

30th Annual Old Santee Canal Fine Arts Exhibition 2022

Judge's Comments on Winning Entries

Steven Whetstone, Judge

BEST OF SHOW

Dominic Fusco, *Road Work Under An Ominous Sky*, oil: Love the glazes and the strong color shifts. It is dynamic and dramatic.

WATERCOLOR

1ST Place - Gary Smith, *Zentangles # 1*: I keep wanting to look at the piece and get lost finding new ins and outs. Strong piece in composition and color.

2nd Place - Alfred Champy, *Nature's Bounty*: Perfect watercolor. This piece lacks nothing. Professional!

3rd Place - Steven Jordan, *Tom*: My favorite part of the piece is how a simple stroke of the right brush carries so much punch. Professional.

Honorable Mention - Horace Nobles, *White Tails*: Beautifully done. Professional.

Honorable Mention - Dorothy Shrumoff, *First Snow*: Beautifully done.

OIL

1ST Place - Horace Nobles, *On Wild Wings*: Beautiful use of edges and paint manipulations. Love the color temperature. Absolutely love this piece! Beautiful.

2nd Place - Dominic Fusco, *Here's Looking At You Kid*: Great control of the medium. Solid painting.

3rd Place - Elliott West, *Marblehead's Leaning Cottage*: Wonderful color choices.

Honorable Mention - Sherri Bardsley, *Rapt*: Very well executed.

Honorable Mention - Horace Nobles, *Riding The Shadows*: Gorgeous!

MIXED MEDIA

1ST Place - Victoria Platt Ellis, *All Around The Town*: Strong presence. Great color and design.

2nd Place - Steven Jordan, *Crystal Orange Creates Good Vibrations*: Strong piece. Bright, vibrant, and fun.

3rd Place - Ruth Griebe, *Wild Floral*: Love the technique. Such a fun piece.

Honorable Mention, Belle Anderson, *Sunflower Power*: So fun! Would love to hang in my house. Makes me smile and feel happy!

DRAWING

1st Place – Meyriel Edge, *Isolation*: Expressive. Draftsmanship very good. Love the lost and found edges. Great use of negative space.

2nd Place – Gary Smith, *Feeling Froggie*: Great subtle transitions. Great design and composition.

3rd Place – Chris Kyle, *Different Not Less*: Strong drawing. Love the design and symmetry being played with. Purple carries your eye through the piece.

Honorable Mention – *Threads*: Strong draftsmanship. Great design and composition.

PASTEL

1ST Place – Elliott West, *Hunter's Best Friend*: Great use of contrast and of different textures. Strong composition.

2nd Place – Sue Selvey, *Onça Prowl*: Love the depth. Strong foreground, middle and background space.

3rd Place – Sue Selevy, *The Mule & Her Wrangler*: Really love how the background is treated and the space between the subject and rocks. Can almost feel the air in between.

Honorable Mention – Laura Cody, *Before The Dance*: Great use of color. Such a fun piece.

ACRYLIC

1st Place – Dominic Fusco, *The Bird Keeper*: Great control of the medium. Exquisite colors and composition. Professional.

2nd Place – Horace Nobles, *Checking The Tide*: Beautiful. Professional.

3rd Place – Pamala Corwin, *Coastal Storm*: Great use of color and space led through the piece front to back.

Honorable Mention – Dominic Fusco, *Final Journey*: I'd stare at that sky and never get tired of looking at it.

Honorable Mention – Sarah Kunell, *Splash Time Flies*: no comments given

Honorable Mention – Horace Nobles, *Turkey Hunter*: no comments given