnificent show. Congratulations to all!

– Kathleen E. Dworak AWS

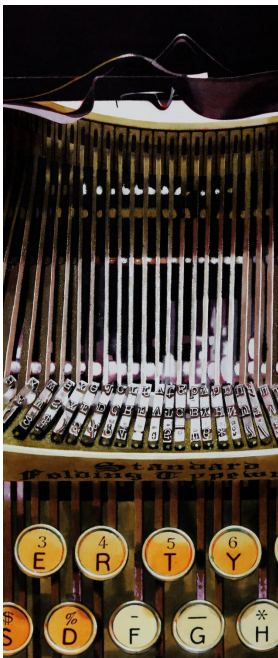


1st Place

Michael Solovyev

Pause

This painting is a masterpiece. I was awestruck at first look, and I remain so. The delicacy of the color and deft handling of the watercolor is in perfect alignment with the subject. Sublime handling of lost and found edges. Bravo.



2nd Place

Denny Bond

Keys

Uniqueness of vision certainly describes this piece. I love the artist's choices here- the cropped composition, handling of light and shadow, and more. Well done.

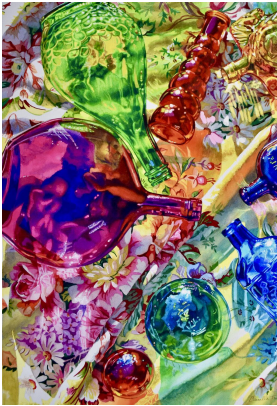


3rd Place:

Jain Nishita

Slumbering Marina at Alameda

The color harmony sings here, coupled with expert use of wet in wet and drybrush techniques. It makes you just “feel” the weather.



Award of Merit:

Carmella Tuliszewski

Complements

Carmella Great composition and assured handling of bold staining colors.



Award of Merit:

Lois Wolford

Morning Routine

A stunning work—looks to be on Yupo paper, a plastic paper extremely challenging to paint on, yet this artist handles it with skill. Unity of color throughout. Unique and well done.



Award of Merit

Jean K. Gill

Interlock Hollyhock

White hollyhocks painted on white paper- so incredibly difficult, yet this artist handles it with skill. Beautifully done.



Award of Merit
Tim Saternow
Orchard and Broome St

A cityscape that invokes mood, weather, and timelessness beautifully. Perspective spot on.



Award of Merit
Richard Hoffman
Caretakers Housing

A ramshackle old building painted with expert skill. Excellent color and textural choices.



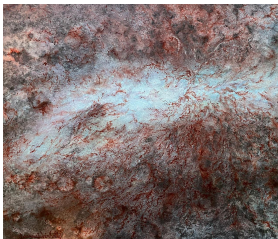
Honorable Mention
Maria Payer
Cup or Cone?

How I loved these 2! An assured hand here, rendering both the figures and the background skillfully.



Honorable Mention
William Sweeney
Breaking Dawn

Such a great composition, and expert use of medium to create mood.



Honorable Mention
Deanna Weinholtz
Spiral Galaxy

Skillful handling of medium. Abstraction at its finest here. Terrific work.

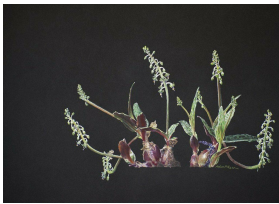


Honorable Mention

Theresa Kubert

She's Thinking

Such a powerful portrait, yet the watercolor is handled with softness and sensitivity. Her emotions radiate from her eyes. Wonderful.



Honorable Mention

Albina P Herron

Ledebouria Socialis

Loved the composition here. A perfect blending of medium and subject matter. Terrific piece.