

Rockville Art League Juried Members' Spring Show 2021

Dr. Renee Sandell Judge's Statement

I am deeply honored to be guest juror of The Rockville Art League Spring 2021 Member's Show. I enjoyed reviewing the wide range of visual explorations and processes, categorized by oils and acrylics, watercolors, pastels and drawings, mixed media, collage, and experimental, sculpture, photographs. My goal in judging the art was to look deeply and listen carefully to the expression of each artist's "visual voice"—its clarity, passion, depth, and relevance in 2021.

As an artist and educator, I am concerned with a Balanced Way of Seeing® of the Form+Theme+Context (FTC)®. Perhaps some of you heard my October 1, 2020, RAL evening Zoom presentation to explore Resilience as revealed in Hokusai's *The Great Wave* and our Pandemic-influenced lives. We used FTC to decode a work of art in search of discovering its deepest meanings.

As I reviewed the wide range of submissions, I sought to understand these pieces by discerning the following features:

- **Formal Qualities** including actual composition, art elements, design principles, size, scale, use of media, processes, technique, skills, and style.
- **Thematic Qualities** including the concepts, subject matter (people, places, and/or things) expressed through the artist's unique point of view, along with relationships to ideas in art history, literature, and other subjects.
- **Contextual Qualities** including the fact that these submissions were created, submitted, and reviewed during this time of Pandemic isolation and its aftermath, while seeking different aspects of the significance and relevance of this artwork.

Ultimately, it is the unique combination of **how** each artist's Form+Theme+Context work together to create a powerful visual statement that will deeply engage the viewer in meaningful thought and feeling.

Congratulations to all RAL members for contributing to such a special spring art exhibition. Because it was hard to choose award winners with so many inspirational images revealing personal vision and skills, I want to emphatically encourage everyone to keep creating and showing your artwork.

Rockville Art League Spring 2021 Show - Award Winners

Award	Title	Artist:	
Best in Show	Sun Flowers No. 3	Patricia	Zannie

<u>Oils and Acrylics</u>			
First Prize	<i>Haven</i>	John	Weber
Second Prize	<i>Determined</i>	Isabella	Martire
Third Prize	<i>Hope Exists Above</i>	Robin	Lazarus-Berlin
Honorable Mention	<i>Beautiful Dissonance</i>	Michele	Morgan
Honorable Mention	<i>Cliff Walk</i>	Jennifer	Howard
Honorable Mention	<i>Making Marks</i>	Ruthann	Uithol
Honorable Mention	<i>Rising Tide</i>	Sally	Davies
Honorable Mention	<i>Sunrise at the Lake</i>	Ken	Bachman

Watercolors

First Prize	<i>Shadows on Display</i>	Cecile	Kirkpatrick
Second Prize	<i>Great Grandmother</i>	Lily	Kak
Third Prize	<i>Remembrance</i>	Barbara	Bell
Honorable Mention	<i>Milan Red Carpet Walk</i>	Angela	Lacy
Honorable Mention	<i>Swallowtail's Feast</i>	Alexandra	Treadaway Hoare

Drawing, Pastels and Hand-Pulled Prints

First Prize	<i>I Found Myself in a Boat in the Middle of the Woods</i>	Linda	Sherman
Second	<i>Self-Portrait During the Pandemic</i>	Kathleen	Carroll
Third Prize	<i>Lost in Thought</i>	Joanie	Grosfeld
Honorable Mention	<i>River of Gold</i>	Joanne	Lamm

Mixed Media, Collage, Experimental and Original Computer-Generated Art

First Prize	<i>In the Garden Again</i>	Myra	Ryan
Second Prize	<i>Tower of Babel</i>	Stacy	Yochum
Third Prize	<i>Ray and Billy Go Hunting the Horny Back Toad</i>	Bill	Johnson
Honorable Mention	<i>Back Home After School</i>	Sarah	Sohraby
Honorable Mention	<i>Healing</i>	Maria Teresa	Comacho Hull

Sculptures and Ceramics

First Prize	<i>Petulance</i>	Pearl	Chang
Second Prize	<i>The New Normal</i>	Floyd	Roberts
Third Prize	<i>Celtic Form</i>	Barbara	Meima
Honorable Mention	<i>Solitude: Morning Practice during COVID-19</i>	Pearl	Chang

Photographs

First Prize	<i>Guardians</i>	Cecelia	Laurendeau
Second Prize	<i>Snake River with Tetons</i>	Howard	Clark
Third Prize	<i>Bouquet of Butterflies</i>	Lisa	Sieg
Honorable Mention	<i>Bulsby "Buzz" Duncan, Abstract Artist</i>	Larry	Levine
Honorable Mention	<i>Hiking in Arizona</i>	Merry	Lymn

Artists and Artwork in the Spring Juried Show

Artist (First)	Artist (Last)	Title
Joanne Liotta	Aarons	VALOR
Nighat	Ahmed	Hydrangeas in Bloom

Eileen	Alexander	<i>Breaking Quarantine</i>
David	Allen	<i>Hanging On</i>
David	Allen	<i>Rainy Silver Spring</i>
Nancy	Arons	<i>Rainbow Road</i>
Nancy	Arons	<i>Tuscany</i>
Ken	Bachman	<i>Sunrise at the Lake</i>
Ken	Bachman	<i>The Old Barn</i>
Barbara	Bell	<i>Indigo</i>
Barbara	Bell	<i>Remembrance</i>
Marcia	Bhorjee	<i>In the Energy Field</i>
Marcia	Bhorjee	<i>Paths with Possibilities</i>
Seth	Campbell	<i>Four Leaves Left</i>
Kathleen	Carroll	<i>Micah: Sunshine During the Pandemic</i>
Kathleen	Carroll	<i>Self-Portrait During the Pandemic</i>
Stephanie	Chang	<i>Demeter</i>
Pearl	Chang	<i>Petulance</i>
Pearl	Chang	<i>Solitude: Morning Practice During COVID-19</i>
Howard	Clark	<i>Inner Harbor at Night</i>
Howard	Clark	<i>Snake River with Tetons</i>
Amanda	Coelho	<i>Bling Pops</i>
Amanda	Coelho	<i>Pop Culture</i>
Maria Teresa	Comacho Hull	<i>Healing</i>
Maria Teresa	Comacho Hull	<i>Ode to Spring</i>
Sally	Davies	<i>Rising Tide</i>
Sally	Davies	<i>Tell Me Something Good</i>
Sarah Clayton	Davis	<i>Camellias Reach to the Sky</i>
Sarah Clayton	Davis	<i>Ode to a Spring Flower</i>
Susan	Dunnell	<i>Spaces in Spaces</i>
Karen Kuell	Epstein	<i>Sunny Window</i>
Karen Kuell	Epstein	<i>Under the Bridge</i>
Philip	Friedman	<i>Rudderless</i>
Rob	Gale	<i>Rocky Coast</i>
Susan	Galego	<i>Sanctuary</i>
Marita	Gebhardt	<i>Out West</i>
Joanie	Grosfeld	<i>A Perfect Day</i>
Joanie	Grosfeld	<i>Lost in Thought</i>
Stephanie	Gustavson	<i>Cherry Blossom Lane</i>
Stephanie	Gustavson	<i>Porto Night Scene</i>
Tyler	Henson	<i>Visual Template</i>

Darien	Henson	<i>Yellow Brick Wall</i>
Jennifer	Howard	<i>Cliff Walk</i>
Lee Ann	Howdershell	<i>Eye Candy</i>
Lee Ann	Howdershell	<i>Respite</i>
Patti	Iglarsh	<i>Colors Everywhere</i>
Patti	Iglarsh	<i>Kangaroo Island, Australia (Triptych)</i>
Monica	Ingudam	<i>Inner voice</i>
Bill	Johnson	<i>Ray and Billy Go Hunting the Horny Back Toad</i>
Bill	Johnson	<i>Teddy and Silver Go Sailing Across the Universe</i>
Lily	Kak	<i>Great Grandmother</i>
Gail	Kaplan Wassell	<i>Lake Dance</i>
Gail	Kaplan Wassell	<i>Secrets</i>
Christianne	King	<i>Moment of Reflection</i>
Cecile	Kirkpatrick	<i>Shadows on Display</i>
Michael	Kuchinsky	<i>Mushroom Study no. 21</i>
Michael	Kuchinsky	<i>That Day at the Fair</i>
Angela	Lacy	<i>Laguna Beach Walk</i>
Angela	Lacy	<i>Milan Red Carpet Walk</i>
Joanne	Lamm	<i>River of Gold</i>
Karen	Lantner	<i>Catch Me If You Can</i>
Marija	Lasalde	<i>Full Bloom</i>
Cecelia	Laurendeau	<i>Guardians</i>
Cecelia	Laurendeau	<i>My Mommy</i>
Robin	Lazarus-Berlin	<i>Hope Exists Above</i>
Marta	Legeckis	<i>Avila</i>
Marta	Legeckis	<i>Pronto</i>
Larry	Levine	<i>Bulsby "Buzz" Duncan, Abstract Artist</i>
Larry	Levine	<i>Ellen Mansfield, Deaf Artist and Activist</i>
Jennifer	Lubell	<i>Hear the Wind</i>
Christine	Luckman	<i>Cooking Fish</i>
Merry	Lymn	<i>Hiking in Arizona</i>
John	Mac Arthur	<i>Blossom Walk</i>
John	Mac Arthur	<i>Saturday in the Park</i>
Maurice	Margulies	<i>One Woman - Two Poses</i>
Isabella	Martire	<i>Determined</i>
Cathy	Mc Dermott	<i>Light and Shadow</i>
Cathy	Mc Dermott	<i>What Dreams are Made Of</i>
Barbara	Meima	<i>Celtic Form</i>
Karen	Merkin	<i>Pink Rose</i>

Gloria	Miotto	<i>Weaving of Love & Violence</i>
Michele	Morgan	<i>Beautiful Dissonance</i>
Michele	Morgan	<i>Pastorale</i>
Ally	Morgan	<i>St Elmo's Fire</i>
Susan	Moses	<i>Jefferson Memorial</i>
Simin	Parvaz	<i>Nature on Display</i>
June	Plotkin	<i>Life is Fragile</i>
Judith	Prevo	<i>I-Sea</i>
H. Erik	Ramsey	<i>Spring</i>
Katherine R.	Richards	<i>Siskiyou Locomotion</i>
Katherine R.	Richards	<i>The Three Beers</i>
Floyd	Roberts	<i>The New Normal</i>
Myra	Ryan	<i>In the Garden Again</i>
Myra	Ryan	<i>Strolling Sligo Creek</i>
Susan	Schellberg	<i>April Afternoon along the Creek</i>
Susan	Schellberg	<i>Golden Light of February</i>
Patricia	Schocke	<i>Morning Light</i>
Alden	Schofield	<i>Antietam Bridge</i>
Linda	Sherman	<i>I Found Myself in a Boat in the Middle of the Woods</i>
Linda	Sherman	<i>Summer Clouds Rolling In</i>
Lisa	Sieg	<i>Bouquet of Butterflies</i>
Patrick	Sieg	<i>Jennifer and Cindy</i>
Patrick	Sieg	<i>Meadow Walk</i>
Lisa	Sieg	<i>Spring is in the Air</i>
Teresa	Sites	<i>Pattern</i>
Sarah	Sohraby	<i>Back Home After School</i>
Pritha	Srinivasan	<i>Savoring the Moment</i>
Pritha	Srinivasan	<i>Speak to Me of Change</i>
Carol	Starr	<i>Enchanted Forest</i>
Elizabeth	Steel	<i>Cambodian Meditation</i>
Alexandra	Treadaway Hoare	<i>Startled Cardinal</i>
Alexandra	Treadaway Hoare	<i>Swallowtail's Feast</i>
Raymond	Tully	<i>Rural Maryland (Encroaching Shadows)</i>
Raymond	Tully	<i>The Cloud-Shrouded Canyon</i>
Ruthann	Uithol	<i>Making Marks</i>
Ruthann	Uithol	<i>Wind and Window Flowers</i>
Beverly	Valdez	<i>Fishing Village I Maracas</i>
Beverly	Valdez	<i>Island Reflections II</i>
Li	Wang	<i>Shenandoah at Dusk</i>

Li	Wang	<i>Taking Care</i>
John	Weber	<i>Autumn's End</i>
John	Weber	<i>Haven</i>
Diane	Weiner	<i>Evening Ministries</i>
Diane	Weiner	<i>Train Wreck</i>
Freddi	Weiner	<i>Sunflower and Butterfly</i>
Susan	Weiss	<i>Friends</i>
Susan	Weiss	<i>Hope in the Future</i>
Helen	Wood	<i>View of Cape Point</i>
Sandy	Yagel	<i>An Invitation</i>
Ellen	Yahuda	<i>Fisherman by the Sea</i>
Stacy	Yochum	<i>Dutch Tulip</i>
Stacy	Yochum	<i>Tower of Babel</i>
Patricia	Zannie	<i>Cherry Blossoms</i>
Patricia	Zannie	<i>Sun Flowers No. 3</i>
Paula	Zeller	<i>In Touch</i>
Sandra	Zisman	<i>Garden Near Grosvenor</i>